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NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

Last year, New York Gov. George Pataki, criticizing the legislature's spending priorities, deplored wasting money on trivial state projects like "cheese museums and pro wrestling halls of fame." In 2006, however, another \$5,000 of state funds went to the Cuba (N.Y.) Cheese Museum, from a fund nominally controlled by Pataki. The Cuba Cheese Museum is not to be confused with the New York State Museum of Cheese in Rome, N.Y.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 139th day of 2006.
There are 226 days left in the year.

One hundred years ago, on May 19, 1906, the Federated Boys' Clubs, forerunner of the Boys' Clubs of America, were organized.

In 1536, Anne Boleyn, the second wife of England's King Henry VIII, was beheaded after being convicted of adultery.

In 1643, delegates from four New England colonies met in Boston to form a confederation.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"If every nation gets the government it deserves, every generation writes the history which corresponds with its view of the world."

ELIZABETH JANEWAY

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New university falling in line with SM digs

BY KEVIN HERRERA

Daily Press Staff Writer

SUNSET PARK The path towards higher learning in Santa Monica will be widened next week, when Argosy University — a fully accredited, private university — opens its halls to the public, welcoming both recent high school grads and seasoned professionals looking to bolster their résumés.

Argosy, which is registering students for the fall semester, will offer bachelor's, master's and doctorate programs in psychology, education and business, starting at \$270 a unit.

"We've already received about 600 inquiries since we started offering limited classes a few weeks ago, and we have somewhere around 40 applicants who have already signed up for the fall, so it's been pretty fast and furious around here," said Dr. Dan Anglin, director of the Santa Monica campus, which is located in the same building as its sister college — the Art Institute of Los Angeles — at 31st Street and Ocean Park Boulevard.

The move to Santa Monica marks Argosy's first foray into West Los Angeles. The university is further expanding into Southern California, also opening locations in the Inland Empire and San Diego, Anglin said.

"We felt opening a branch in

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City set to walk the walk



Alejandro Cesar Cantarero II/Daily Press

EASY DOES IT The intersections along Ocean Park Boulevard, between 14th and 18th streets, are getting a closer look by the city, which recently committed to hiring an outside firm to study safety options. (Above) A girl makes her way north across Ocean Park Boulevard at 16th Street, the site of an accident that spurred a lawsuit against the city.

Dangerous road garners attention

BY CAROLYN SACKARIASON

Daily Press Staff Writer

OCEAN PARK BLVD. After years of complaints, concerns, accidents and even deaths, it appears that city officials are ready to improve the conditions here for pedestrians who fall victim to inattentive and speeding motorists.

A group of merchants and residents successfully convinced the City Council last year to commit \$75,000 to help redesign Ocean Park Boulevard between 14th and 18th streets, where dozens of accidents and near misses involving vehicles and pedestrians have occurred in recent years. There are several shops along that stretch which draw pedestrians and hundreds of kids crossing Ocean Park Boulevard to get to John Adams Middle School.

Earlier this month, city officials met with about 30 people — residents, parents and merchants — to discuss what can be done to improve pedestrian life in the four-block stretch. While some improvements have been made over the years, including neon yellow pedestrian crossing signs and dedicated crosswalks with flashing lights embedded in the pavement, the area can still be harrowing to travel on foot.

"The city has spent a lot of time and effort in that area, but it's a problem that's not been solved," said Lucy Dyke, City Hall's transportation manager.

Now that City Hall has committed to hiring an outside firm to further study the area — which could take up to nine months — residents and merchants are feeling more satisfied with officials' response to their concerns.

Zina Josephs, president of the neighborhood group Friends of Sunset Park, said she and her neighbors have been lobbying City Hall for more than a decade to get either a crossing guard or a traffic light at intersections near the school, particularly at 16th street and Ocean Park Boulevard.

"There's always concern at that intersection because of the high rate of speed," Josephs said, adding that 10 years ago a man was killed there and many subsequent accidents

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Spring in their steps



Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press

Dance instructors Rusty Frank and Ron Campbell put seniors through the motions while teaching them swing steps during the Senior Day Festival at the Third Street Promenade on Thursday.

Struck student settles her case against city

BY KEVIN HERRERA

Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL A settlement has been reached in a lawsuit filed against the city by a former middle school student who was struck by a car as she walked through the intersection at 16th Street and Ocean Park Boulevard.

Under the terms of the settlement, Deputy City Attorney Lance Gams said City Hall will be required to pay \$2,500 to Adele Lhrar, who was a 13-year-old student at John Adams Middle School at the time of the

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★★★★★-Dynamic ★★★★★-Positive ★★★★★-Average ★★-So-so ★-Difficult



ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★★ You have the right words for each situation that may come your way. Your imagination and creativity come forward. Be verbal. Share some of your wonderful ideas. Your concept of a good time works. Tonight: Cheer the weekend in.



TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★ Take your time with a project. You might need some time away from all the pressure and responsibilities. Knowing when to say enough could be important. You need to take a hard look at your expenses. Don't push too hard; otherwise you could have a backfire. Tonight: A must appearance.



GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ Your words carry more power than in the past. Your imagination will take you in a new direction if you don't get keyed into others' emotions and issues. Schedule a trip or a weekend getaway. You need a change of scenery. Tonight: New visions.



CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★★ You work with one other person more carefully than in the past. Still, quiet the inner dialogue and concern. Worry will get you nowhere. Defer to someone who wants a greater say. Let this person carry the responsibility instead of you. Tonight: Be with a favorite person.



LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ Others knock you out of a mood. Good for them! The more you are surrounded by people, the happier and luckier you become. Recognize that part of a relationship issue is that you put this particular person on a pedestal. Tonight: Follow the action.



VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★ Pace yourself, realizing that there is a tomorrow and not everything has to be done today. Stop now and think about that fact. Discussions are important. Be attentive to someone who has an impact on your life. This person could be a boss or parent. Tonight: Relax and start the weekend.



LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ You need to follow through on what your mind says. You get surprising news that allows you to flourish and be a lot happier. Whether a new romance serves as a muse or your imagination triggers a new flirtation doesn't matter. Tonight: Ever playful.



SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★ Getting the facts and just the facts could take a lot of talent. You need to relate on a one-on-one level. Investigate the basics within a relationship. Think in terms of gains, not losses. Let others take charge more often; ultimately, that switch could be an emotional gain. Tonight: Head home early.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ Others seek you out. You might want to think before you take a leap of faith. Others might be encouraging you to jump, and you might be saying to yourself NO! You only have to answer to yourself. Follow through on what you need. Tonight: Hanging out works.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★ You must be in charge of your finances. Listen to what others share. Though you might be getting "helpful" hints, you might not be in sync with others' ideas. Be willing to call your own shots. Tonight: Your treat.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ You naturally do whatever's necessary to achieve your goals. Happiness surrounds the spontaneous Aquarian. Someone you meet could knock your socks off, if you are available. A child might delight you. Tonight: Make what you want happen.



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★ Knowing when to back off could be important. Fully think through a decision. Your ability to read between the lines with someone you care about touches a family member or someone important. Tonight: Happy at home.



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LOCAL



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Parents to sell off their wares

By Daily Press staff

Calling all bargain hunters and lovers of learning: The Parent Association of New Roads School will present a garage sale fundraiser on Sunday, May 21, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., on the campus of New Roads High School, 3131 Olympic Blvd.

New Roads School is an independent educational community set on three campuses currently serving 560 students in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade. Proceeds from the sale will benefit New Roads’ financial aid program, which has achieved national recognition for its commitment to providing need-based financial assistance to more than 50 percent of the student population, school officials said.

Garage Sale shoppers can browse through a treasure-trove of furniture, electronics, collectibles, jewelry, bric-a-brac, toys and games, accessories, household goods, antiques and select items of clothing, while sampling homemade baked goods and gourmet coffee from the bake sale

There will be an early bird special from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m., which costs \$5 admission and gives shoppers first dibs on everything for sale.

Visa and Mastercard will be accepted with a minimum purchase of \$10.

Revisiting the lessons of Katrina

By Daily Press staff

Are you ready for the big one?

As part of May being Emergency Preparedness month, the American Red Cross and the city of Santa Monica are recommending that families have an emergency plan for when a major earthquake or other serious disaster occurs. The goal is to be self-sufficient for one week by maintaining a supply of life-sustaining items and having a family disaster plan. A family emergency plan includes emergency exits to get out of the house in case of partial collapse or fire. If the family is scattered at home, work or at school and disaster strikes, determine a central meeting point. Appoint an out-of-town contact who can relay messages to your family members and friends out of the area if local communications are down.

Have a week’s supply of nonperishable foods and water on hand and food for infants and/or special diet needs. Personal hygiene, paper products and plastic garbage bags and pet food. Rotate supplies so they are not stored past their expiration dates.

“One of the lessons learned from Hurricane Katrina was that three days worth of emergency supplies wasn’t enough,” said John Pacheco, executive director of the American Red Cross of Santa Monica. “Seven days of supplies is recommended by the Red Cross.”

Disaster experts advise keeping a battery-powered radio, flashlights and lots of extra batteries and matches or lighters and a fully stocked First Aid Kit including medicines and eyeglasses. Have cash on hand — at least \$100 in small denominations. ATM machines and credit cards are useless without power. For more information, log on to www.ivegot7.com, or call the Santa Monica Red Cross at (310) 394-3773.

That’s the way the fund-raiser bounces

By Daily Press staff

Santa Monica College is going back and forth.

On Saturday, May 20, 2006 at 10 a.m. at Memorial Park, the SMC women’s tennis team will host a mixed doubles spring tennis tournament.

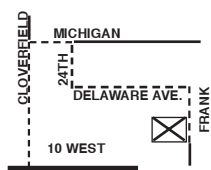
A raffle will be held in conjunction with the tournament.

The cost for the event, which also includes a tennis-version of badminton, is \$40 per doubles team. All proceeds benefit the Santa Monica College Women’s Tennis Team.

For registration forms and all pertinent information, visit <http://www.smc.edu/athletics/tennis>, or call (310)434-8284.

CORRECTION In the Thursday, May 18 edition, the caption information for the front page photo “Setting the Stage” incorrectly identified the play “Timeless Journey” as being geared towards hearing-impaired children, when in fact, it is being performed by hearing-impaired children. Also, the play will be presented on Saturday, June 23, at the Magicopolis Theatre on Fourth Street.

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NEW SNOW (24 Hrs)	BASE DEPTH	LIFT HOURS	RUNS OPEN	LIFTS OPEN
0"	132" - 156"	7:30 AM - 3:00 PM	50	7/28

CONDITIONS: MACHINE GROOMED, SPRING

MOUNTAIN HIGH

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MT. BALDY

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs)	BASE DEPTH	LIFT HOURS	RUNS OPEN	LIFTS OPEN
0"	12" - 18"	8:00 AM - 4:30 PM	20	3/4

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HIGH TIDE	12:52PM	3.33FT	11:24PM	5.77FT
MONDAY				
LOW TIDE	5:49AM	-0.80FT	4:19PM	2.45FT
HIGH TIDE	12:32PM	3.20FT	10:52PM	5.92FT
TUESDAY				
LOW TIDE	6:39AM	-0.71FT	4:57PM	2.67FT
HIGH TIDE	1:40AM	3.10FT	11:37PM	5.70FT
WEDNESDAY				
LOW TIDE	2:42AM	0.41FT	2:05PM	1.31FT
HIGH TIDE	8:41AM	3.80FT	8:25PM	5.41FT
THURSDAY				
LOW TIDE				
HIGH TIDE	9:22AM	3.74FT	8:47PM	5.67FT
FRIDAY				
LOW TIDE	3:48AM	-0.40FT	2:54PM	1.77FT
HIGH TIDE	10:04AM	3.65FT	9:13PM	5.87FT

The Q Line

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Even if you got 'em ...

City staffers are presently studying the feasibility of banning smoking entirely from the bustling Third Street Promenade. Following measures that nixed cigarettes and the like from the city's beaches, parks and pier, a total ban would preclude all smokers from lighting up anywhere on the thoroughfare. Violators could face up to \$750 in fines.

So this week, Q-Line wants to know:

Should Santa Monica follow the city of Calabasas' lead and ban smoking from all public places — sidewalks, streets, rooftop decks?

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Being true to our schools



With all of the issues that spotlight the negative aspects of living and doing business in Santa Monica, it's important to remember that it's the community that makes it so unique. Nowhere is that more apparent than the widespread support of the public school system, which is nothing short of remarkable.

Over the past several years, tens of millions of dollars have been infused into the Santa Monica-Malibu School District, with much of the effort spearheaded by a broad base of community members — parents, property owners and renters. They come from all socio-economic levels, ethnicities and income categories. Even more admirable is that the support for our public schools crosses all political lines, which is what typically divides the community. Understanding that a strong public school system is crucial to a successful city and society, community members routinely put aside their political differences to share that common goal.

All of this is a good thing, for never has there been a time when it's been more important for a community to take action on its commitment and core values in education. As the state government continues to slash education funding, Santa Monica and Malibu schools have been able to achieve great successes, even as others throughout California continue to struggle.

A recent RAND Corp. study rated California's commitment to education as a D, with an F in academic achievement and a C-minus in funding. Schools throughout the state perform poorly in academic achievement, fully credentialed teachers, less-than-adequate facilities, funding and graduation rates.

But that's not the case here, where student achievement is up; improvements have been realized at nearly every grade level in test scores and grade point averages. While California public schools rank last in English and second-to-last in math nationwide, the Santa Monica-Malibu district is home to two of the top 300 high schools in the country, with a 98-percent graduation rate.

That's because the local government and the local community have taken matters into their own hands. About \$16 million is funneled into the school district each year through a variety of sources — from City Hall's \$6 million annual commitment down to the bake sales organized by local parents. Our PTAs are some of the strongest and well organized in the country.

That level of monetary commitment wouldn't happen if there weren't people pushing for it. Take, for example, Community for Excellent Public Schools, also known as "CEPS." It's a group of dedicated community members that seems to get more focused about its commitment to the local school district as its economic conditions worsen.

It was that group which forced City Hall to up its monetary contribution by millions of dollars each year. As the school district's costs continued to increase and the state and federal government's financial commitment to education decreased, CEPS found itself going to the City Council every year for more money — and each year the council bucked up. But school supporters wanted a guaranteed amount, and if the City Council wasn't going to go for that, the group was ready to force an election to ensure that a dedicated portion of money from the general fund was committed to schools. In the end, the two sides managed to reach a compromise and are now in year two of a five-year contract worth at least \$21 million to the district. In recent years, the group also has thrown its power behind campaigns in support of parcel taxes that currently fund the district, rallied for teachers who were threatened with lay-offs and gotten high-profile community members like singer-songwriter Jackson Browne to perform for fund-raisers.

And then there is the Education Foundation. For more than two decades, the quiet, yet determined nonprofit organization has raised millions of dollars for the district. It is focused on achievement, and dedicated to preserving, supporting and enhancing a comprehensive range of programs in all 16 schools in Santa Monica and Malibu.

For the Arts, a campaign of the foundation, was set up by two local parents a few years ago. For The Arts' goal is to build a \$15 million endowment to support dance, visual arts, music and drama in local schools. Since its inception, it has raised more than \$1.5 million and reintroduced basic programs like music and choir into the elementary and middle schools.

While it takes major energy to raise that kind of money through soliciting and organizing fund-raising events, it helps that the groups have the backing of prominent community members who have the connections and cash to help.

There are hundreds of education foundations throughout California and thousands throughout the country, but few of them have endowments. We applaud all those who are behind the fund-raising efforts and take the time from their lives to make a difference for our children and our community.

Despot becomes him: Bush has gone bananas

THE SOAP BOX

BY BENNET KELLEY



An apt summary of President Bush's justification for the NSA domestic spying program is that "(o)ur sovereignty may be dependent on our ability to eavesdrop on transmissions between our enemies on the outside and those on the inside with sympathies for them. I trust my ability to determine who to mark for examination and so will you." What is telling is that those words were not uttered by President Bush, but by Saddam Hussein.

While Hussein drew a distinction between international and domestic calls, the Bush administration's NSA program seeks "to create a database of every call ever made" within the country. We now know that the program has been used to monitor domestic communications between government employees and the media, plus former NSA director and CIA director nominee General Michael Hayden has refused to answer questions whether it also has been used to monitor Bush's political enemies, although the FBI has been used to monitor anti-war groups.

The NSA program, however, must be viewed in the larger context of Bush's constitutional record, which according to a recent report by the conservative CATO Institute, is "overwhelmingly one of contempt for constitutional limits." The CATO report blasts the Bush administration for infringing upon free speech by arresting protesters who refuse to move to remote "free speech zones" out of sight from the president; ignoring prohibitions on the use of torture; and violating the Fourth Amendment's prohibition on unreasonable search and seizure without probable cause by imprisoning people indefinitely based on suspicion alone, eavesdropping on telephone communications without a warrant and indefinitely detaining anyone he declares to be an enemy combatant. The report is especially critical of Bush's view "that, in time of war, the president is the law, and no treaty, no statute; no ... branch of ... government can stand in the president's way."

That report came after a Boston Globe analysis of the many signing statements issued by the White House in conjunction with newly enacted legislation finding that the president had reserved the right to "disobey more than 750 laws enacted" during his administration to the extent that it conflicts with his expansive and questionable interpretation of the Constitution. Bush has issued those statements for more than 10 percent of the bills signed and, for example,

has claimed the right to ignore prohibitions on the use of torture, obligations to report to Congress on the use of the Patriot Act or wiretapping operations, whistle-blower protections and affirmative action requirements. In essence, Bush is using the statements as a de facto line item veto allowing him to impermissibly pick and choose which parts of the new law he will follow. That led Senate Judiciary Chairman Alan Specter to comment that there "may as well soon not be a Congress."

In addition, a 2003 U.S. News & World Report investigation concluded that the "Bush administration has quietly dropped a shroud of secrecy across many critical operations of the federal government — cloaking its own affairs from scrutiny and removing from the public domain important information on health, safety and environmental matters."

District Judge Damon Keith addressed the danger of such secrecy in reversing the administration's attempt to hold deportation hearings in secret by stressing that "democracies die behind closed doors."

Liberty is rarely stolen by stealth, but rather is lost through a series of small steps acquiesced in by an unwitting and passive public. Those three reports sound the alarm that this is happening today as the Bush administration slowly inches towards the type of unchecked power found in banana republics. This is not a partisan attack since Republicans such as Congressman Ron Paul and former Congressman Bob Barr have each warned that the nation is slipping towards a dictatorship. Fortunately, the public is beginning to catch on as a small majority now opposes the NSA program.

With Memorial Day approaching, it is worth remembering that over the course of our history nearly 2 million Americans have been killed or wounded to liberate us from a monarchy, protect and defend our Constitution and promote freedom. As Lincoln said at Gettysburg, we honor them by "tak(ing) increased devotion to that cause for which" they sacrificed.

Today, the battlefield is not at Lexington, Gettysburg, Okinawa or Baghdad but all around us and our weapons are our pen, our voice and our vote. It is up to us to demonstrate our increased devotion by fighting this creeping Banana Republicanism and demanding a government that respects our rights and is accountable to the people. As Teddy Roosevelt once said, "(I)n any moment of decision, the best thing you can do is the right thing. The worst thing you can do is nothing."

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By Daily Press staff

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On Tuesday, May 9, at 2:15 a.m., Santa Monica Police officers responded to the 1500 block of Lincoln Boulevard — Denny's — regarding a man who was allegedly harassing customers and eating their food. When officers arrived, they spoke with an employee who said the man had been asked to leave, but refused. Police said the employee desired prosecution, so officers arrested the suspect and transported him to the Santa Monica Jail, where he was booked for trespassing. He was identified as Merlin Coleman, 49, a transient.

On Monday, May 8, at 1:35 p.m., police officers in the 600 block of Ocean Park Boulevard noticed a homeless man with large amounts of trash and debris in a shopping cart. Officers approached the man and determined that the shopping cart was stolen from a local store, and that the suspect was in violation of the municipal code, police said. The suspect was arrested and booked for the misappropriation of property and for violating terms of his probation. He was identified as Patrick Thomas Walsh, 57, a transient. His bail was set at \$10,000.

On Wednesday, May 10, at 5:22 a.m., an officer patrolling the 1700 block of Ocean Front walk noticed a man sitting on a bench. When the officer drove past, he asked the man how he was doing. Police said the man responded by yelling, and threw his wallet at the officer, striking him in the face. The officer detained the man, who was later booked for assault and battery on a peace officer. He was identified as Brent Ellis Petersen, 33, a transient. His bail was set at \$45,000, including \$25,000 for a felony warrant, police said.

On Saturday, May 6, at 11:57 p.m., police officers responded to the 1300 block of Santa Monica Boulevard regarding a report of a strong-arm robbery. When officers arrived, they spoke with an alleged victim who said he was assaulted earlier in the day by two men. He said the suspects approached him and began to punch him in the face and beat him. While attempting to escape, the alleged victim said the suspects tore off his sweatshirt. He sustained a cut to his arm and a fractured clavicle, police said. The alleged victim gave a description of the suspects before being transported to a local hospital, where he was treated for his injuries. The next day, while patrolling in the 2800 block of Pico Boulevard, officers located the suspects and took them into custody. One was identified as Antonio Tapia, 24, of Los Angeles. His bail was set at \$50,000. The other suspect was a juvenile, 16, of Los Angeles. No bail was set.

On Wednesday, May 10, at 7:54 p.m., officers responded to the 1300 block of the Third Street Promenade regarding a report of an assault with a deadly weapon. When officers arrived, they spoke with a man who said he was sitting on a bench when another man approached in a wheelchair demanding money. The man in the wheelchair said the other owed him money. The man on the bench said he didn't have money, and a fight ensued, with the man in the wheelchair pulling out a 10-inch knife, police said. The man on the bench was able to get away unharmed. The next day officers were able to locate the alleged attacker in the 1200 block of the Third Street Promenade. He was placed under arrest and booked for assault with a deadly weapon. He was identified as William Montgomery, 47, a transient. His bail was set at \$50,000.

On Thursday, May 11, at 9:17 p.m., police officers responded to the 300 block of the Santa Monica Pier regarding an assault investigation. When they arrived, officers saw three suspects walking quickly away from another man, who was lying on the ground, police said. The officers detained the subjects and during their investigation learned that the three men had approached the alleged victim and struck him repeatedly. During the fight, police said the three men stole the man's wallet. The three suspects were arrested and booked for strong-arm robbery. The first suspect is identified as James Earl Sheppard, 19, of Los Angeles. No bail was set due to a probation violation. Suspect two was identified as Jerry Rubin Burke, 20, of Los Angeles. No bail was set due to a probation violation. The third suspect was identified as Devin Dupree Glapion, 20, of Inglewood. No bail was set.

On Sunday, April 30, at 1:30 p.m., police responded to the 700 block of Arizona Avenue regarding an assault investigation. When they arrived, they spoke with a woman who said while she was seated, another woman approached her and for some unknown reason, tossed three stacks of books and pins at the woman and then fled. The suspect was later apprehended on Sunday, May 14, at 8:25 a.m., on the corner of 14th Street and Wilshire Boulevard. She was booked for assault. She was identified as Dazey Dazey, 37, a transient. Her bail was set at \$30,500.

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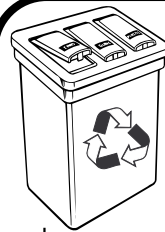
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City makes 'case go away'

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accident. The driver responsible, Nina Forgo, has agreed to pay \$200,000 to cover medical expenses, Gams said.

A notice of the settlement was filed with the Los Angeles Superior Court on May 15, according to court records.

Gams said a motion to have City Hall removed from the lawsuit was filed and was expected to be heard June 23. While confident City Hall would be removed, Gams said "just in case it wasn't, and with trial costs and experts costs to be expanded in the near future, we decided to pay a very small sum just to make the case go away."

According to Gams, \$2,500 wouldn't have covered the cost of one expert witness, let alone other costs associated with going to trial. Gams also said that with the driver agreeing to settle, City Hall would have been the only party remaining in the lawsuit and, therefore, would have to bear the burden of hiring expert witnesses and conducting depositions.

The accident occurred Dec. 2, 2004, at about 4:15 p.m., as Lhrar stepped into the intersection, according to a police report. Forgo was driving westbound on Ocean Park Boulevard at about 30 miles per hour when she failed to see Lhrar in the intersection, striking her with full force before slamming on her breaks and pulling over to the side of the road.

Immediately after the accident, Lhrar was transported to UCLA-Westwood, where she



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The city has settled a lawsuit with a former middle school student who was struck by a car at 16th Street and Ocean Park Boulevard. The teen was hit after entering the intersection's crosswalk.

was treated for her injuries.

Lhrar suffered injuries to her hip, back, left knee and lower leg, including a fractured left tibia and fibia. She also suffered from a lower lung contusion. In a statement given to attorneys, Lhrar said she still suffers from lower back pain, stiffness in her left elbow and knee, and may walk with a limp for the

rest of her life.

Forgo sustained no injuries. Her car, a 2000 Lexus, sustained minor damages, including a broken windshield, estimated at \$2,432, according to court documents.

A police report said Forgo was not under the influence of alcohol or drugs at the time of the accident. The roadway was dry and there was nothing blocking her vision. Forgo claims she was blinded by the sun and couldn't see Lhrar.

Robert Armstrong, an attorney representing Forgo, could not be reached for comment.

Lhrar originally sued the city of Santa Monica, Forgo and the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District. A judge ruled in favor of the school district, which was dismissed from the lawsuit because the accident occurred off school property and well after John Adams Middle School was closed. Lhrar said she had to stay late after school the day of the accident to speak with a teacher.

There were no crossing guards at that location, said Jeffrey Walton, crossing guard supervisor with the Santa Monica Police Department. Even if there was a guard posted, their shifts end at 3:30 p.m., which is before the time of the accident.

Gams said City Hall was seeking a design immunity, which protects City Hall from litigation in accidents such as this only if the intersection involved was designed and constructed following proper guidelines.

Just three months before the accident, the intersection received several upgrades, including in-pavement flashing lights and flashing warning signs, both activated by pedestrians via a button on the street pole.

Lhrar said she distinctly remembers pushing the button and seeing the yellow lights flash, according to court documents.

Ron Torem, the attorney representing

Officials meet with residents to gauge safety solutions

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haven't been enough to convince city officials to do something.

"People are getting hurt," Josephs said. "It's at the corner of a middle school with 1,200 students."

From Jan. 1 to April 30, there were nine accidents in the area, with one involving a pedestrian and one involving a bicyclist, according to Santa Monica Police Lt. Frank Fabrega.

Dyke said the firm, which has yet to be hired, will come up with various alternatives that could include creating diagonal parking, eliminating a lane which is designed to slow traffic down, installing medians and reconfiguring the intersections.

At the meeting earlier this month, those who attended were able to give their input on what they think should happen — some of them suggested those alternatives, while others suggested a traffic light.

"We heard a lot of different ideas," Dyke said. "It wasn't a time for everyone to agree, so people had just about every point of view you could have."

"From my perspective, that area is a problem," she added. "It's not a place people feel comfortable, given the speed, the attentiveness and the level of pedestrian activity. It doesn't feel like the best of the best."

Nancy Lombardi, owner of Artful, located near 18th Street and Ocean Park Boulevard, said improvements don't need to be as drastic as removing a lane. But city officials could at least start with making sure the flashing lights at the crosswalks actually work, which oftentimes isn't the case, she said.

"Half of them don't work," Lombardi said. "People are going too fast. How about some police visibility and post the speed limit? It really doesn't have to come down to one lane."

Lhrar and her guardian, said the settlement was "good," but he still feels City Hall should take steps to make the intersection safer.

"I think this is a tragedy because this ruling does nothing to force the city of Santa Monica to do something about this intersection," Torem said. "I think this crosswalk gives a false sense of security to pedestrians because, regardless of the lights flashing or not, drivers still have a hard time seeing."

City Hall is planning to make changes to the dangerous stretch of Ocean Park Boulevard, including the intersection where Lhrar was struck. (See related story, page 1).

Torem said he couldn't confirm the terms of the settlement because it hasn't been finalized and his client is still a minor.

"This was never about the money for my client," Torem said. "This will help pay for her damages. Under the law, the city did nothing wrong, but we still feel this is a dangerous intersection that needs to be looked at closely."



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Open house is set for new university

ARGOSY, from page 1

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Argosy was founded as the American Schools of Professional Psychology in the early 1970s by a group of psychologists, educators and other professionals who believe in the importance of practical training, according to the university's Web site, www.argosyu.edu.

In 2001, the American Schools of Professional Psychology merged with the Medical Institute of Minnesota and the University of Sarasota to form Argosy University.

Accredited by the Higher Learning Commission, Argosy has been granting doctoral degrees for 35 years, and offers graduate programs in psychology, counseling, education and business. There are 14 Argosy campuses and four approved degree sites in 12 states, according to Argosy's Web site.

According to Anglin, what makes the college unique is that students can choose to work on two courses every 15 weeks, or one course every seven weeks, allowing them the time to immerse themselves in one subject while they cope with their day jobs. Weekend and evening classes also are offered.

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Anglin said students can learn from pro-

fessors who work in their fields of study. For instance, the chancellor of Orange County's junior colleges teaches a course on college management.

The university will host an open house for residents and prospective students on Wednesday, May 23, beginning at 4:30 p.m., said Mark Toth, a spokesman for Argosy.

"We aren't here to compete with Santa Monica College or the University of Santa Monica. We feel like we can offer something unique that can really help the residents of Santa Monica and those who chose to attend classes there."

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Anglin said the university will be fully operational, with faculty and advisors in place, in the next couple of weeks.



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Transportation measures tie lawmakers' hands

By The Associated Press

SACRAMENTO — Lawmakers struggled past 3 a.m. to pass a \$37.3 billion bond package earlier this month, in part to seal a deal with transportation advocates to keep a bond measure protecting road funds off the November ballot.

To lawmakers' surprise, the measure, which seeks to dedicate a portion of the gas tax for road projects and prevent lawmakers from raiding the account, may yet make the ballot. If so, it would compete with a similar initiative approved by the Legislature.

"There was a double-cross here," said Assembly Speaker Fabian Nunez, D-Los Angeles.

He said he believes that if voters approved the competing measure, it would tie lawmakers' hands and put education money at risk during lean budget years.

"It seems the proponents of this measure did not keep their promise, and I am not going to sit idly by and watch," he said. "There will be serious repercussions if this gets on the ballot."

Transportation advocates say Nunez and others have blown the issue out of proportion. They say they're confident the measure won't qualify because they kept their word to lawmakers and did not submit all the signatures they had gathered for the initiative.

But the group did turn in more than

817,000 signatures — 37 percent more than the number of valid ones needed to qualify for the ballot. That has triggered a signature verification process by the Secretary of State's office.

Nghia Nguyen, spokeswoman for the office, said the state won't know until mid-June at the earliest if the measure will qualify. Supporters cannot ask that it be removed from consideration now that the petitions have been submitted, she said.

If the measure does qualify for the ballot, it could create confusion in November for voters. The measure would look similar, but differ technically, from a component of the public works bond package passed by the Legislature and championed by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger.

The measure is sponsored by the California Alliance for Jobs, which lobbies for 1,700 construction firms. It asks voters to approve a constitutional amendment prohibiting the state from ever again borrowing money from Proposition 42 funds.

Proposition 42 was passed by 70 percent of voters in 2002, but lawmakers have taken money from the fund for other programs most years since.

The version in the bond package would limit borrowing from those funds to twice in any 10-year period, only during fiscal emergencies and then only with a two-thirds vote of the Legislature. The two also would

require the state to pay back over slightly different terms about \$2.3 billion now owed for transportation projects.

The differences could have a big impact on future budgets.

The state's billions in annual transportation funds have historically been the Legislature's go-to money in tough budget years. If lawmakers were precluded from borrowing those funds, some say it would force them to more quickly suspend automatic increases to education and other voter priorities.

James Earp, executive director of the alliance, said he's confident that scenario will never unfold because he believes the measure will not qualify for the ballot.

"The reality is that we submitted a lot of signatures, but by the calculation of those who do this for us and are experts at it, we did not submit enough to qualify and we are very confident we will not be on the November ballot," he said.

Nunez said the Legislature did not stay in session until the wee hours of the morning on May 5 on the promise that the measure might not qualify.

What's at issue is whether he and other Democratic negotiators understood at the time that Earp's group already had submitted more than 800,000 signatures.

Earp said he told Nunez, Sen. President Pro Tem Don Perata and a representative of the California Teachers Association on May 4 that backers of the initiative had turned in a large share of their signatures. But he said he could not recall if he knew the actual numbers to share with the lawmakers at the time.

The group's bargaining chip in the negotiations, Earp explained, was that lawmakers knew his group had not yet turned in hundreds of thousands of signatures in Orange, Placer, Riverside and San Diego counties that almost certainly would have qualified the measure.

Earp and the coalition of transportation

advocates promised to hold off on submitting those signatures if the Legislature passed a bond package by 9:30 a.m. on May 5 that included adequate protections for transportation funds. The Assembly, acting after approval in the Senate, passed the bond package just after 3 a.m. that day and sent it to the governor's office.

"They knew we had submitted in all but four counties. I'm not sure we had gone over the numbers with them, but I assured them that the four counties were enough to keep us from qualifying for the ballot," Earp said.

Nunez said he remembers the conversation differently and said he now questions if the group was being up-front about its progress at that point in submitting signatures.

"Had he told us he had submitted signatures in L.A. and enough signatures for the verification process, we would have never worked on a compromise," Nunez said.

Perata, however, said he does not think the transportation coalition acted in bad faith.

"I do not think there was anything sinister here, and I don't think we're going to get to the point that we need to look at Armageddon because we'll all be on the same side and be against whatever else they put on the ballot," Perata said.

Earp agreed, saying the transportation coalition will support the Legislature's compromise agreement, which will be listed as Proposition 1A on the November ballot.

Margita Thompson, the governor's press secretary, said Schwarzenegger also supports the Legislature's plan. She would not comment on the prospects of the competing measure making the ballot.

Whether the measure now makes it is largely a question of mathematics since the group cannot withdraw its signatures.

According to the Secretary of State's office, the group has submitted 817,299 signatures, including about 5,000 that were turned in after the Legislature reached its deal.

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Primary may be where it's at this time around

BY STEVE LAWRENCE

Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO — Voters who skip the June 6 primary likely will pass up their best chance to determine how liberal or conservative the next California Legislature will be.

By the time November comes, it will be all over but the sloganeering in most districts. The way lawmakers drew districts after the 2000 census left only a handful of seats with any real chance of being won by either major party, and that fact hasn't been lost on interest groups that lobby at the Capitol.

In a search for lawmakers who will support their positions, they've helped turn many once sleepy primaries into intraparty battles between liberal and moderate Democrats or, to a lesser extent, moderate and conservative Republicans.

"The districts — most of them — simply are not competitive between the parties," said David Allgood, Southern California director for the League of Conservation Voters and treasurer for the California Alliance, a liberal campaign group that represents consumer attorneys, environmentalists and nurses.

"All of the races basically happen in the primary. There, it's a battle between the interest groups to elect people who are friendly to their views."

Interest groups pumped \$7 million in independent expenditures into legislative primary races in 2004, almost as much as they put into independent general election campaigns that year.

With three weeks of campaigning still left before this year's primary, groups representing prison guards, doctors, labor unions, business organizations, optometrists, attorneys, real estate agents and others had put nearly \$2 million into independent expenditure campaigns for or against legislative candidates. And there's more on the way.

"The money's all going to get spent at the tail end..." said Darry Sragow, a Los Angeles attorney and adviser for JOBSPAC, a pro-business campaign committee.

"We're in an election cycle which so far has been marked by an incredible amount of voter disengagement. ... So I think a lot of (independent expenditure committees) are waiting until the last minute, when voters are going to have to focus on their choices."

Many interest groups use independent expenditures, which are supposed to be made without being coordinated with a candidate, because there are no limits on them. In contrast, there's a \$3,300 cap on most donations to legislative candidates.

Adding to the volatility of this year's primaries is the fact no incumbents are running in 48 of the 100 districts holding elections, mostly because of term limits.

That's encouraged more candidates to run and set the stage for heated battles in eight of the 12 open Senate districts and

about 30 of the 36 open Assembly districts.

Term limits also have brought on the era of all-in-the-family politics in California, with relatives often running to succeed termed-out incumbents. That's true in six races this year. In two others, sons of former legislators are on the ballot.

In a ninth race, Christina Chavez is running for a Los Angeles area Assembly seat.

KEY RACES

■ 6th Assembly: Marin County Supervisor Cynthia Murray, who describes herself as a pro-business Democrat, is running for the Democratic nomination to succeed termed-out Assemblyman Joe Nation, D-San Rafael. The California Labor Federation is backing one of her five opponents, Petaluma City Councilwoman Pamela Torliatt.

■ 11th Assembly: Laura Canciamilla, a Pittsburg school board member, is trying to succeed her husband, termed-out Assemblyman Joe Canciamilla, D-Pittsburg, one of the most conservative Democrats in the Legislature. Her chief opponent, Contra Costa County Supervisor Mark DeSaulnier, has the support of the California Labor Federation and California Democratic Party convention delegates.

■ 57th Assembly: La Puente City Councilwoman Renee Chavez hopes to succeed her husband, Assemblyman Ed Chavez, D-La Puente, another moderate-to-conservative Democrat who is termed out. Her chief opponent seems to be Edward Hernandez, a West Covina optometrist who has backing from environmentalists, labor and Democratic Party delegates.

■ 67th Assembly: Dianne Harman is another legislative spouse who is trying to succeed her husband, Assemblyman Tom Harman, a moderate-to-conservative Republican from Huntington Beach who is running for the Senate. One of Dianne Harman's opponents, Cypress City Councilman Michael McGill, has support from several conservative groups.

■ 10th Senate: Assemblyman Johan Klehs, D-San Leandro, and former Assembly members John Dutra and Ellen Corbett are after the Democratic nomination to succeed Sen. Liz Figueroa, D-Sunol, who is termed out. Liberal groups seem to be lining up behind Corbett.

■ 30th Senate: Assemblymen Rudy Bermudez, D-Norwalk, and Ron Calderon, D-Montebello, are trying to move up to the Senate, replacing Sen. Martha Escutia, D-Norwalk, another victim of term limits. The California Labor Federation is supporting the more liberal Bermudez. One of Calderon's brothers, former Sen. Charles Calderon, is running for his Assembly seat.

■ 34th Senate: Orange County Supervisor Lou Correa, a former Democratic assemblyman, jumped into this race to succeed termed-out Sen. Joe Dunn, D-Garden Grove, after Dunn's heir apparent, Assemblyman Tom Umberg, D-Santa Ana, acknowledged having an affair. On the Republican side, Assemblywoman Lynn Daucher, a moderate from Brea, faces Lupe Moreno, a Santa Ana library commissioner and anti-illegal immigration activist.

SANTA MONICA RENT CONTROL BOARD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS SANTA MONICA RENT CONTROL BOARD

June 8, 2006

Public hearings will be conducted at the regular Santa Monica Rent Control Board meeting on Thursday, June 8, 2006, at 7:00 p.m., in the City Hall Council Chamber, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California 90401. The hearings will be on the following items:

1. Consideration and adoption of the Santa Monica Rent Control Board's Fiscal Year 2006/2007 Operating Budget.
2. Consideration and adoption of proposed amendments to Regulation 11200 regarding an increase in annual registration fees from \$132 per unit per year to \$156 per unit per year.
3. Consideration and adoption of the proposed annual general rent adjustment for 2006 of four percent (4%), with a \$54 maximum. (Proposed Regulation 3028.)
4. Consideration and adoption of a proposed utility adjustment of \$7 per unit per month for buildings with master-metered gas and/or gas and electric. (Proposed Regulation 3028A.) If a landlord pays for all gas service or all gas and electrical service in individual units, it is proposed that the landlord may increase the maximum allowable rent by an additional \$7 per unit per month. This is to address the rising cost of gas service.
5. Consideration and adoption of a proposed prohibition on collecting surcharges from tenants for new tenancies where a new base rent was lawfully established on or after September 1, 2006. With regard to such new tenancies and new rent levels, owners are authorized to recoup the costs that underlie the surcharges, such as the cost of Board registration fees or the cost of paying the school district tax, by including such costs in setting the new rent levels. Thus, it is proposed that they not be allowed to additionally surcharge the tenant for the same underlying tax or fee. (Proposed Regulations 3108 and 11200.)

All interested persons are invited to present their views at these hearings. Copies of the proposed budget, the staff reports and the proposed regulations are available in the Board's office in Room 202 of Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California 90401, and on the Rent Control WEB page: www.santamonica.org/rentcontrol.

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'Hedge' finally has clear path to big screens

BY CAROLYN SACKARIASON
Daily Press Staff Writer

Michael Fry and T Lewis have leapt from the funny papers to the big screen — and the big time. In the process, they've watched the evolution of their comic strip, "Over The Hedge," turn into movie magic, courtesy of Dreamworks and its leader, Jeffrey Katzenberg.

The film opens on Friday, May 19. Filming rights for "Over The Hedge" comic strip was originally picked up by Fox Family Films and was planned as a live-action film with human actors and CGI-created animals. But the concept sat in purgatory for five years before Dreamworks picked it up and brought it to life, or at least in Computer Generated Imagery animation.

Originally considered in 2D format, Fry and Lewis believe that CGI is the perfect format for this incarnation of the strip. And considering that "Babe" had come out in computer animation shortly after Dreamworks picked up "Over The Hedge," the creators hoped they could piggy-back on its success.

"Ultimately, CGI was the way to go with this because there is so much flexibility but also it gives you the reality," Lewis said.

"Over The Hedge" has come a long way since screenwriter and producer Jim Cox read the strip in the Los Angeles Times in 1996 and approached Fry and Lewis to make it into a film.

In the making since 2001 at Dreamworks, Fry and Lewis are ecstatic over how the film has captured the essence of the cartoon strip, which points out daily the absurdity of humanity from displaced animals that wind up in suburban backyards.

"They really made it easy for us," Fry said. "That was our No. 1 thing, to capture the spirit of the characters because that is what they bought really, they bought the underlying concept and the characters."

The making of the film was much like how the strip is created daily — in isolation. Fry, the strip's writer, works in a studio above his garage in Austin, Tex. and Lewis, the artist, works in Omak, Wash. All of the actors worked solo in sound booths reading from the script, with lots of ad-libbing built in. But what was inspiring while at the same time intimidating for the creators was the early brainstorming sessions at the animation studio in Los Angeles, particularly with the staffers of Dreamworks.

"I remember thinking, this is the big time — Dreamworks, Pixar and Katzenberg," Fry recalled. "This is the top of the elite of the elite."

"Whatever illusions and delusions I had of my talent were completely blown out of the water in terms of 'OK, now we are in the major leagues so you always raise your game in that situation.'"

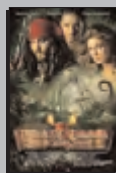
It was that talent that Dreamworks built the film around. The storyline was generated from the more than 4,000 comic strips Fry and Lewis have created since 1995.

"From day one, there was never a doubt," Lewis said. "We knew it was in loving hands and they went out of their way and they kept us involved."

"And it is a delightful interpretation of the strip."

2006 SUMMER PREVIEW

Film critic Dan Dunn previews the summer movie season



THE MOVIE Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Men's Chest (July 7)

THE STARS Johnny Depp, Keira Knightley

THE DIRECTOR Gore Verbinski

THE SKINNY The long-awaited seafaring sequel pits Keith Richards ... er, Captain Jack Sparrow against the nefarious Davy Jones.

THE DRAW Depp's Sparrow is one of the cinema's all-time greats.

THE DOPE Disney is so confident in this franchise, they're adding Depp's and Rush's characters to the amusement ride.



THE MOVIE The Omen (June 6)

THE STARS Liev Schreiber, Julia Stiles

THE DIRECTOR John Moore

THE SKINNY Like so many parents, diplomat Robert Thorne suspects his kid is the anti-Christ.

THE DRAW This is a remake of the chilling 1976 classic, and everyone knows 70s horror flicks rule. Plus, the little boy is the DEVIL, and the film is being released on 6/6/6.

THE DOPE The Tuesday release date might confuse filmgoers. I'm already out of sorts because of it.



THE MOVIE The Devil Wears Prada (June 30)

THE STARS Meryl Streep, Anne Hathaway

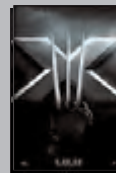
THE DIRECTOR David Frankel

THE SKINNY Adaptation of Lauren Weisberger's juicy autobiographical dish about the fashion world. People are already talking

Oscar nom for Streep's spot-on portrayal of an imperious magazine ed rumored to based, and not all that loosely, on Vogue's Anna Wintour

THE DRAW Fantastic opportunity to bond with fellow Anna Wintour haters.

THE DOPE Looks like a sure-fire TDN (Tolerable Date Movie)



THE MOVIE X-Men: The Last Stand (May 26)

THE STARS Hugh Jackman, Halle Berry

THE DIRECTOR Brett Ratner

THE SKINNY Bryan Singer directed the first two installments of this wildly successful franchise but bowed out of X3.

THE DRAW X-Men's bloated cast of characters gets even bigger this time out, with newly minted mutants Kelsey Grammer ("Cheers") and Ellen Page ("Hard Candy").

THE DOPE The title suggests this is the end of the road for the X-Men, but it wouldn't be on high note, unfortunately.



THE MOVIE Nacho Libre (June 16)

THE STARS Jack Black, Ana de la Reguera

THE DIRECTOR Jared Hess

THE SKINNY Jack Black dons spandex to play a Mexican wrestler who helps out needy orphans.

THE DRAW Jack Black dons spandex to play a Mexican wrestler ... what more can you ask for?

THE DOPE Hess, who penned and directed "Napoleon Dynamite," co-wrote this script with "School of Rock" scribe Mike White. For those of you keeping score, that's two times the funny.



THE MOVIE Superman Returns (June 30)

THE STARS Brandon Routh, Kevin Spacey

THE DIRECTOR Bryan Singer

THE SKINNY Plot details are hard to come by, but we have it on good authority that Superman cuts short a vacation.

THE DRAW Warner Bros spent \$180 million to bring back the Man of Steel. We kinda owe them for that.

THE DOPE This one looks super, man.

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ENTERTAINMENT BRIEFS

Mixed media on display

By Daily Press staff

Continuing to spotlight the works of its faculty, Santa Monica College will present an exhibit of mixed media installations of Gian-Martin Joller and Emiko Miyano May 19-June 3.

The show will be held in the SMC Photography Gallery, located on the second floor of Drescher Hall, 1900 Pico Blvd. The opening reception is scheduled from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, May 19.

Aside from being adjunct art professors at SMC, the two also are alumni of the college. Joller went on to get bachelor's and master's of fine arts degrees from California Institute of the Arts in Valencia, while Miyano received an undergraduate degree from UCLA and a master's of fine arts from Claremont Graduate University. Both artists have had their work exhibited throughout Southern California.

"My pieces are metaphorical objects culled from contemporary life," Joller says in his artist's statement. "Through the use of an object I create a new meaning."

"The relationship between subject and object is layered and complex," Miyano said. "My work is a place where psychological reality/subjectivity and tangible reality/objectivity clash, but in a very quiet way."

The Joller-Miyano exhibit is the latest in a series of shows this year that have spotlighted the work of adjunct art professors at the college.

Gallery hours are noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

For information, call (310) 434-3434 or (310) 434-8204.

City looks for artists in residence

By Daily Press staff

After more than 10 years of planning and two years of construction, the city of Santa Monica re-opened the completely renovated Virginia Avenue Park in December of 2005. The park features a teen center designed to be a haven for neighborhood high school students. The center aims to use the arts as a tool to develop real life skills in the young people participating in its programming. To that end, City Hall wishes to institute a series of artist residencies to involve local youth, ages 14 to 21, in a variety of artistic disciplines and media. Artists working in visual arts, dance, film/video, digital media, literary arts, music, and theater disciplines are encouraged to apply for the residencies.

Residencies at the teen center are anticipated to operate on a quarterly basis. The initial deadline is Monday, June 12. However, the request for qualifications will remain open indefinitely and new artists will be added periodically. City Hall will utilize the pre-approved list as an ongoing resource in order to hire qualified artists for the Virginia Avenue Park Teen Center.

As a new facility, the center is an evolving concept and programs are still changing to respond to community need, requiring great adaptability on the part of staff and artists. On average, residencies will rotate on a quarterly basis, although some may be shorter or longer in duration depending on the nature of the class. Artists will be paid on a pay scale of \$50 to \$100 per hour depending on qualifications, experience and the specific focus of the residency.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Artists must exhibit previous experience as youth arts educators.
- In addition, all selected artists will need to be able to comply with all city contracting requirements, including:
 - Be fingerprinted in order to complete registration in the Child Index Survey. The registration is mandated for all individuals prior to working in city's youth programming.
 - Purchase a city of Santa Monica business license.

SELECTION CRITERIA

- A panel will be periodically convened to review submissions in order to assess the appropriateness of artists for the program. Artists will be selected on the basis of:
- Artistic excellence as shown in the submitted artistic support material, i.e. slides, video/dvd, cd/cassette tape or writing samples.
 - Demonstrated ability to work with youth in both structured progression workshops and drop-in programs.
 - Experience and/or interest in development of real-life skills through training in the arts.
 - Overall suitability as related to previous experience and interests.
- All materials must be received by the Santa Monica Cultural Affairs Division by 5 p.m., Monday, June 12.
- Materials can be hand delivered or mailed to:
- Artist in Residence Program
City of Santa Monica, Cultural Affairs Division
1685 Main Street, room 106
Santa Monica, CA 90401
- For more information, call Carla Fantozzi, community services program supervisor, at (310) 458-8688, ext. 5333 or e-mail to carla.fantozzi@smgov.net



SANTA MONICA ART PALETTE

MAKING ARTS AND CULTURE COME ALIVE IN SANTA MONICA

Welcome to the Santa Monica Art Palette for the weekend of May 19. The goal of the Art Palette, created by City Hall's cultural affairs division, is to showcase the many eclectic arts and cultural opportunities available in Santa Monica every week, highlighting one or more of the many happenings within our borders.



Santa Monica High School ART DEPARTMENT

We've all recovered from the Santa Monica Festival last weekend and should be ready to hit the pavement this weekend with a full palette. Santa Monica has visual art, performance art, film, music, and much more going on this weekend. You can see work by one of our most accomplished artists, Ed Moses, or you can visit Santa Monica High School and view the work of our next generation of artists.

Tim Miller brings his provocative and always daring work to Highways; Judy Baca's work is on view at the Patricia Correia Gallery; there's jazz on the pier; the sun is in the heavens and all is right with the world, well, at least in our little corner. So enjoy the spring weather and get out there and support the arts.

The Santa Monica High School art department will be showcasing the work of the school's senior students tonight at the Roberts Art Gallery, which just happens to be the longest running gallery on Los Angeles' Westside. Many of the promising young artists exhibited their work at last weekend's Santa Monica Festival to the delight of thousands. Don't miss the opportunity to see the results of Santa Monica High School's terrific art programs. If you miss the opening, stop by any time during school hours 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. to see the collection.

Samohi senior art show
Thursday, May 18, 6-8 p.m.
Roberts Art Gallery
Santa Monica High School
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Friday and Saturday; 8:30 p.m.
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Highways founder, and former Santa Monica Arts Commissioner Tim Miller returns home with a raucous and rowdy account of his adventures on the road. Miller is without doubt one of the world's most innovative and entertaining performance artists. His new work combines humor and poignancy to inspire us all.

SANTA MONICA : MUSEUM : OF ART

Be sure to visit Bergamot Station this weekend for exhibitions of some important local artists along with a brilliant new show at the Santa Monica Museum of Art.

An homage to the ephemeral, the overlooked and the undervalued, Epiphanies examines the obsessive collecting and arranging of objects, and the mindset that justifies and support the habit. Ken Brecher is a lifelong hoarder who cherishes his acquisitions for their meaning, not market value. As an inveterate collector of odd objects myself, this is a show I certainly won't miss!

Santa Monica Museum of Art presents Ken Brecher: The Little Room of Epiphanies
Bergamot Station G1
2525 Michigan Ave.
11 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Tuesday – Saturday
Through Aug. 19



The Bobbie Greenfield Gallery is currently exhibiting works by Santa Monica icon Ed Moses, one of the most important artists of contemporary art since the '60s.

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The Patricia Correia gallery has works by Judy Baca, the well-known muralist and founder of Social Public Art Resource Center (SPARC).



Stroll the pier on Saturday and check out the two young jazz bands presented by the Gregory Alper Music School from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Admission is free.

While you're there, gaze out to sea while contemplating the fact that 68 years ago this month the infamous gambling ship Rex opened for business at a legal location 3.1 miles offshore. Operated by mobster Tony Cornero, the ship offered slot machines as well as craps and roulette tables, all of which were rumored to be rigged. The Rex serviced its customers via a water taxi departing directly from the Santa Monica Pier. The Rex is depicted in one of the enchanting Santa Monica Pier Banners by artists Michael McMillan and Steve Garvey.



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Putting a little English on immigration debate

BY SUZANNE GAMBOA
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — President Bush sent Congress a \$1.9 billion request Thursday to increase border security as supporters of sweeping immigration legislation reasserted control in Senate debate.

The White House said the money would pay for the “first 1,000 of 6,000 new Border Patrol agents that will be deployed in the next two years,” as well as the temporary deployment of up to 6,000 National Guard troops to states along the Mexican border. The request includes funds for new fencing and other barriers as well as two new unmanned surveillance aircraft and five helicopters to curb illegal immigration.

The White House sent the request to Congress as the president traveled to Yuma, Ariz. to dramatize his commitment to border control and the Senate labored over the most sweeping overhaul of immigration law in two decades.

After voting narrowly and largely along party lines Wednesday night to bar guest workers from petitioning on their own for legal status, the Senate reconsidered. On a bipartisan vote of 56-43, the prohibition was diluted to say guest workers may generally seek legal status on their own if the government determines no American workers are available to fill the job.

Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, said the proposal that cleared on Wednesday night was designed to protect American workers, and the replacement would “put American workers in the back seat and foreign workers...in the front seat.”

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Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., chairman of the Judiciary Committee, said, “I think

there is a higher value in not having the immigrant subject to the control of the employer where there may be coercion and pressure...”

Senate leaders have said they hope for passage of the controversial legislation by next week. It includes measures to tighten control over the borders, create a new guest worker program and offer a path to citizenship for millions of illegal immigrants already in the country. Prospects for final congressional passage this year are highly uncertain, given the strong opposition among Republicans to Bush’s proposals concerning citizenship.

Bush’s funding request came with a pledge that it would not lead to a short-term increase in the deficit. The White House said it would off-set the spending by “delaying certain less-urgent military procurement efforts” to future spending bills.

The developments came one day after a series of clashes that made the national debate over immigration seem like a family feud, Republican style.

“Regardless of what the president says, what he is proposing is amnesty,” said Rep. James Sensenbrenner, R-Wis., the lawmaker who would lead House negotiators in any attempt to draft a compromise immigration bill later this year.

It is amnesty, “because it allows people who have broken the law to stay in the country,” Sensenbrenner said of positions Bush staked out in his speech earlier in the week.

Bush stood his ground. “The Republican Party needs to lead on the issue of immigration,” he told an audience of GOP donors, “... America can be a lawful society and a welcoming society and we don’t have to choose between the two.”

House legislation that passed last year over strenuous Democratic opposition would make all illegal immigrants subject to prosecution as felons.

In a conference call with reporters, Sensenbrenner said Bush had “basically turned his back” on a tough border secu-

“Regardless of what the president says, what he is proposing is amnesty.”

REP. JAMES SENSENBRENNER
R-WISCONSIN

rity bill after requesting that certain provisions be included before House passage last year.

On Wednesday, the Senate followed the House’s lead and voted 83-16 to build 370 miles of fence in areas “most often used by smugglers and illegal aliens” as determined by federal officials. The House approved twice as much fencing in its bill.

The Senate also okayed 500 miles of vehicle barriers. Supporters said the fencing and barriers could help improve economies in communities where they are located and reduce crime.

Opponents said the barriers would shift illegal immigrant and smuggling traffic to areas of the border without fencing. The underlying Senate bill provides for a “virtual” fence along the border using cameras, sensors and other technology to monitor the border.

Sen. Jeff Sessions, R-Ala., estimated the cost at roughly \$3.2 million per mile, more than \$900 million for 300 miles. He said the fence would send “a signal that open-border days are over.”

Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., said the cost would be much higher, while Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., predicted the fencing would be a “down payment” on a fence stretching the length of the border.

All Republicans and more than half the Senate’s Democrats supported the proposal.

Report: Border Patrol demoralized by lack of prosecutions

BY ELLIOT SPAGAT
Associated Press Writer

SAN DIEGO — An American teenager was caught sneaking two illegal immigrants in the trunk of a stolen Acura in September 2004. Chances are he wasn’t too worried: It was the third time in two weeks he had been caught smuggling migrants, one or two at a time.

After that, the 19-year-old might have given up smuggling, but a fourth arrest two months later suggests he simply got better at it, or luckier. Again, he was released without criminal charges.

“This is an example of a kid who knows the system,” states an internal Border Patrol document that decries the lack of federal smuggling prosecutions. “What is true is that he will probably never be prosecuted if he only smuggles one or two bodies at a time.”

The report focused on a Border Patrol station responsible for 13 miles of mountainous border east of San Diego. It said that only 6 percent of 289 suspected immigrant smugglers caught there were federally prosecuted for that offense in the fiscal year ending in September 2004.

Some were charged with different counts, but others were released by the Border Patrol or saw their cases rejected by federal prosecutors.

Federal officials say the report, provided to the AP by the office of Rep. Darrell Issa, R-Calif., reflects a reality along the entire 2,000-mile border: Judges and federal attorneys are so swamped that only the most egregious smuggling cases are prosecuted.

“Why are agents putting their lives at risk when the people perpetrating this illegal act just walk away from the

whole ordeal scot-free?” the report states. “It is very difficult to keep agents’ morale up when the laws they were told to uphold are being watered-down or not prosecuted.”

It was unclear who wrote the internal report, which Issa’s office said was written last August. Issa has accused the chief federal prosecutor in San Diego of being lax on smuggling cases.

The 41-page report raises doubts about the value of tightening security along the Mexican border without additional measures. President Bush wants to hire 6,000 more Border Patrol agents and dispatch up to 6,000 National Guardsmen, but did not mention overburdened courts in his Oval Office address on immigration Monday.

The lack of prosecutions is “demoralizing the agents and making a joke out of our system of justice,” said T.J. Bonner, president of the National Border Patrol Council, which represents agents. “It is certainly a weak link in our immigration-enforcement chain.”

The report says federal prosecutors in San Diego typically prosecute smugglers who commit “dangerous/violent activity” or guide at least 12 illegal immigrants across the border. But other smugglers know they are only going to get “slapped on the wrist.”

The document mentions a Mexican citizen who was caught in Arizona and California driving with illegal immigrants and was released each time to Mexico. He was prosecuted the fourth time, when two illegal immigrants in his van died in a crash, and sentenced to five years in prison.

U.S. Attorney Carol Lam in San Diego said about half her 110 attorneys work on border cases in an area where the Border Patrol made nearly 140,000 arrests last year. She said she gives highest priority to the most serious cases, including suspects with long histories of violent crime or offenders

who endanger others’ lives.

“We figure out how many cases our office can handle, start from the worst and work our way down,” she said.

Lam said many suspected migrant smugglers are prosecuted instead for re-entering the country after being deported, a crime that can be proved with documents. Smuggling cases are more difficult to prosecute because they require witnesses to testify.

The Border Patrol, which would neither confirm nor deny the document’s authenticity, said prosecutors in San Diego recently agreed to prosecute a Top 20 list of smugglers if they are caught.

The Justice Department in Washington declined to comment. However, at a congressional hearing last month, Rep. Ric Keller, R-Fla., told Attorney General Alberto Gonzales that Lam’s record on migrant smuggling was “a pathetic failure.” Gonzales replied that he was urging U.S. attorneys to more actively enforce laws but noted that immigration cases were “a tremendous strain and burden” along the border.

Peter Nunez, a former U.S. attorney in San Diego, said prosecutors along the border struggle with limited resources and a huge caseload of immigration cases.

“This is not an indictment of the U.S. attorney’s office, because you have to deal with the realities of the caseload, but it is an indictment of how badly Congress and presidents have handled the immigration system,” he said.

The report says immigrants in the area paid an average of \$1,398 to be guided across the border in 2004.

“Smugglers are making lots of money breaking the immigration laws, and there is not much incentive for them to stop these illegal activities,” it says. “The smugglers know that even if they are caught, it will be difficult to punish them.”

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Hayden insists warrantless surveillance program legal

BY KATHERINE SHRADER
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — CIA nominee Gen. Michael Hayden insisted on Thursday that the Bush administration's warrantless surveillance program was legal and that it was designed to ensnare terrorists.

"Clearly the privacy of American citizens is a concern constantly," the four-star Air Force general told the Senate Intelligence Committee at his confirmation hearing. "We always balance privacy and security."

Hayden was peppered by as many questions about the National Security Agency, the super-secret agency that he headed from 1999-2005, as about his visions for the CIA.

Senators grilled him on the NSA's eavesdropping without warrants on conversations and e-mails believed by the government to involve terrorism suspects, and reports of the tracking of millions of phone calls made and received by ordinary Americans.

After the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, President Bush decided that more anti-terrorism surveillance was necessary than the NSA, said Hayden.

Hayden said he decided to go ahead with the then-covert surveillance program, which has been confirmed by Bush, believing it to be legal and necessary.

"When I had to make this personal decision in October 2001 ... the math was pretty straightforward. I could not not do this," Hayden said.

He said the surveillance program used a "probable cause" standard that made it unlikely that information about average Americans would be scrutinized.

He declined to openly discuss reports that the NSA was engaged in even broader surveillance, including a story in USA Today that the NSA has been secretly collecting phone-call records of tens of millions of U.S. citizens.

Under questioning from Democratic Sen. Carl Levin of Michigan, Hayden said he would only talk about the part of the program the president had confirmed.

"Is that the whole program?" asked Levin.

"I'm not at liberty to talk about that in open session," Hayden said. A closed-door session was planned for later in the day.

Hayden was asked about reported friction between him and Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld over how the NSA and other intelligence agencies would work with the Pentagon, which has the lion's share of intelligence dollars.

Had they disagreed, he was asked by Levin? "Yes sir," said Hayden.

Some critics have suggested that Hayden, 61, who remains an active general, is too closely aligned with the Pentagon to objectively run the civilian CIA.

Hayden acknowledged a series of intelligence failures in the run-up to the U.S. decision to invade Iraq and promised to take steps to guard against a repeat of such errors.

"We just took too much for granted. We didn't challenge our basic assumptions," he told the Senate Intelligence Committee at his confirmation hearing.

He said that since launching the program a month after the terror attacks, targeting decisions have been made by policymakers in the U.S. government who are most knowledgeable about al-Qaida.

Asked by Sen. Kit Bond, R-Mo., whether a NSA analyst could look at information not directly related to suspected terrorist activity, Hayden said, "I don't know how that could survive."

Committee Chairman Sen. Pat Roberts of Kansas complained about the CIA's performance on Iraq. While "nobody bats 1,000 in the intelligence world," Roberts cited "a terribly flawed trade craft" in the CIA's intelligence suggesting the presence of weapons of mass destruction there.

In an opening statement, Hayden said that intelligence-gathering has become "the football in American political discourse" since the terror attacks of Sept. 11.

He said the embattled agency "must be transformed, without slowing the high tempo under which it already operates, to counter today's threats."

"Yes, there have been failures, but there have also been many great successes," Hayden said.

If confirmed, "I would reaffirm the CIA's proud culture of risk-taking," said Hayden, who was selected by President Bush to succeed Porter Goss, who was forced out after serving for 18 months.

Hayden's hearing before the Intelligence Committee was much different than a year ago, when the panel approved him unanimously to be the nation's first principal deputy director of national intelligence.

Bush chose Hayden as CIA director-nominee after consultation with Hayden's current boss, National Intelligence Director John Negroponte. Goss announced his retirement earlier this month after disputes with Hayden and Negroponte about the CIA's direction.

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56-foot whale killed by ship strike

BY PEGGY ANDERSEN
Associated Press Writer

SEATTLE — A 56-foot fin whale that washed ashore in northwest Washington died after being struck by a ship, scientists say.

"That was fairly unequivocal," said John Calambokidis of Cascadia Research, who led the team that examined the whale Tuesday. The carcass is on Lummi Indian tribal land that is closed to the public.

Fin whales, an endangered species, are at particular risk from ship strikes because of their size and feeding habits that bring them close to the surface, Calambokidis said. Ventures into inland waters are unusual for these whales and a ship strike was the first guess by the region's marine-mammal experts.

The whale washed ashore Sunday at the Lummi reserva-

tion about 80 miles north of Seattle.

A necropsy found external and internal injuries on the animal's right side, Calambokidis said in a telephone interview from his Olympia office.

"There's a lot of hemorrhaging inside the body, a lot of blood in there," said Merle Jefferson, director of the Lummi Indian Business Council's natural resources department.

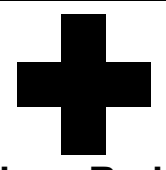
The whale was an immature male, 4 or 5 years old, Calambokidis said. Little is known about the species, and samples taken Tuesday will offer information about the animal's overall condition and the biology of fin whales, he said.

The dead whale could have been struck in the Strait of Juan de Fuca, he said. "But it's more likely to have occurred off the Washington coast or the entrance to the strait."

In 2002, three fin whales were recovered in Puget Sound after ship strikes. Two came in draped across bows.

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Property tax payment demands finally met in polygamist towns

BY JENNIFER DOBNER
Associated Press Writer

SALT LAKE CITY — Residents of a polygamist community on the Utah-Arizona border are finally paying their property taxes, after being threatened with eviction.

Bruce R. Wisan, the court-appointed fiduciary who oversees the United Effort Plan trust, which holds all property in Hildale, Utah, and Colorado City, Ariz., is telling people living on trust-owned property they must pay or get out.

From the first batch of 14 letters, all of the taxes have been paid. Wisan said he expects the next set of 11 residents will meet a Monday payment deadline.

"It's a smart decision to pay their property taxes as opposed to being evicted," said Wisan, who targeted those living in the largest homes and the perceived community leaders.

The trust started by the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints has an estimated value of \$100 million, all of it in property, including homes, businesses and other buildings. Once controlled by church leaders, it was established in the 1940s by church members who donated their assets to ensure communal prosperity.

But state attorneys stepped in after fugitive church leader Warren Jeffs, who is wanted in two states on felony charges for allegedly arranging underage marriages of girls, failed to answer lawsuits filed against him. They said Jeffs appeared to be liquidating trust assets to remain in hiding; he is on the

FBI's Ten Most Wanted list.

A judge appointed Wisan to safeguard the trust assets and ensure they were not drained.

But Jeffs, 50, has reportedly ordered that faithful church members not cooperate with Wisan, and that included paying property taxes. In Utah's Washington County, the trust's bill for 2005 approached \$294,000, county accounting specialist Michelle Jacobson said. In Arizona, Mohave County Deputy Treasurer Dave Chevalier said the total 2005 trust tax bill is roughly \$1.1 million.

Last month at a town meeting in Hildale, Wisan said those who didn't pay would be sent eviction notices. As of Thursday, that hasn't been necessary.

"I think we're still about \$700,000 or \$800,000 down," he said. "I'm just happy that property taxes are being paid in a limited sense."

Next week, Wisan said, he'll begin blanketing residents in both communities with letters.

Almost all the payments have been made in cash in both counties, and no interest and penalties have been applied, officials said.

"I think it's still 'say nothing, do nothing,'" Wisan said. "But as long as (members) don't have to deal with me and they can go directly to the county, it seems to be acceptable."

The towns are home to the FLDS church, which practices an early version of Mormonism that includes polygamy. The mainstream Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints abandoned the practice in 1890, and does not recognize the FLDS.

Insurgent attacks kill 2 dozen people, including 4 soldiers

BY SAMEER N. YACOB
Associated Press Writer

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Attacks by insurgents Thursday killed at least two dozen people, including four U.S. soldiers, while an Iraqi police chief narrowly escaped an assassination attempt.

Bombers also destroyed a small Sunni shrine near the volatile city of Baqouba, in an apparent reprisal attack less than a week after similar bombings heavily damaged six Shiite shrines in a mixed area where tensions are running high. No one was injured in the attacks.

Prime Minister-designate Nouri al-Maliki said he will unveil his new Cabinet to parliament Saturday, the first sign that the country may finally end weeks of wrangling over the formation of a government.

There are hopes that sharing power successfully among Iraq's majority Shiites and its minorities of Sunni Arabs and Kurds will help heal the sectarian rift underlying the relentless wave of violence that has swept Iraq since the U.S.-led invasion three years ago and open the way for the 130,000 American troops to begin returning home.

Four U.S. soldiers and their Iraqi interpreter died when a roadside bomb struck their vehicle northwest of Baghdad, the U.S. command said, without releasing further details. It had earlier said a U.S. sailor had died Wednesday in western Anbar province, the heart of the Sunni Arab insurgency.

The five deaths raised to at least 2,455 the number of members of the U.S. military who have died since the beginning of the war in 2003, according to an Associated Press count.

Gunmen stopped a minibus in southwestern Baghdad and killed all eight Iraqis aboard. A roadside bomb exploded near a police patrol in northern Baghdad's Waziriya neighborhood, killing three police officers and five bystanders. Another nine people were injured, police said.

In Basra, Iraq's second-largest city, where most of Britain's 8,000 soldiers are based, police chief Gen. Hassan Swadi narrowly escaped an assassination attempt when a roadside bomb hit his convoy as he was heading to work, said police spokesman Karim al-Zeidi. The blast damaged one vehicle but caused no casualties, al-Zeidi said.

Elsewhere, 15 taekwondo athletes were kidnapped in western Iraq while driving to a training camp in neighboring Jordan, and coalition forces killed three insurgents and wounded 10 in fighting in and around the northern city of Mosul, the U.S. command said.

Taekwondo is a Korean martial art and Olympic sport popular in many parts of the world.

In Karbala, 50 miles south of Baghdad, gunmen killed a former senior Baath Party member as he was leaving his house. In northern Kirkuk, police said two people had been killed in a drive-by shooting and found the beheaded body of woman labor activist affiliated with the Kurdistan Democratic party.

In Mosul, 225 miles northwest of Baghdad, Iraqi and U.S. forces killed three insurgents and wounded 10 in two separate gunbattles Wednesday, the U.S. command said.

In the second fight, insurgents in two separate cars opened fire on a civilian vehicle on a highway outside of Mosul, wounding all three Iraqis aboard, the military said.

U.S. forces patrolling nearby opened fired at one of the insurgent cars, killing all three, the command said. Iraqi police chased the other car and captured one wounded militant, while the others fled on foot.

On the political front, talks are still under way on who will head the critical Interior and Defense ministries, which control the police and army respectively. Without an eventual agreement, no resolution is possible of the basic conflict between Shiites and Sunnis.

"The government is almost completed. Only the interior and defense ministries remain," said Salah Abdul-Razaq, a spokesman for al-Maliki. "If an agreement is not reached, the announcement will be made without these posts."

He did not elaborate, but his remarks suggested that al-Maliki, a Shiite, would appoint himself to head the two ministries until all parties agreed on the two appointees. Saturday is two days ahead of a 30-day deadline for al-Maliki to present a Cabinet, and it was unlikely that he would present a deal for parliament to vote down.

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BY JAMES COSTELLO AND
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Actor Hurt does Philly proud

By The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — William Hurt played a dual role at the University of the Arts: proud father and honored guest.

Hurt, who won an Oscar for 1985’s “Kiss of the Spider Woman,” received an honorary doctor of fine arts degree Wednesday on the same stage that his son Alexander later received his bachelor’s degree in theater arts.

“And now I can do your teeth ... ‘Dr. Hurt,’” the 56-year-old actor joked about his new title.

He then delivered the commencement address, a wide-ranging speech in which he quoted famous figures from Mark Twain to Frank Lloyd Wright to Shakespeare.

“Art is resuscitation, it is rejuvenation,” Hurt told the graduates. “Thank you for becoming my peers.”

Hurt portrayed a Philadelphia gangster in last year’s “A History of Violence” — the mention of which drew whoops from the crowd. His screen credits also include roles in “Children of a Lesser God” and “Broadcast News.”

CANNES, France — Wong Kar-wai says he won’t let Hollywood go to his head in his first English-language film, a tale of a woman’s quest for love starring Norah Jones.

The Hong Kong director, in a recent French newspaper interview, said shooting for “My Blueberry Nights” was to begin this summer — presenting a conflict for cherished family time.

“I am disappointed because the filming of my movie is going to prevent me from watching the World Cup with my son,” Wong told Le Monde daily, referring to the June 9-July 9 soccer tournament in Germany.

The U.S.-produced movie tells “the story of a woman who takes the long route instead of the short one to meet up with the man she loves,” said

Wong, who is heading the jury at the Cannes Film Festival.

Wong, whose “In the Mood for Love” became an art-house hit, said Tinseltown wouldn’t get the better of him. “Even if it is in the United States, and within the Hollywood system, I am remaining myself.”

LONDON — Zubin Mehta says he would like to travel to Iraq with the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra to spread the message of peace.

“I would love to go to Baghdad, and I would also like to take the Israel Philharmonic to Jordan and Egypt,” the 70-year-old conductor told The Associated Press before a gala event Wednesday celebrating 350 years of Jewish life in Britain.

Mehta, who has been working for peace between Israelis and Palestinians for many years, said he believes the region has a positive future. “It can be a prosperous place in the world,” he said.

Diplomats, politicians and business leaders attended the celebratory event, the Israeli Embassy said in a statement. The exact guest list and the location were not publicly disclosed due to security concerns.

The program featured a performance of Beethoven’s Symphony No. 5.

Two-thirds of Britain’s 350,000 Jews live in London.

MOUNT AIRY, N.C. — Two fans of “The Andy Griffith Show” have commissioned a life-sized bronze statue of Deputy Barney Fife that they plan to donate to Mount Airy, the model for the show’s fictional town of Mayberry.

Tom Hellebrand and Neal Shelton are raising money for the \$35,000 project as a tribute to Don Knotts, who portrayed the bumbling Fife on the popular ‘60s TV comedy. Knotts died Feb. 24 at age 81.

Mount Airy has a statue of Andy Griffith as

Sheriff Andy Taylor walking with his son in a scene that recalls the show’s opening sequence.

“We felt something needed to be done about honoring Don Knotts,” Shelton said. “He was an original.”

The pair needed permission from CBS Corp., which owns the rights to “The Andy Griffith Show” characters, and they had to negotiate with city leaders. Everyone agreed it was a good idea.

Hellebrand and Shelton are accepting donations and have agreed to donate any money over the \$35,000 they need to a charity in Knotts’ name.

They hope to have the statue built and installed by fall.

“Mayberry without Barney Fife just wouldn’t be the same,” Hellebrand said.

CANNES, France — France gave Sidney Poitier its highest arts honor at the Cannes Film Festival, where the culture minister praised the Oscar winner for tearing down barriers for black actors in Hollywood.

Poitier, 79, was named a commander in France’s order of arts and letters Thursday. In 1964, he became the first black performer in a leading role to win an Academy Award, for “Lilies of the Field.”

“You are the champion of equality between men,” Culture Minister Renaud Donnedieu de Vabres said.

Poitier thanked his parents, who were field workers in the Bahamas, for giving him a sense of honesty, integrity and compassion.

He also thanked the directors who broke convention to hire him, calling them “men who chose to change that pattern because it was not democratic, it was not American, it was not human.”

Poitier’s screen credits also include roles in “The Defiant Ones,” “In the Heat of the Night,” “A Patch of Blue” and “A Raisin in the Sun.”

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Just My Luck (PG-13)
2:10, 5:00, 7:40, 10:15
RV (PG)
1:00, 3:20, 5:40, 8:00, 10:30
United 93 (R)
1:50, 4:30, 7:20, 10:00

Mann's Criterion Theatre
1313 3rd Street
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An American Haunting (PG-13)
7:30, 9:40
Ice Age: The Meltdown (PG)
1:00, 3:10, 5:20
Mission: Impossible III (PG-13)
12:30, 1:20, 3:20, 4:10, 6:10, 7:20, 9:00, 10:20
Poseidon (PG-13)
11:30am, 12:00, 2:00, 2:30, 4:30, 5:00, 7:00, 7:40, 9:30, 10:30
Scary Movie 4 (PG-13)
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Keeping Up With the Steins (PG-13)
10:45am, 1:05, 3:15, 5:30, 7:50, 10:10
Over the Hedge (PG)
10:40am, 12:10, 1:00, 2:30, 3:20, 4:50, 5:40, 7:20, 8:00, 9:30, 10:20, 11:35

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Art School Confidential (R)
11:30am, 2:00, 4:35, 7:10, 9:50
Thank You for Smoking (R)
11:40am, 2:15, 4:45, 7:30, 10:00

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Down in the Valley (R)
4:30, 9:50
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In 1935, T.E. Lawrence, also known as “Lawrence of Arabia,” died in Dorset, England, from injuries sustained in a motorcycle crash.

In 1943, in an address to the U.S. Congress, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill pledged his country’s full support in the war against Japan.

In 1958, the United States and Canada formally established the North American Air Defense Command.

In 1962, during a Democratic fundraiser at New York’s Madison Square Garden, actress Marilyn Monroe performed a sultry rendition of “Happy Birthday to You” for guest-of-honor President Kennedy.

In 1964, the State Department disclosed that 40 hidden microphones had been found in the U.S. embassy in Moscow.

In 1967, the Soviet Union ratified a treaty with the United States and Britain banning nuclear weapons from outer space.



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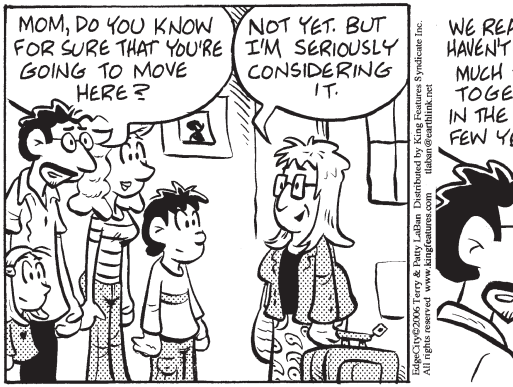


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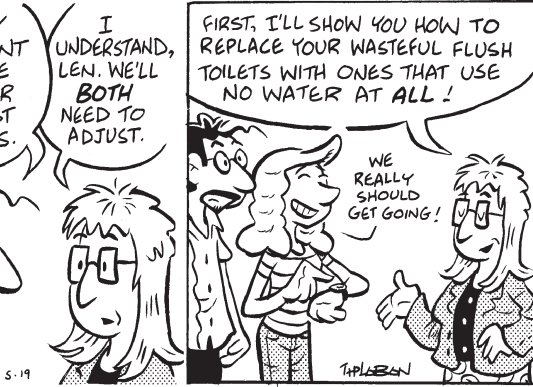
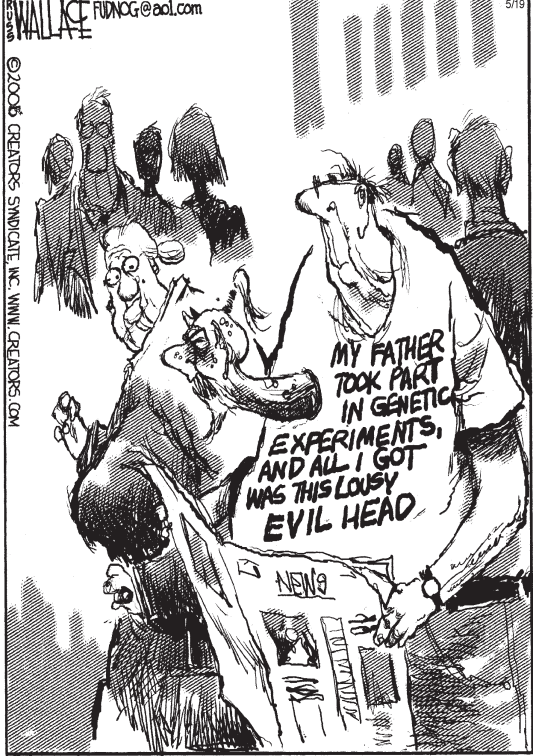
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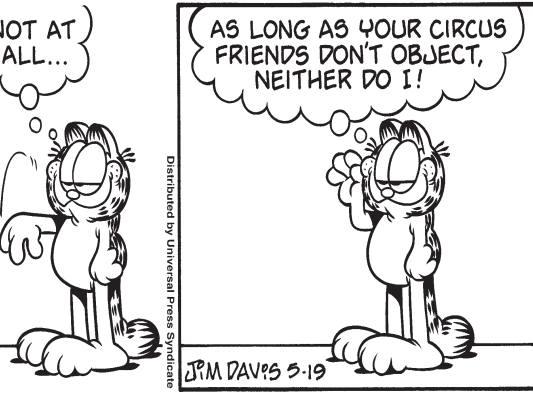
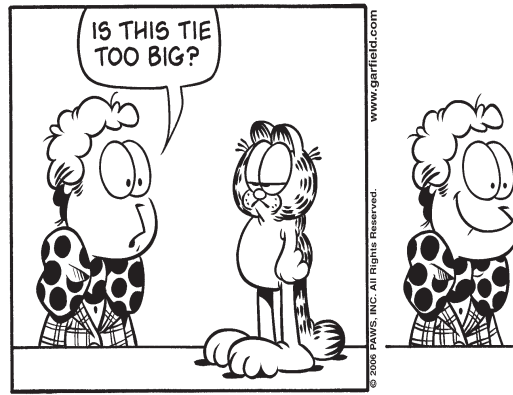
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