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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

District’s Matthews not feeling so Super

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMMUSD HDQTRS. — The school district’s highest-ranking officials prefer the passenger seat — at least for now.

Interim superintendent Mike Matthews announced Wednesday that he will not enter his name into the running to replace John Deasy, the district’s former superintendent who left earlier

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Straus in house?

Outgoing Samohi principal may have a brand new bag

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

SAMOHİ — While Ilene Straus will be stepping down at the end of the school year as lead principal and chief educational officer here, she may not travel far from the school district she’s served for more than 25 years.

In an interview Wednesday after-

noon, Straus said she is seriously considering accepting a position with the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District that would put her in charge of implementing curriculum and ensuring compliance at all of the district’s middle and high schools.

The position — senior director of secondary education — is not guaranteed, as the school board has not yet

approved its creation. District staff is currently working on drafting a job description for the board to consider, complete with duties and responsibilities. The salary has not been set.

The board is expected to discuss the administrative position at its June 15 board meeting, Interim

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STATE



Photo Courtesy

Big guy lands back on a familiar perch

By The Associated Press

TORRANCE — A burger-wielding statue taken from a Bob’s Big Boy restaurant was found at a nearby school.

The statue disappeared early Saturday and was discovered atop the roof of South High School on Tuesday morning.

School officials suspect it was a pre-graduation prank by seniors.

Students implicated in the latest prank could be suspended or barred from graduation ceremonies, according to Principal Scott McDowell.

Senior Yanni Li said some administrators thought the prank was funny.

“They didn’t want to laugh, but they did,” she said.

Stealing the Bob’s Big Boy mascot used to be a yearly caper at South High, police Detective Tom Winchester said.

Stand and deliver



Wendy Perl Condon/Special to the Daily Press

Caitlin Cavanaugh winds up for a pitch during the West Covina Girls Fast Pitch Memorial Classic Tournament, held this past weekend. The Santa Monica team placed second after falling to Norwalk, 2-1.

Community speaks, City Hall listens

EDITOR’S NOTE This is the third installment in a series examining the proposed 2006-07 city budget.

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE — If resident Michael Hill had his way, he’d use part of the \$448 million budgeted next year to build six synthetic turf soccer fields on a stretch of beach just north of the pier known as the Gobi Desert.

Katherine Reuter would like to see some of that money go towards the expansion of Memorial Park into the old Fisher Lumber site.

Chris Vander Kolk has a different idea — free wireless Internet throughout the city, so low-income families can also take a spin in the world wide web.

While none of those suggestions made the final cut, the residents’ proposals are still playing a crucial role in the development of next year’s budget, helping city staff identify the themes that drive spending, said Assistant City Manager Gordon Anderson.

For instance, several residents requested more funding for parks, in particular the Cove Skatepark, which is operating at limited capacity because of a lack of funding. In the proposed budget that council is considering adopting in June, there is money allocated to keep the skatepark open longer.

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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 152nd day of 2006.
There are 213 days left in the year.

On June 1, 1813, the commander of the U.S. frigate Chesapeake, Capt. James Lawrence, said, “Don’t give up the ship” during a losing battle with a British frigate.
In 1792, Kentucky became the 15th state of the union.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Chi parla troppo non puo parlar sempre bene.” (He who talks much cannot always talk well.)

CARLO GOLDONI
ITALIAN DRAMATIST (1707-1793)

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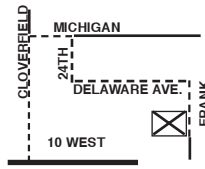
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Easy does it, Capricorn

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Keep conversations flowing. You might want to think over a situation that is in flux. You also might decide to wait it out rather than cover all your bases simultaneously. Confusion surrounds a friendship. Tonight: Go for a hard dose of reality.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Basics do count, as others will whirl around you like a tornado. You will find that you are better off if you don't get plugged into every issue that heads your way. What you hear might not conform to what you know. Tonight: At home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Your imagination easily could go haywire, but you can direct the energy and make your creativity positive. News from a distance or information you receive could be slightly tainted. You might want to get your own facts. Tonight: Visit with a friend.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You might want to spend more than you have, but what a hoot you will have. Creativity and risk-taking walk hand in hand. You might want to think before you leap on what sounds like a good deal. OK? Tonight: Live it up.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You might want to flow with what is happening. A lot easily could be dropped on your plate. Think positively about the alternatives that surround your life. Right now, nothing is written in stone. Tonight: As you wish. After all, you are the king or queen of the zodiac.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You might want to take your time rather than leap into a strange or unclear situation. Know that what looks like a sure bet today easily could be a fiasco tomorrow. Use this knowledge to enhance your life. Tonight: Many, many options come your way.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Where your friends are is where you want to be. Associates help pave your way and make a big difference in your success. You have a lot of reasons to be happy and to celebrate. Expenses could cause a problem ultimately. Tonight: Your treat.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You take a stand and show your stuff. You are in a leadership position. Take charge and know that you are the cat's meow. What you say goes — with nearly everyone. Understand what is happening with a family member rather than judge. Tonight: In the limelight.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You might want to think through a situation more carefully. Others make an effort, which you need to recognize. You might feel off-center because of what you hear or see. You don't need to overthink things. Tonight: As you like.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Money could dribble through your fingers if you aren't careful. Think positively about the alternatives that surround your daily life. Nothing is written in stone. Remember that fact, or you could be disappointed. Tonight: Easy does it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Others do all they can to put a smile on your face. You might wonder what is too much or what is not enough. Confusion surrounds you, mainly because of your perspective and the pace of events. Learn to read between the lines and not project into conversations and happenings. Tonight: Go with someone else's choice.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Pace yourself, understanding what might be going on. Your imagination takes you in a new direction, though the end results might not be what you want. Think positively about others. Don't let your feelings play into a decision. Tonight: Find your favorite chair.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS



HARRY LENNIX

Another curtain call for SMC grads

By Daily Press staff

Staying in theme with last year's commencement speaker, Santa Monica College has elected another actor to speak to the graduates this month. Last year's speaker also happened to be California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, who drew hundreds of political protesters.

But this year should be a bit mellower as award-winning actor and former teacher Harry Lennix, who has been as involved in education and civic affairs as he has been in his acting career, will be the speaker at SMC's 76th commencement ceremonies Tuesday, June 13.

About 500 students are expected to receive their associate of arts degrees at the graduation ceremony, scheduled for 6 p.m. at Corsair Field, 1900 Pico Blvd.

Lennix is an accomplished film, television and stage actor who plays Jim Gardner, the Chief of Staff, on "Commander in Chief." Other critically acclaimed and highly-successful projects he has starred in include the Oscar-winning film "Ray" with Jamie Foxx, for which he received a SAG Award nomination, and both "The Matrix: Reloaded" and "The Matrix: Revolutions." Lennix received much critical acclaim and a Golden Satellite Award as Aaron in Julie Taymor's "Titus," bringing new life to the toxic literary villain opposite Anthony Hopkins.

Lennix also has been active in various causes, both in his native Chicago and Los Angeles. Last month he hosted the Eighth Annual Denim Day in L.A. Rape Prevention Education Rally.

An English and music teacher before becoming an actor, he founded Legacy Productions with renowned director Chuck Smith in 1989. The company is dedicated to promoting significant works about the African American experience. He also is on the staff of the renowned Goodman Theater Co. in Chicago, is active in various civic groups, and is on the Advisory Council for his alma mater, Northwestern University.

He has worked with a myriad of accomplished actors and directors including Spike Lee in "Get On The Bus;" Robert Townsend in "The Five Heartbeats;" Ben Kingsley in "Suspect Zero;" Billy Bob Thornton in "Chrystal" and Anthony Hopkins once again in "The Human Stain." His other film credits include "Barbershop 2" and "Love and Basketball."

In addition to his distinguished film career, Lennix made his mark on the small screen with his role as the legendary Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. in Showtime's "Keep The Faith Baby" for which he won a Black Reel Award and was nominated for both an NAACP Image Award and a Golden Satellite Award. He continued to make his presence known with recurring roles on "ER" and "Diagnosis Murder" and other guest starring appearances.

Lennix has directed and appeared in stage productions across the country, including the Northlight Theater Company's production of Permanent Collection, which was staged at the Greenway Arts Alliance in Los Angeles under his co-direction and was remounted at Los Angeles' Kirk Douglas Theater. He directed the stage version of Townsend's The Five Heartbeats, which received three NAACP Theater Award nominations, and The Glass Menagerie for the Steppenwolf Theater Company in Chicago.

YWCA girls opening up about gender roles

By Daily Press staff

Local girls this month plan to show the community what they've learned about the inequities between genders and the challenges facing women today.

Over the past 10 months the Girl House Art Project has provided a small group of middle school girls the opportunity to explore gender issues such as women's history, the wage gap between women and men, and media literacy. Using a small cottage and surrounding area on the YWCA property, the girls have created an art environment that reveals their findings and is aimed at educating the public. The results will be on display at the public exhibition on June 17 at the YWCA Santa Monica/Westside from noon to 4 p.m..

Volunteer project leader Kesa Kivel, inspired by Judy Chicago and Miriam Schapiro's

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The Q Line

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Santa Monica Police Chief James T. Butts Jr. announced that he is stepping down from his post this summer, having accepted a position to head up security for four Los Angeles County airports. While reports continue to show a decline in crime rates during his tenure, no city is without its problems. Pico violence. Petty theft. Street hustles. Recurring homelessness. Drug use.

The city is expected to launch a national search next month in the hopes of having a timely replacement for Butts.

So this week, Q-Line wants to know:
What advice would you give the city's new chief of police? What areas or issues would you like the new chief to focus on initially?

Call (310) 285-8106 before Friday at 5 p.m. and we'll print your responses in the weekend edition.



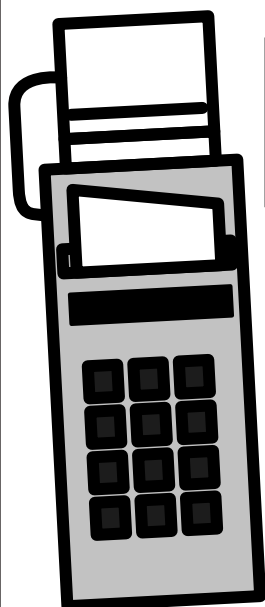
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To redesign or not to redesign

Editor:

To redesign or not to redesign — that is the question:
Whether 'tis more beneficial for Samohi's test scores to suffer
The whims and inconsistencies of our new format,
Or to take arms against a sea of problems
And, by showing the force of our opposition, end Them. To end is to revert to the old status quo —
No more — and by status quo we mean remove
The heartburn and the thousand natural problems
That flesh is heir to when we impose change — 'tis a complacency
Devoutly to be wished for. To end redesign, to return to previous standards
To return, or perchance to try a new design. Ay, there's the rub,
For in a different design what new and unforeseen troubles may come,
When we have shrugged off this current innovation,
Must give us pause. There's our responsibility to the students
That should allow our current experiment longer life to produce results.
For who would bear the initial confusions,
Th'oppression by those with new power, the parents' concerns over the effect on college admittance,
The pangs of losing a loved classroom, the delay caused by new hierarchy,
The creation of new offices, and the remedial classes
The patient teacher endures teaching
When he himself might teach only AP classes
With his qualifications? Who would these hardships bear,
To grunt and sweat to adapt to a new system,
But that the dread of something worse,
The undiscovered idea from which
No lowered test scores ever return, should give protesters pause
And make nobler beings of us all,
And thus the mercenary tribes of opposition
Are returned to their classrooms following reflection and thought;
And this enterprise of great pitch and moment,
With this regard their currents turn awry
And forget hastily conceived revolution.

Leah Stecher
12th grade student at Santa Monica High School

Watch out, everybody else is doing it

Editor:

I didn't respond to last week's Q-Line question because I felt the question made little sense but after reading the responses you printed (SMDP, May 26-27, page 4), I am convinced the good people of Santa Monica are willing to sacrifice not only their own rights but more frighteningly the rights of everyone regarding anything to ensure their personal definitions of "public safety." I for one would feel safer if the authorities would simply lock up everybody — except me of course because I am an "ordinary" American as our president says and therefore incapable of any criminal offense, be it dropping a cigarette butt or scratching my butt in public. Numerous courts have ruled that a person is "in public" if said person can "be seen by the public" — no matter that you are drinking a beer on your private property front porch. Hence a charge of drinking in public. Unless of course you pay the city for the privilege as in done on the public property Promenade. But it appears the public will feel safer with surveillance of the alleys and simply let the Promenade drinker drive home.

I do not know as fact whether the city and Chief Butts requested and received funding for these cameras under the guise of public safety and the Patriot Act but surely as your readers have commented the stated purpose of said cameras was not presented as a means necessary to watch homeless based on their attire or status within the community as your readers demand in their quest for safety. Human rights, civil rights and the U.S. Constitution be damned as merely a piece of paper insuring nothing, protecting no one but the wealthy and privileged.

Human rights, dignity and privacy be damned. So say our present leaders. Why not just cut to the chase and repeal all Constitutional amendments? I'm certain the guys whose images grace our coin and currency would be more than supportive of those currently working on just that.

In any event, the cameras are just wonderful and are good PR for the city. They'll no doubt be useless against terrorism but will provide "We The People" with a resource to aid "ordinary Americans" in alleged instances of police misconduct. Or is such employment prohibited as I suspect? Perhaps the Attorney General has done any with "rules of discovery" in that littering is now a national security issue.

Thank you, Daily Press, for this opportunity to express my views. Hunter Thompson would be proud of you and your newspaper.

Dennis VanCamp
Santa Monica

GUEST COMMENTARY BY JOHN W. WHITEHEAD

We can learn much from fiction about potential government evils

In times of crisis, there is always concern about the future. However, this has become a modern obsession. From the rabid apocalyptic overtones of fundamentalist religion to modern entertainment, the future looks grim. And by the increasing references to George Orwell and "1984," you would think that Big Brother sits snugly somewhere right behind our TV screens watching our every move.

Are the prophetic warnings of Orwell becoming a reality? "Granted," former Washington political correspondent Daniel Kurtzman writes, "we're a long way from resembling the kind of authoritarian state Orwell depicted, but some of the similarities are starting to get a bit eerie."

Indeed, permanent war, government propaganda, centralized government, the thought police — all components of Orwell's futuristic regime — are present today. We are definitely being watched. This was brought to the forefront with the recent revelation that U.S. government agents listen in on domestic phone calls. And surveillance cameras are appearing in virtually every city across the country. We are being catalogued. In some respects, the future is with us now.

Besides the utterances of various pundits and novelists, movies have been a constant reminder of what our society may become. All good art acts as antennae, so to speak, tuning into cultural trends and projecting the future. Painting at one time served in this capacity. Now that function has been assumed by films.

There are many good movies about the future. The following are 10 of my favorite films that speak to what we have or may become.

The Day the World Ended (1956) The 1950s were concerned with nuclear paranoia. Here a group of nuclear Holocaust survivors hide away in a mountain retreat. Due to radiation poisoning, the human race and the animals have mutated into hideous creatures. Quite unsettling. The lesson for us today is that the nuclear threat is increasing as nuclear arms spread around the world — especially with countries such as Iran.

Fahrenheit 451 (1966) Adapted from the Ray Bradbury novel, this is a story of a futuristic totalitarian society that has banned all books. Firemen exist to burn any contraband books found in the possession of dissidents, with 451 degrees being the temperature at which paper burns. This film is an adept metaphor for our obsessively politically correct society where virtually everyone now pre-censors their speech and certain words and books, including the classics, are taboo and forbidden.

THX 1138 (1970) The directorial debut of George Lucas serves up a dehumanized world of the future where human beings live in underground cities run by computers. The people are force-fed drugs to keep them passive, and they no longer have names but only letter/number combinations such as THX 1138. The real story is the subplot: two humans seek to feel their humanity and recover their sense of identity.

A Clockwork Orange (1971) This masterpiece from director Stanley Kubrick was rated X — essentially for violence — when it debuted. Now it would be a soft R. The future is ruled by sadistic punk gangs and a chaotic government that cracks down on its citizens sporadically. The main character, Alex (masterfully played by Malcolm McDowell), is a violent punk who finds himself in the grinding, crushing wheels of injustice. Essentially a story of man's struggle for free will, this film may accurately portray the future of western society that grinds to a halt as oil supplies diminish, environmental crises increase, traditional morality is destroyed and the only thing left is brute force.

Soylent Green (1973) The film takes place in 2022 in an overpopulated New York City. A policeman investigating a murder discovers the grisly truth about what soylent green — the principal food for people — is really made of. Again the theme is chaos where the world is run by ruthless corporations whose only goal is profit. Sounds a lot like the present.

Escape from New York (1981) An urban nightmare by director John Carpenter where Manhattan is an anarchic prison for America's worst criminals. Convicts hold the U.S. president hostage within the city's walls and a war hero-turned-felon is offered a chance of freedom if he can rescue the chief executive. This is a world ruled by government officials and criminals. Except for the uniforms, however, it's difficult to tell them apart. Remade in 1996 as the inferior Escape from L.A.

Blade Runner (1982) A world-weary cop tracks down replicants — synthetically produced human slaves — who have escaped into 21st century Los Angeles. Genetic engineering and synthetic robotic life have become the fortunes upon which the mega-corporations have built their ruling empires, making it difficult to distinguish humans from synthetic beings. The film questions what it means to be human in an inhuman world. This may be director Ridley Scott's best film.

Nineteen Eighty-Four (1984) First made as a British teleplay in 1954 and later a 1956 film, this version by director Michael Radford is by far the superior effort. No film could do George Orwell's masterpiece justice, but this movie comes the closest. The illegal love affair of a minor government official becomes his attempt to defy the crushing inhumanity of an omniscient state. Fine performance by John Hurt.

eXistenZ (1999) This film by master sci-fi director David Cronenberg sucks us into a world where all reality is a computer game. A security guard attempts to save the life of a computer game designer, but they are both drawn into the designer's weird creations. Surreal but not all that unlikely as technology increases to the point where it is the only reference point — displacing the position formerly held by God.

The Matrix (1999) Everything around us is a computer-generated illusion to disguise the fact that the powers-to-be have decimated the beauty of the natural world. Once a computer programmer, with the help of his new guru, realizes what has happened, the government sends its agents to destroy him. Adept glance at what might be in store for us right around the corner.

The lessons in fiction and art are profound. Can we or are we willing to see — to listen — to learn? We are constantly asked to put blind faith in the government, which many have done in the name of patriotism. But increasingly the government is watching us and censoring our freedom to dissent, which is the hallmark of democratic society. Was Orwell right? Will there come a point when there is no turning back?

(Constitutional attorney and author John W. Whitehead can be contacted at johnw@rutherford.org.)

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STATE BRIEFS

Man guilty of killing his father

By The Associated Press

RIVERSIDE — A jury convicted a man of second-degree murder in the death of his 90-year-old father, whose body was buried for nine days in the son's backyard.

Gerard John Gallo, 53, could face 15 years to life in prison when he is sentenced on June 30.

"I am thankful that justice was done," prosecutor Stephen Gallon said after Tuesday's conviction.

Medical examiners testified that Joseph Gallo had suffered injuries to his face but could not determine how he died because his body was badly decomposed.

Gerard Gallo, who served as his own attorney, denied that he killed his father, arguing that his death last Aug. 18 resulted from a medical problem during a heated argument over money.

Jurors deliberated just 90 minutes before reaching their guilty verdict.

"It was so clear," juror Mike Gutierrez said. "I never wavered from the time they gave closing arguments."

Easter trio looks to zap the police right back

By The Associated Press

SIGNAL HILL — Three young men filed a \$3 million lawsuit against the city and its police department, claiming they were severely beaten and zapped with Taser guns during an unprovoked confrontation.

Attorney James Otto said Tuesday that his clients were mistreated when police responded to a report of a dispute at a park on Easter Sunday.

Ruben Linares Jr., 18, Adrian Hernandez, 24, and Juan Perez, 24, were hit with batons, stepped on and shocked, Otto claimed.

"It's outrageous conduct," he said.

Police declined to comment on the lawsuit, referring the matter to the city attorney's office. After the incident, police said the trio assaulted and interfered with officers at Signal Hill Park investigating a fight involving two women.

City Attorney David Aleshire did not immediately return a phone message Wednesday seeking comment.

Alumni's pipe dreams never materialize

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Some Chatsworth High School students may have hidden a time capsule a little too well before their graduation in 1976.

Alumni spent an hour in the hot sun Tuesday watching the campus gardener dig six holes in search of the capsule that could not be found.

The capsule — a three-foot length of plastic pipe — was said to contain sheet music, American bicentennial commemorative tassel, mood ring and Pet Rock.

None of the alumni were present for its burial three decades ago and relied on rumors about its location.

They intend to keep looking.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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1972 "Womanhouse," created "Girl House" to see how contemporary girls would artistically express their gender-based concerns. Kivel has provided a broad-based feminist curriculum in an interactive format with numerous art exercises, officials said.

Guest speakers have taught on a variety of subjects including self-defense, financial literacy and the Salem Witch Trials. A field trip to the Social and Public Art Resource Center (SPARC) resulted in a 4 foot by 10 foot digital mural, which will also be on display.

The YWCA Santa Monica/Westside provides community service programs to women and children in more than 10 westside communities. Preserving their mission to empower women and to work to eliminate racism, the YWCA offers a housing and education program for emancipated youth; an academic assistance program; ENCORE, an exercise and support program for breast cancer survivors; Girls in Action (G.I.A.), a comprehensive leadership program for middle school girls; and girls' basketball.

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Man says bear was kind during mauling

BY SEAN PEARSON

Associated Press Writer

HOMER, Alaska — Mike Mungoven had two thoughts as he stumbled into a large grizzly on his morning run Sunday.

"I looked up at this huge bear standing just two feet in front of me, the sun shining off its golden-brown fur," Mungoven said. "I remember thinking, 'Wow, that's just beautiful.' And then, 'Oh boy, this is going to hurt.'"

Mungoven was on his regular run Sunday morning, the same path he has taken every morning for several years.

"I always run with my dogs, and remind them to be careful around this particular area because the forest there is more dense with black spruce," Mungoven said. "Next thing I knew, I heard some rustling in the woods and the bear was standing two feet in front of me."

Mungoven and the bear stared at each

other momentarily, and then the bear reacted.

"The bear got me across the shoulder first, then took a couple more swipes at me," he said. "I went down and curled up into a fetal position."

It was a move that Mungoven had been taught many times, and possibly what saved his life.

"It really worked pretty well," he said. "I just played dead. The bear came back and bit me a couple more times and then left me alone."

Mungoven said he speculated that the bear was possibly a female protecting her cubs, as he thought he heard some mewing sounds coming from the woods behind her.

"I really think the bear actually showed quite a bit of kindness in the way she mauled me," Mungoven said.

Thomas McDonough, assistant area biologist for the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, said the four bear maulings on the Kenai Peninsula last year occurred when people surprised bears. Mungoven's case appears similar, he said.

McDonough said this was the first reported mauling of the year.

"It seems that it was just a case of surprise in the woods, and in cases like that, it is not a predatory way," McDonough said. "But if a bear has chronically been a problem, we would certainly want to take care of that bear by either trapping it or dispatching it."

Mungoven said he had heard from neighbors recently that they believe they spotted the bear again during Memorial Day celebrations on Monday.

"We have a potluck for Memorial Day in

our neighborhood every year," he said. "Neighbors said they saw the bear across the field during the volleyball game Monday afternoon. I heard they were planning to have bear-kabobs later."

Mungoven said he was unsure the number of stitches he received during his 11 hours of surgery, but said he knew there were several puncture wounds that doctors had to cut open to clean out.

"The attack itself really wasn't very painful," Mungoven said. "She missed my carotid artery and only got a few bites in. I guess I was lucky all the way around."

After hearing the bear disappear into the woods, Mungoven said, he called after his dogs several times.

"They were at the road, waiting for me to come out of the woods," he said. "They were just sitting there like, 'OK, when you're done playing with the bear, we'll be right here waiting for you.'"

Without a cell phone or transportation, and losing blood from his injuries, Mungoven hiked the more than 1,000 yards back up to his house.

"It's not the first time I've walked in the door and said, 'Honey, we need to go to the emergency room,'" he said. "I don't really think she was expecting a bear attack, though."

In fact, Mungoven's work with the federal Natural Resource Conservation Services as a soil mapper is usually what causes concern for Mungoven's family.

"I do a lot of work out in the field, and our motto is to never come back with bear stories," he said. "We avoid them as much as possible."



Notice is hereby given that the Board of Education of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District will conduct a public hearing and adopt a resolution on the matter of a Special Tax (Proposition "Y") for 2006-07.

The public hearing will be held on June 15, 2006 at 8:00 p.m., in the Santa Monica City Council Chambers at 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401.

Subsequent to the public hearing on June 15, 2006 at the regularly scheduled meeting, it is the intention of the Board of Education to adopt a resolution to levy the tax at the rate of \$116.88 per parcel, which includes a 4.7% CPI adjustment. The CPI-U for Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, base year 1982-84=100, from April 2005 through April 2006, was used to calculate the adjustment.

Woman pleads guilty in plot to blow up Forest Service lab

By The Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — One of three people accused of plotting to blow up a U.S. Forest Service genetics lab and other targets pleaded guilty to conspiracy, federal prosecutors said Tuesday.

Lauren Weiner, 20, of Pound Ridge, N.Y., agreed to cooperate with investigators as part of her plea bargain.

That includes testifying against Eric McDavid, 28, of Foresthill, Calif., and Zachary Jenson, 20, of Monroe, Wash. They remain in Sacramento County Jail and could face five to 20 years in federal prison if they are convicted of conspiring to use fire or explosives to damage property.

The three were arrested Jan. 13 as they allegedly bought bomb-making materials at

a Kmart in Auburn, east of Sacramento.

Three days before their arrests, the three are alleged to have scouted the Nimbus Dam and nearby fish hatchery on the American River near Sacramento, and the Forest Service's Institute of Forest Genetics near Placerville, in the foothills east of Sacramento.

The three planned to act in the name of the Earth Liberation Front, a shadowy group of environmental activists, investigators said. However, the FBI infiltrated the group with an undercover informant. The FBI covertly rented the group a cabin in Dutch Flat, outside Auburn, after agents wired the cabin for audio and video surveillance.

Weiner's sentencing is set for Aug. 8. McDavid and Jenson are set for court appearances Aug. 15.




Research on seals wasn't too steller

BY JEANNETTE J. LEE

Associated Press Writer

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — A judge has ruled the federal government must halt studies of threatened and endangered Steller sea lions because it did not properly assess how certain research techniques might harm the animals.

The National Marine Fisheries Service approved permits for research activities that include hot branding and tissue sampling of thousands of sea lions each year, said the suit filed last year by the Humane Society of the United States.

"We have concerns about the lack of environmental review, the structure of the research and how it's being done," Jonathan Lovvorn, an attorney for the Humane Society, said Tuesday. "Our main goal is and has always been to have them evaluate the research before authorization. We want to see that happen."

The federal agency failed to comply with the National Environmental Protection Act by not preparing an environmental impact statement, and must give up its research permits, according to the decision on Friday by U.S. District Court Judge Ellen Segal Huvelle in Washington, D.C.

Lovvorn said the agency needs to better evaluate different research techniques allowed by the permits, which range from minimally invasive to lethal.

"We don't oppose research in order to benefit the Steller sea lion," Lovvorn said. "The question is are we doing that here in accordance with the law."

The federal agency had issued permits that allowed researchers to attach tracking devices to more than 700 Steller sea lions, brand more than 2,900 and allowed for the incidental deaths of up to 60 of the animals a year, according to court documents.

The permits do not authorize the intentional killing of any Steller sea lions for scientific study, the documents said.

Fisheries service scientists said their research techniques are not harming the overall Steller sea lion population and are necessary to understanding the animals' unexplained decline and how to help them recover.

The research includes population monitoring and foraging and behavior patterns, said Kaja Brix, protected resources division director at the National Marine Fisheries Service's Alaska region office.

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"The lack of ability to do the research certainly will have an impact as far as maintaining continuity in our research program and other entities in the state," she said. "They may have to abandon those studies for the time being and resume them once permits are reinstated."

The agency will have to revoke research permits from federal, state and non-government agencies studying Steller sea lions, including the Alaska SeaLife Center, North Pacific Universities Consortium, state Department of Fish and Game and the Aleutians East Borough.

The organizations are trying to sort out how the ruling will affect their studies.

"Our research here is designed to better understand the Steller sea lion so we can help them recover, but we're going to be operating in a data-poor environment," said Jason Wettstein, spokesman for the Alaska SeaLife Center in Seward.

The aquarium is just miles away from a large Steller sea lion breeding ground in Resurrection Bay and keeps several in captivity for research, or for visitors to view.

"The thing everyone has to remember is that the reason we're working on these projects is we intensely care about the environment and steller sea lions," Wettstein said.

Brix said the fisheries service is already conducting an environmental impact statement, but it could be a year before it's completed.

The Steller sea lion habitat roughly follows the rim of the North Pacific Ocean from northern Japan to the south coast of Alaska. The animals also live on California's Channel Islands.

The number of Steller sea lions in the western stock dropped from about 200,000 originally to 35,000 animals in 2002, federal fisheries scientists estimate. Scientists do not know the original population level of the genetically distinct eastern group, but as of 2002 there were 31,000 animals, with numbers on the rise.

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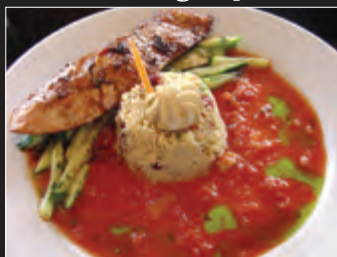
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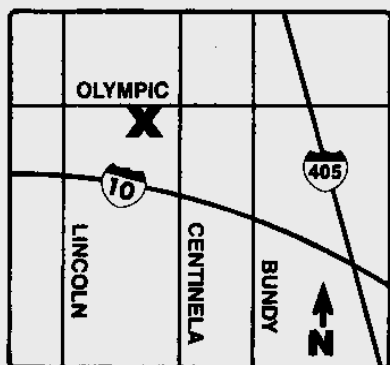
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Homeland Security grants will cover a bigger swath

BY LARA JAKES JORDAN

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — The two cities targeted in the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks will receive far fewer counterterrorism dollars this year than in 2005 in what the Homeland Security Department described Thursday as a need to spread funding out to other communities facing threats.

Homeland Security officials also noted a \$125 million cut in the funds available for the 2006 fiscal year from last year. In all, 46 cities will share \$740 million in Homeland Security grants to prevent and respond to terror attacks and, to a lesser extent, other catastrophic disasters like hurricanes.

“At the end of the day our job is to make sure that we apply resources in an appropriate manner across the full breadth of this nation so that we get the maximum benefit out of those dollars,” Homeland Security Undersecretary George Foresman told reporters in Washington.

State and local officials also need to budget for disaster preparations, Foresman said, calling the federal grants “designed to help us address the extraordinary, not the ordinary.”

The money generally pays for training and equipment for emergency responders.

The cut was attacked by the chairman of the House Homeland Security Committee, who represents the New York suburbs and

vowed to hit back at the department.

“It’s absolutely indefensible, it’s disgraceful. As far as I’m concerned the Department of Homeland Security and the administration have declared war on New York,” Rep. Peter King told the Associated Press.

“It’s a knife in the back to New York and I’m going to do everything I can to make them very sorry they made this decision,” King said.

Homeland Security assistant secretary Tracy A. Henke said biggest share of the dollars still would go to the nation’s largest cities, with New York City winning the largest share — \$124 million, down from \$207 million in 2005. The national capital region, which encompasses Washington and its Maryland and Virginia suburbs, will receive \$46 million, compared to \$77.5 last year.

Hurricane-ravaged New Orleans will receive half of what it got last year — \$4.6 million, down from \$9.3 million — although Homeland Security said the money was to help cities grapple with catastrophic disasters from Mother Nature and terrorists alike.

The funding is part of an overall \$1.7 billion Homeland Security grant program. Under the program, each state and U.S. territory gets some funding, this year totaling \$550 million. Another \$450 million will go to state public safety projects, medical responders and to help citizens prepare for disasters.

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Budget takes suggestions into account

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Other residents have expressed concern with security at local libraries following an attack at the Ocean Park branch involving a homeless man and the head librarian. In the proposed budget, money has been set aside to hire an additional library system security officer and to develop safety plans for all city facilities.

"It is extremely important for everyone to participate in the budget process," Anderson said. "Even if specific suggestions are not addressed, they help us in identifying areas where we may need to increase funding, such as creating more open space, as people suggested."

In identifying spending priorities for the next fiscal year, city staff is required to record all opinions expressed throughout the year by community members.

Residents and business owners can express themselves in a number of ways, the most obvious being to write a letter to the City Council. Another method is to speak before the council and city staff during one of the council meetings, including those scheduled specifically for that purpose.

Those concerned about spending can also send an e-mail to the City Manager and fill out the budget suggestions form that is posted on the city's Web site.

The general idea being that since City Hall is preparing a budget for the public, it needs to provide ample opportunities for residents to voice their concerns and desires.

"Our primary goal is to respond to the city's needs," Anderson said. "I'd like to think this budget reflects those concerns."

Since Jan. 24, city staff has received 127 formal comments in writing or at council meetings. The comments ran the gamut from specific requests, such as funding for the Pico Youth & Family Center, to broad support for programs, including those that deal with homelessness.

In reviewing each suggestion, city staff identified the following themes:

- Parks, specifically dog parks (32 suggestions)
- Parking, traffic and transportation (26)
- Pico youth and family services (15)
- Arts (12)
- Neighborhood planning or concerns (9)
- Homelessness or housing (6)
- Public safety (6)
- Support for youth and education (6)
- Funding strategy suggestions (4)
- Environmental issues (4)
- Other (7)

In an interview last week, City Manager Lamont Ewell said he feels confident that the budget drafted for council's approval reflects those themes. He said the spending plan, which will take effect July 1, represents a return to delivering core services for residents and includes funding for projects identified by the community as important.

The budget provides \$1.6 million for the expansion of services at the new Main Library, Virginia Avenue Park and the Cove Skatepark. The Civic Center Parking structure and the Airport Park, which will include an off-the-leash dog park, are also scheduled to come on-line in the next fiscal year, addressing requests from the public regarding problems with parking and the need for more

dog parks, Ewell said.

To address traffic, Ewell said the budget provides \$5 million for street repaving — an increase of \$2 million over the current budget. There is also \$3 million for upgrades to the streetlight system and \$2.6 million for improvements to the city traffic signal system, all of which is intended to reduce congestion.

With regards to community priorities officially adopted by the council, one of which was enhancing the quality of life in the Pico Neighborhood, Ewell said the budget includes money for the installation of lights in alleys, increased funding for Virginia Avenue Park to cover a full year of operations and a higher level of base funding for the Teen Center.

Reducing the impacts of homelessness was also a community priority adopted by the council. Ewell said the budget sets aside funding to extend the contract of homeless czar Ed Edelman, as well as to host meetings of the Westside Council of Governments to promote communication among neighboring jurisdictions to address regional issues such as transportation and homelessness.

To protect the environment, Ewell said money has been set aside for the promotion of alternative fuel use by city staff and residents. Funds will also be allocated to continue City Hall's sustainable programs.

"We think this budget is right on target," Ewell said.

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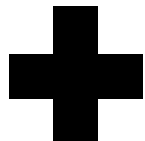
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(Left) A seagull soars into the cloudless sky in Santa Monica on Wednesday. However, Thursday and Friday could see more cloud cover moving in. (Center) A bird in no apparent hurry to go scavenging on the Santa Monica beach over the weekend. (Right) A solitary pigeon isolates a crumb from a hamburger bun a patron at Johnny Rocket's on the Third Street Promenade threw at it, making it

Board mixed

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Superintendent Mike Matthews said.

Matthews could not give any further details about the position or why it has publicly been offered to Straus without discussion or approval by the school board, only saying the position is something that has been discussed throughout the district for three months and is being created. According to Matthews, elementary and secondary schools each pose unique issues that need to be addressed in separate manners.

He expects the board to give full approval of Straus' hiring, that is, if she wants the job.

School board members had mixed reactions upon learning of the job offer to Straus.

"I don't think it's uncommon for the superintendent to talk with a potential candidate and discuss the details and then come to the board after it has been flushed out," said Kathy Wisnicki, school board vice president. "I know we'll have a genuine discussion about it."

School board member Oscar de la Torre had a different reaction.

"I'm concerned because the school board has not seen a job description and we are unclear as to what the position would entail," de la Torre said. "We have to be careful with our budget, that we are not just shifting people around, paying them higher salaries for less responsibility."

Straus has given all indications that she would accept the position, saying she has always wanted to work for the district on secondary education, particularly as an administrator.

"I made a decision that, after Samohi, I would want to work in the central office and support the school district that I love," Straus said. "I've had several offers over the years from other districts, but in the last few months, (SMMUSD) has shown great interest in bringing me on."

Straus said the "great offer" comes at the perfect time. She has fulfilled her commitment to the district, having stayed on as lead principal for two years after her original contract expired. That was partly because she wanted to oversee the implementation of the school's redesign into six smaller learning communities, or houses, complete with their own principals and counselors.

To that end, school board member Jose Escarce believes she has succeeded.

"I think she has been a really positive force for education in our community. She has made important contributions to the redesign," Escarce said. "I think she has been through two things — Samohi redesign is at a point where she's accomplished a lot and can walk away with a sense of satisfaction. She's also been through a difficult year."

Straus said she is also getting married in the fall, which provides her a chance to reconsider her priorities.

"I think it's just the right time to think about the next phase of my career and my life," Straus said.

FRIENDS AND FOES

News of her departure was met with mixed emotions, with critics of Straus celebrating the announcement, while supporters expressed sadness, saying Straus' efforts in the redesign have helped raise student achievement and built stronger ties between teachers and students, as well as faculty and administrators.

"Teachers are more able to know students as individuals, which has had a tremendous effect on student achievement, and for parents, who before may have felt like they couldn't find someone to talk to because the school was so huge," said Maria Rodriguez, PTA president at Samohi. "From my perspective — and I had several meetings with Dr. Straus — she was always responsive."

Criticism has been levied by both teachers and parents. Teachers have complained that Straus' management style is abrasive and retaliatory, and that the position of CEO does not provide her with the ability to foster better relationships with faculty. This had led to low morale on campus.

"Teachers have indicated for some time that the house system has created very good relationships with their house principals, but that they do not have that same relationship with the CEO, Dr. Straus," said Harry Keiley, president of the Santa Monica-Malibu Classroom Teachers Association. "When teachers were asked if they felt valued and supported and whether or not their input was sought, they felt they didn't receive that from the CEO."

A group of parents has sought to have Straus removed, for they believe she is not qualified to handle a campus.

Straus, who served as the principal at the award-winning Lincoln Middle School for 16 years before moving to Samohi, said she understands her critics' frustrations and has listened to their complaints, however, she

has not let them affect her work and the efforts of her staff to redesign the school.

"Improving schools is hard work and it takes time," she said. "... I really believe our leadership team and my work have been focused on doing what is best for the kids ...

"I've been to meetings where I've heard from those who are not happy about the way things are being done, but I want to be fair and say that a large group of (parents and students) are satisfied with improvements made and want to continue to get better ... I think we are better than we were, but we still have lots of work left to do."

WHAT'S IN A CEO TITLE?

Much has been said about Straus' title, Chief Educational Officer, or lead principal. Critics have questioned the use of CEO when it comes to education, preferring to stick with the traditional principal label. The teacher's union has questioned whether or not the position is even necessary, given that each house has its own principal.

With Straus' departure, Keiley said he hopes serious discussion will take place to either identify more clearly the duties and characteristics of the CEO, or to determine if the position should be eliminated in favor of a different organizational structure.

"It is an important conversation that we need to have now, sooner than later," Keiley said. "I think Dr. Straus' decision to move on is a natural progression of the house structure, creating greater autonomy for house principals and teachers within the house."

Keiley said Straus should not be the scapegoat for problems resulting from the redesign of the high school, which is in its fourth year of implementation. By splitting up a campus of more than 3,500 students, Keiley said there are going to be problems that must be addressed over time.

"Being principal is a tough job," Keiley said. "I don't think people realize how difficult it is to be a high school teacher at a large, multi-cultural school. It's very challenging and difficult."

For Straus, the title of CEO never appealed to her, she said. In e-mails, Straus has always added "principal" to her title, preferring to refer to herself as the principal of Samohi rather than the CEO.

"I just know from years of working in this field that there is a cycle to things," Straus said. "At times, everything seems to be going great, and then comes the struggle. But those are important to the process. I think from the struggle comes growth, comes improvement."

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this year for a similar position in Prince George's County, Maryland.

Matthews, who has served as an assistant superintendent after a stint as principal at Malibu High School, said he feels he does not have the qualifications to match what the school board is looking for in the next leader of the district.

"The board wants someone with years of experience as a superintendent and I wanted to respect those desires," Matthews said. "It is very important for the board and the next superintendent to be a good match, and after reading the qualifications and the search criteria, I felt it wasn't appropriate for me to seek that position at this time."

"I respect the board's desire to hire someone with more experience."

Matthews told board members of his decision at the last school board meeting, held May 11, said Kathy Wisnicki, school board vice president.

"I think that we (school board members) were all expecting him to submit an application," Wisnicki said. "But we understand his reason for wanting to gain more experience. We value Mike's work in the district and appreciate the job he has done as interim superintendent."

Some had expressed hope that Matthews would apply for the job and that he would be selected, for Matthews has shown a strong commitment to students and faculty, and he has a familiarity with plans already underway to raise student achievement.

Matthews was also the only potential candidate on the public's radar, since the board has decided to make the superintendent search confidential.

"I'm very disappointed, and people who know me will be surprised to hear that," said Tricia Crane, a former chair of the District Advisory Committee that advises the board on Special Education, and a critic of Matthews when he was principal at Malibu. "I think Matthews has made mistakes in the past, but he has talked openly about them and shown that he is sincere and really cares about the kids."

Friday is the last day for those interested in the position to submit applications. Wisnicki said the board will conduct an initial screening this weekend, following a school board meeting tonight in which the board will hear from the public on what qualities they want represented in the next superintendent.



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Market players needn't lose touch

BY STEVE SELENGUT

Special to the Daily Press

In addition to a well thought out investment plan, successful equity investing requires a feel for what is going on in the real world that we all refer to as "the market."

To most investors, the Dow Jones Industrial Average (DJIA) provides all of the information they think they need, and they worship it mindlessly, thinking that this time tattered average has mystical predictive and analytic powers far beyond the scope of any other market number. A cursory review of New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) Issue Breadth figures — 93 percent of the Dow stocks are traded there — clearly show how the Dow has neither been prescient nor historically accurate with regard to broad market movements for the past eight years. Additionally, this financial icon that investors revere as the ultimate "Blue Chip" Stock Market Indicator has lost its luster, with less than half its members achieving Standard and Poor ratings of A or better, and 20 percent of the issues ranked below investment grade.

Is the 120-year-old DJIA impotent? No, it's certainly helpful for peak-to-peak analysis right now, for example, to see if your large cap only equity portfolio is as high as it was six years ago. But it's based upon a seriously flawed buy and hold investment strategy and universally used as a market barometer, when its original role was as an economic indicator. This is not just semantics. It's Wall Street's rendition of "The Emperor's New Clothes." Possibly, a weighted average of investor-perceived business prospects for 30 major companies is a viable economic indicator, but leading or lagging? Clearly, there is no conceivable way

that any existing average/index can measure the progress of the thousands of individual securities — and mutual funds masquerading as individual securities — that in the real investment world are "The Market." And is there just "a" Market, when REITs, Index ETFs, Equity CEFs, Income CEFs, and even some preferreds are all mixed together in such a way that most brokerage firm statements can't quite distinguish one from the other? Investors are dealing with multiple markets of different types. Markets that don't follow the same rules or respond to the same changes in the same ways. The Dow is dead, long live reality.

Feeling statistically naked? Don't fret. Here are a few real market statistics and lists that are easy to understand, easy to put your cursor on, and useful in keeping you up to date with what's going on in the multiple markets of today's investment world:

■ Issue Breadth is the single most accurate barometer of what's going on in the markets on a daily basis. Statistics for each of the stock exchanges are tracked daily, documenting how many individual issues have advanced versus how many have declined. Rarely are those important numbers reported, especially if they are painting a picture different from that being jammed down investors' throats by institutional propaganda. Would you believe, that in 1999 — when the DJIA and other indices — last achieved All Time High (ATH) levels, monthly Issue Breadth on the NYSE was positive only in April, followed by a 12-month paper bloodbath extending through May of 2000. Since then, Breadth has been positive for six consecutive years.

■ Pay close attention to the number of issues hitting New Fifty-Two Week Highs (52Hs) and Lows (52Ls) each day: For trend

corroboration, and to obtain a wealth of important information for daily decision-making and periodic performance understanding. The recent NYSE Bull Market is clearly evidenced by six consecutive years from April 2000 with more issues hitting new 52Hs than new 52Ls. New Highs nearly tripled New Lows. So much for the standard market tracking tools, not to mention Wall Street manipulation of all the news that's fit to print for investors. Looking at the daily lists of 52Hs and 52Ls will help you determine which sectors are moving in which directions; if interest rate expectations are pointing up or down; which individual issues are approaching either your buy or sell targets and which direction your portfolio market value should be moving.

In recent months, REITs, metals, and energy stocks dominated the hot list while regional banks, utilities and other interest rate sensitive issues were not-sos. Those lists always indicate what's going on now, without any weighting, charting, or hype, making your job almost simplistic. Take your reasonable profits in the issues that have risen to new peaks (sell higher), and purchase the quality issues among those that are at 52Ls (buy lower). High prices often reflect high speculation with Bazooka potential, while lower-priced value stocks often turn out to be bargains. Ishares, foreign closed end funds, mining and energy bloat today's 52H list while preferred shares and Utilities occupy the 52Ls. It's a bit more meaningful than "the Dow is near an All Time High," and a bit scarier as well.

• Throughout the trading day, periodic review of three lists called "Market Statistics" will keep you current on individual issue price movements, active issues, sector devel-

opments and more. How you interpret and use that information will eventually affect your bottom line, whether you are a value stock investor or a small cap day trader. The "Most Active" and the "Most Declined" lists describe individual and group activity, identify where some more detailed research might be appropriate, and provide potential additions to your daily stock watch list. The "Most Active" and "Most Advanced" lists will identify the hottest individual issues and sectors, identify areas where news stories may be worth reading, and instantly make you aware of profit taking opportunities.

I know you are tempted to shout "blasphemy" at the top of your lungs, but the DJIA was developed in a pre-Internet world — actually, pre-automobile world — when the statistics discussed above were unavailable; only the wealthy cared about the stock market; there were no mutual funds, and 95 percent of the population just didn't care. Now here's some blasphemy for you: It is likely that not one person reading this has an investment portfolio that closely resembles the composition of the DJIA. It is just as likely that nearly everyone reading will use the Dow to evaluate portfolio performance. I've never understood that phenomenon, and I know that change takes time but really, the Dow and the other averages have had their day, and far too much of your nest egg, for you to ignore this reality any longer.

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Law school grads are looking to work outside the box

BY JUSTIN POPE

AP Education Writer

For Amy Bennett, owning a Brooklyn wine shop is a far cry from her former life — and income — as a corporate lawyer in Manhattan.

"I take out the trash. I take out the wine and carry cases," she says. But she loves her new career, and the flexibility it gives her to be with her children. And she sometimes uses her J.D., negotiating leases and navigating New York's byzantine liquor licensing laws.

As satisfied as she is, however, Bennett is hard-pressed to think of any peers from her law firm days who have changed tracks so dramatically.

"Most of my colleagues are out making partner now or starting their own firms," she said. "I kind of took a jag."

"Jags" like Bennett's are something many lawyers fantasize about, especially after another long night poring over documents. But surprisingly few take the leap. Many face law school debts, or grow accustomed to a

high-salary lifestyle or, having sunk three years and thousands of dollars into their degree, feel obliged to practice.

And that, experts say, is something to think about before starting law school.

It's a common refrain: "I want to go to law school but I don't want to be a lawyer." But that's a "truly horrible idea," says Weston Donehower, a lawyer at the firm Gilbert, Heintz & Randolph in Washington, D.C. "There are a lot of things you can do with a law degree. But it trains you to be a lawyer. Ninety-eight percent of the jobs that you are now prepared for are lawyer jobs."

In fact, many law school grads eventually go on to a range of fields: business, government, academia — even managing baseball teams (the St. Louis Cardinals' Tony LaRussa). But a law degree costs a lot more these days than it used to, so students unsure about whether they want to practice should ask if they really need the J.D. credential.

Soon after starting law school at Washington University in St. Louis, Deborah Schneider started to see how most lawyers

spend their time and saw it bore little resemblance to a "Law and Order" episode. She was bored to tears. After graduation, she worked for a couple of dot.coms (started by other disenchanted lawyers) and eventually became a career counselor, co-authoring a book targeting younger versions of herself called "Should You Really Be a Lawyer?"

"I spent more time and energy researching the purchase of my car than I did researching the purchase of my law degree, even though law school cost nine times more," said Schneider. In her book, she advises prospective law students to sit in on classes, talk to practicing lawyers and even intern with a firm. For some people, that will validate their decision. For others, it will save them three years and \$150,000.

Why do some people make bad decisions about law school? Schneider and others point to a number of factors.

— The "herd mentality." College seniors and recent graduates feel pressure to get started on a career. Looking around, they see peers applying to law school. And why not? What

other careers have so few prerequisites and such good salaries? Well, Schneider says, more than you might think. Law might be a good option, but don't assume it's the only one.

— Some see law school as three years of intellectual exploration — a way to extend college. True, there are chances to take electives toward the end of law school. But much of the curriculum is set in stone, and is unmistakably pre-professional.

"It's a professional degree," says Sarah Zearfoss, director of admissions at the University of Michigan's law school. "It isn't the same as a liberal arts education, and people who come expecting that are going to be disappointed. And frankly, it's a lot of hard work."

That said, applicants don't need to know exactly what they want to do; they just need to have thought through why they want to be lawyers. Says Georgetown Law dean of admissions Andy Cornblatt: "Some of our best students are people who just sort of found their passion within the general field of law once they got here, and that's fine."

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Balancing family, work vexes moms

BY ANNE WALLACE ALLEN

Associated Press Writer

BOISE, Idaho — Among those seeking mid-life career changes are many women trying to balance the competing demands of family and work.

For most of her working life, Katy Nachman had enough money to take a vacation, but not enough time. About a year ago, that changed. Nachman, who has an MBA, left her marketing job to help her husband run a whitewater rafting and adventure travel business in central Idaho.

Now she has all the scheduling flexibility she needs to travel and be with her family — but “now we don’t have the funds,” said Nachman, 34.

“It’s a huge tradeoff. There’s a middle ground there somewhere that I skipped.”

There’s a debate going on about whether more educated women than ever are giving up on work in favor of being full-time mothers. What’s clear is that many women are looking for more flexible arrangements than they found in the corporate world.

Carol Christ, president of Smith College in Northampton, Mass., said the topic comes up every time she meets with alumni groups.

“There have been a number of stories, really based on anecdotes, rather than systematic data, suggesting there’s the ‘opt-out revolution,’” said Christ.

Instead, she said, most educated women who leave do so for a few years, then return to work when their children are older. “To argue, as some people do, that because individual women make a choice to balance work and family differently when their children are young, that somehow we’re in the midst of a revolution that is compromising the advances of feminism, is really a wrong conclusion,” she said.

Women who leave corporate jobs to find more flexibility probably keep working somewhere, said Claudia Goldin, an economics professor at Harvard University.

“There are a lot of women working out there, striving for careers; guys are putting in more time at home,” said Goldin. “Women still opt out (of jobs), but it doesn’t seem, from all the data we’re looking at, that it’s a growing trend.”

Corporations, meanwhile, are trying to hold on to such workers by offering more flexible time, leaves and other options. They have to, said Lisa Tagliapietra, a spokeswoman for Manpower, the Milwaukee-based global staffing firm, which last month released a policy paper advising corporations to make schedules more flexible to survive a “talent poor, competitive future.”

Sheila Whitehead of Vancouver left the corporate world to teach at a university for seven years while her children were young. When her youngest entered preschool, Whitehead, who has an MBA, looked for part-time work or flexible hours in her former field, pharmaceutical marketing. She couldn’t find it.

So this year she started a business, Beyond 9 to 5, for professionals seeking flexible work and employers trying to find them.

“This is the future,” said Whitehead. “With technology and the global economy, the old model is completely outdated.”

Amy Staufer worked for six years in corporate communications for a large national grocery company in Boise, then quit to be a freelance writer two years ago when she had a baby.

“I was a little nervous; my husband was a little nervous as well,” said Staufer, 30, who wondered if they would be able to pay the mortgage. She now works about 20 hours a week from home. “But I was desperate to have more time at home with my son, so I just took a leap of faith.”

It took Nachman a few years to get up the courage to leave her corporate job. At Northwest Voyageurs, the company she and her husband own north of McCall, she makes about half her old salary and does a bit of everything. She loves her new life.

“Around my early 30s I realized that job satisfaction and life satisfaction were more important to me than any sort of career ladder and any sort of paycheck.”

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'Iron fist' to drop

Iraqi prime minister vows to put stranglehold on Basra gangs

BY QASSIM ABDUL-ZAHRA

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BASRA, Iraq — Iraq's new prime minister declared a state of emergency Wednesday in the southern city of Basra, vowing to crack down with an "iron fist" on rival gangs battling each other for power.

A car bomb in the northern city of Mosul killed five policemen, the latest in an especially bloody week of attacks.

Violence has been escalating in Shiite-dominated Basra, with a wave of kidnappings and the slaying of nearly 140 people in May alone, police said. The tension has been brewing largely due to the growing influence of anti-American cleric Muqtada al-Sadr and his Mahdi Army, and the armed Badr organization, both Shiite groups.

Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki declared the monthlong state of emergency during a visit to the oil-rich region, said Syed Muhammad al-Haidari, a top Shiite official traveling with him. Al-Maliki gave a strong denunciation of the violence that Sunni religious leaders have blamed on Shiite death squads.

"We shall use an iron fist against the leaders of the gangs or those who threaten security," he said earlier in a speech, apparently referring to the militias as well as rival tribal groups. "And we shall ask all security departments to draw up an effective and quick plan to achieve security."

"The size of the security power in this province as far as I know should be sufficient to maintain full control of the security situation, but it seems that these forces are useless with the deteriorating of the security situation in this town," he told about 700 tribal sheiks, religious leaders, officials, army officers and other residents.

Shouting broke out in the auditorium before al-Maliki delivered his speech, with several tribal leaders accusing local officials and security forces of being behind the mounting violence. But al-Maliki calmed them down from the podium, saying "we cannot negotiate with everybody shouting."

The car bomb in Mosul struck a police patrol, killing at least five policemen and wounding 14, including a senior officer. The blast struck in the Dawasa neighborhood of Mosul, 225 miles northwest of Baghdad, heavily damaging nearby stores.

In Baghdad, gunmen killed a Shiite muazzin, the man who calls for the five daily prayers, as he was leaving his house to go to the Imam Ali Mosque in southwestern Baghdad, police Capt. Ali Hussein said.

He also said Jamal Kadhim Hassoun al-Zamili, a former governor of Diwaniyah, 180 miles south of Baghdad, was killed in a drive-by shooting late Tuesday that also wounded two of al-Zamili's guards.

A bomb hidden in an air conditioner exploded in the mayor's office in Muqdadiah, about 60 miles north of Baghdad, killing the mayor, Sheik Allaywi Farhan al-Dulaimi, a member of the Sunni Iraqi Islamic Party, and wounding three of his guards, police said. Provincial Gov. Raad Rashid al-Mula Jawad imposed a curfew on the city and deployed Iraqi army forces there.

At least 19 bodies were found in separate locations in Baghdad, many blindfolded and handcuffed, apparent victims of sectarian killings often blamed on militias.

The new violence came a day after car bombs targeting Shiite areas tore through a car dealership in southern Iraq and a bustling outdoor market north of Baghdad as attacks

nationwide killed 54 people and wounded 120.

Two Iraqi women were shot to death after U.S. forces fired at a car that failed to stop at an observation post in Samarra, north of Baghdad, the military said.

A car entered a clearly marked prohibited area near coalition troops at an observation post, and "shots were fired to disable the vehicle" after it failed to stop despite repeated visual and auditory signals, the military said in a statement, adding that it later learned that the women had been shot. Iraqi relatives and witnesses said the women were killed in the U.S. shooting and there was no warning.

"I was with the victims, one of them was pregnant and about to give birth," said a woman who didn't give her name but said she was a relative of the victims.

The shooting deaths occurred in the wake of an investigation into allegations that U.S. Marines killed unarmed civilians the western city of Haditha.

Al-Maliki, who was meeting with religious leaders, city officials and others, said his trip was an effort to "heal the rift and find a solution for what caused the latest events in Basra."

Britain has about 8,000 troops in the Basra area, along with those of other countries. In the months after the 2003 invasion, British troops enjoyed relative peace in southern Iraq compared with the restive Sunni regions further north.

Violence in the region has escalated. A spokesman for the influential Association of Muslim Scholars, Abdel-Salam al-Qubaisi, warned Sunday that the "Basra province is facing another phase of killings and kidnappings based of sectarian motives."

Two British soldiers were killed in a roadside bombing Sunday in Basra, bringing to nine the number of British personnel who have died in the city this month and pushing total British deaths since 2003 to 113. American deaths, meanwhile, are approaching 2,500.

In September, British troops battled Shiite gunmen in Basra after two British undercover soldiers were seized by police, whose ranks have been infiltrated by Shiite militiamen. British forces staged a raid that freed the men.

Shiite anger also has been stoked by a perceived shift in U.S. policy since the arrival of U.S. Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad, a Sunni Muslim who has criticized the Shiite-led Interior Ministry for human rights abuses and made overtures to Sunni insurgents in hopes of getting them to lay down their arms.

Sunni leaders also ordered the closure of all Sunni mosques in the city and urged preachers not to hold Friday prayers last week to protest the killing of a cleric.

Wafiq al-Hamadani, the imam of Kawaz mosque in Basra, was slain Friday by gunmen in a speeding car.

Al-Sadr has led two armed uprisings against U.S.-led forces in 2004 and has been an outspoken critic of the U.S.-led foreign military mission. His militia, the Mahdi Army, still operates in Basra.

The Badr Organization for Reconstruction and Development maintains it is no longer a militia but is still armed. The group is linked to Iraq's biggest Shiite party, the Supreme Council for the Islamic Revolution in Iraq.

Badr is also widely believed to have links to Iranian intelligence. Badr veterans are believed represented in ranks of the Interior Ministry special commando forces that have been alleged to take part in the abuse of Sunni prisoners.

Hussein wants a halt

BY SINAN SALAHEDDIN

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BAGHDAD, Iraq — Saddam Hussein's defense team on Wednesday accused a prosecution witness of perjury and demanded the court be halted to allow an investigation into the testimonies of all those the prosecution has brought to the stand during the 7-month-old trial.

The accusation came after the defense played a DVD, which it claimed showed that prosecution witness Ali al-Haidari contradicted the testimony he gave in December about a crackdown against Shiites launched by Saddam's regime following an attack on the then-Iraqi leader in 1982 in Dujail.

Al-Haidari testified in December that he was arrested at age 14 in the Dujail sweep and was tortured with electrical shocks and beatings.

One of the videos, shown in court Wednesday, included footage of his testimony in which he insisted there was no shooting attack on Saddam in Dujail on July 8, 1982 — only celebratory shooting to mark the former Iraqi leader's visit.

The DVD then showed al-Haidari addressing a 2004 ceremony in Dujail and praising the attack on Saddam as an attempt by "sons of Dujail ... to kill the greatest tyrant in modern history."

"He's saying something totally different in this tape, contradicting his testimony," defense lawyer Ziyad al-Najdawi told the court. "This is considered a crime of perjury, and we ask that he be investigated for perjury."

"Now that it's been proven that the second witness has given an untrue testimony, we ask that the trial proceedings be stopped to allow for an investigation into the veracity of the other prosecution testimony," he said.

Chief prosecutor Jaafar al-Moussawi said al-Haidari's speech at the ceremony was irrelevant.

"The important thing is his statement that took place before the court under oath. Statements outside the court have no significance. That is customary practice in any justice system," he said.

Chief judge Raouf Abdel-Rahman called a 10-minute recess after the DVD was shown. When he returned, he did not immediately rule on the defense's request.

On Tuesday, a defense witness alleged that al-Moussawi also attended the 2004 Dujail ceremony, claiming this proved the prosecutor was biased and knew al-Haidari's testimony was false. In the video, a man who resembles al-Moussawi was shown talking to participants at the ceremony.

Al-Moussawi said the man in the video was not him, but rather someone who resembles him — one of the ceremony's organizers, Abdul-Aziz Mohammed Bandar. After the recess, Bandar was brought into court and said he was the man in the video.

Saddam and his co-defendants face possible execution by hanging if convicted on the charges.

They are accused of arresting hundreds of Dujail families in the crackdown, torturing and killing women and children and killing 148 Shiites who were sentenced to death for the assassination attempt.

The perjury allegation came as the defense tried to throw doubt on the foundations of the prosecution case.

A witness Tuesday claimed that 23 of the 148 Shiites sentenced to death by Saddam's regime were still alive and that he had met some of them in Dujail recently.

Abdel-Rahman ordered an investigation into the witness' claim.

Defense lawyer Mohammed Munib argued that basic elements of the case against Saddam and his co-defendants had been thrown into doubt and the entire discovery process should be redone and all the prosecution witnesses reviewed.

"The court must reopen the doors of the investigations (into the Dujail case) and recall all the prosecution witnesses," Munib said. "What we have seen has affected the basic evidence on which the prosecution has depended."

The defense aired a second DVD on Wednesday aiming to support its contention the razing of farmlands in Dujail that took place during the crackdown was not a retaliation against its residents for the attack on Saddam. The defense has said it was part of a program to rebuild and modernize Dujail.

The video showed Saddam giving a speech in Dujail declaring that now that the farmlands were destroyed, "We have a lot of land and can let everyone from Dujail have a house."

"They wanted land to build on and live in, but we were not able to before because of the nature of the land," Saddam said, speaking from a balcony as a crowd below cheered. The defense said it did not know the exact date when the speech took place.



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By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — A lawsuit claims that Marilyn Monroe had no connection to many of the items in an exhibit that claims to showcase her possessions.

The exhibit aboard the Queen Mary, which is moored in Long Beach, features items including hair rollers, suitcases, a lipstick holder and a “red shiny dress” that the iconic sex symbol supposedly owned. Thousands of people have paid \$22.95 each to see the exhibit since it opened in November.

The lawsuit filed Friday in Los Angeles Superior Court, however, claims that Monroe had nothing to do with many of the items and that some were made after she died from an overdose of sleeping pills in August 1962.

A spokeswoman for the Queen Mary and the exhibit declined to comment Tuesday to the Los Angeles Times, and the newspaper said it was unable to reach the items’ owner, Chicago collector Robert W. Otto. He has previously insisted the items are authentic.

The lawsuit was filed on behalf of two people who attended the exhibit — Ernest Cunningham, author of “The Ultimate Marilyn,” and Emily Sadjady. It asks that the Queen Mary and exhibit organizers be forced to refund admission fees and also seeks unspecified punitive damages.

“The Queen Mary should have done a little more homework,” said the plaintiffs’ attorney, George Braunstein.

The exhibit opened on the ship after the Hollywood Museum canceled a scheduled show over questions about the authenticity of some of the memorabilia.

NEW YORK — Prince will be honored with a lifetime achievement award at this year’s Webby online awards for his use of the Internet to distribute music and connect with audiences.

In a statement Wednesday, Tiffany Shlain, founder of the awards, described Prince as a “musical genius” and “a visionary, who recognized early on that the Web would completely change

how we experience music.”

The 47-year-old pop superstar was the first major artist to release an entire album, 1997’s “Crystal Ball,” exclusively on the Web, according to the announcement, and “long before MySpace and iTunes, Prince used the Web as a new way to distribute music, premiere videos and build his relationship with his fans.”

His Web site, www.npgmusicclub.com, has more than seven full-length CDs of music unavailable elsewhere.

The awards ceremony will take place June 12 at Cipriani Wall Street in Manhattan. Rob Corddry of Comedy Central’s “The Daily Show With Jon Stewart” will host the show.

Prince will be honored along with winners in 69 categories, as well as five other special-achievement recipients, including Thomas Friedman, a columnist for The New York Times; Gorillaz, a cartoon-fronted rock group; and the founders of the popular social networking site MySpace.com.

The awards, in their 10th year, are given by the International Academy of Digital Arts and Sciences, a group of more than 500 experts on the Internet and other specialties.

Winners and special-achievement honorees are limited to five-word acceptance speeches. Lifetime achievement recipient Al Gore drew laughs and headlines last year with “Please don’t recount this vote.”

HONOLULU — Donald Trump has announced plans for a luxury hotel-condominium tower as part of an \$800 million Waikiki Beach Walk redevelopment project.

Plans for Trump International Hotel and Tower Waikiki Beach Walk include a 350-foot tower with about 460 hotel-condo units. The 775,000 square-foot building is expected to include parking, retail and dining space, as well as a library, wine cellar, lobby bar, cafe, fitness center, spa and separate residential and hotel lobbies.

Reports of Trump’s plans for the project emerged a year ago, but Outrigger Enterprises, the master developer for the project, said only that it was negotiating with a short list of developers.

“Trump Tower will be the most luxurious development in one of the most recognized resort destinations in the world today — Waikiki Beach,” Trump, star of the TV reality series “The Apprentice,” said Tuesday in a news release.

The Trump Organization is partnering with Irongate, a Los Angeles real estate development and investment company that bought the development rights for the site from Outrigger last year.

Demolition of existing buildings is to be completed by the end of July, with construction slated to start early next year and completion planned for early 2009.

MADRID, Spain — Paul Auster, author of “The New York Trilogy” and “The Book of Illusions,” among other works, won Spain’s Prince of Asturias prize for literature Wednesday.

The 59-year-old novelist, poet, screenplay writer and translator was chosen “for the literary renewal he has carried out by uniting the best of North American and European traditions,” said Victor Garcia de la Concha, president of the prize organizers’ committee.

“With his exploration of new areas of reality, Auster has been able to attract young readers by giving an aesthetically valuable testimony of the individual and collective problems of our times.”

Auster was born in Newark, N.J. After graduating from Columbia University, he lived in France where he translated Mallarme, Sartre and other writers.

He gained fame for his detective story series, “The New York Trilogy,” in which he deals with existential issues and the search for identity. Auster is also the author of “The Music of Chance” and “The Book of Illusions.”

The Prince of Asturias awards are also given in the fields of social sciences, scientific research, communications and humanities, international cooperation, public service and sports.

The prize for literature was the fifth announced so far this year.

The awards are presented each fall in the northern Spanish city of Oviedo, capital of the Asturias region.

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MOVIEGUIDE

SHOWTIMES: TUESDAY, MAY 31, 2006

Broadway Loews Cineplex
1441 3rd Street
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United 93 (R)
1:45, 4:15, 7:15, 10:00

X-Men: The Last Stand (PG-13)
11:00am, 12:30, 1:30, 2:30, 3:30, 4:30, 5:25, 6:30, 7:30, 8:30, 9:45, 10:30

Mann’s Criterion Theatre
1313 3rd Street
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12 and Holding (R)
12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00

Mission: Impossible III (PG-13)
12:30, 1:00, 3:20, 4:10, 6:10, 7:20, 9:00, 10:20

Poseidon (PG-13)
11:30am, 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30

Proposition, The (R)
11:40am, 2:10, 4:40, 7:10, 9:40

See No Evil (R)
12:50, 3:00, 5:30, 7:40, 10:10

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Akeelah and the Bee (PG)
1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 9:50

Da Vinci Code, The (PG-13)
12:20, 1:45, 3:00, 3:45, 5:15, 6:30, 7:10, 8:45, 9:50, 10:30

Keeping Up With the Steins (PG-13)
1:05, 3:15, 5:30, 7:50, 10:10

Over the Hedge (PG)
12:30, 2:35, 4:50, 7:20, 9:30

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Nuwilshire Theatre
1314 Wilshire Blvd
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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

Laemmle 4-Plex Theatre
1332 2nd Street
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An Inconvenient Truth (PG)
12:15, 1:30, 2:45, 4:00, 5:15, 7:00, 7:45, 9:30, 10:15

Friends With Money (R)
3:00, 7:30, 9:45

Sketches of Frank Gehry (PG-13)
12:45, 5:25

Water (PG-13)
1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 9:55

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MORE TODAY IN HISTORY

In 1796, Tennessee became the 16th state.

In 1801, Mormon leader Brigham Young was born in Whitingham, Vt.

In 1868, James Buchanan, the 15th president of the United States, died near Lancaster, Pa.

In 1926, actress Marilyn Monroe was born in Los Angeles.

In 1943, a civilian flight from Lisbon to London was shot down by the Germans during World War II, killing all aboard, including actor Leslie Howard.

In 1944, the British Broadcasting Corp. aired a coded message intended to warn the French resistance that the D-Day invasion was imminent.

In 1958, Charles de Gaulle became premier of France.

In 1977, the Soviet Union formally charged Jewish human rights activist Anatoly Shcharansky with treason. (Shcharansky was imprisoned, then released in 1986.)

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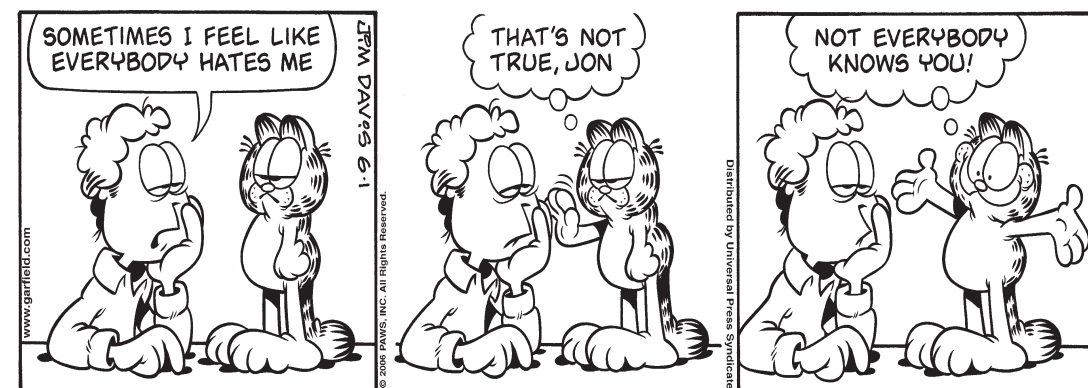
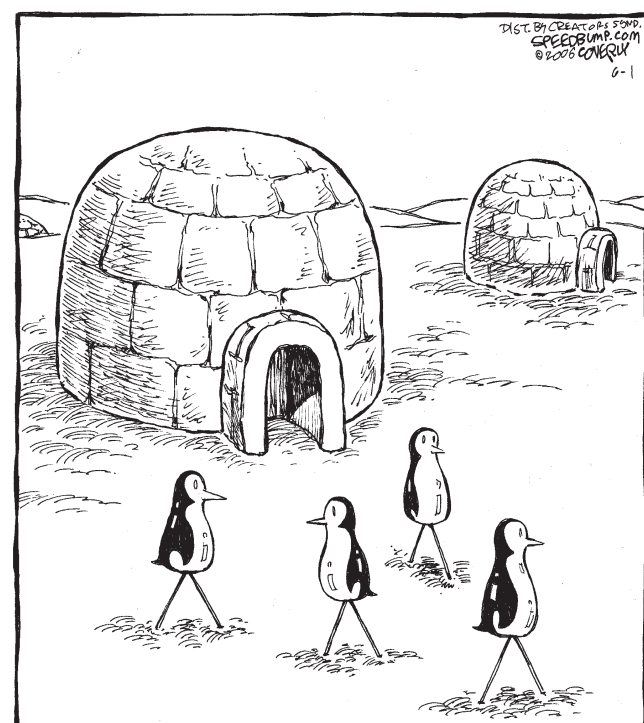
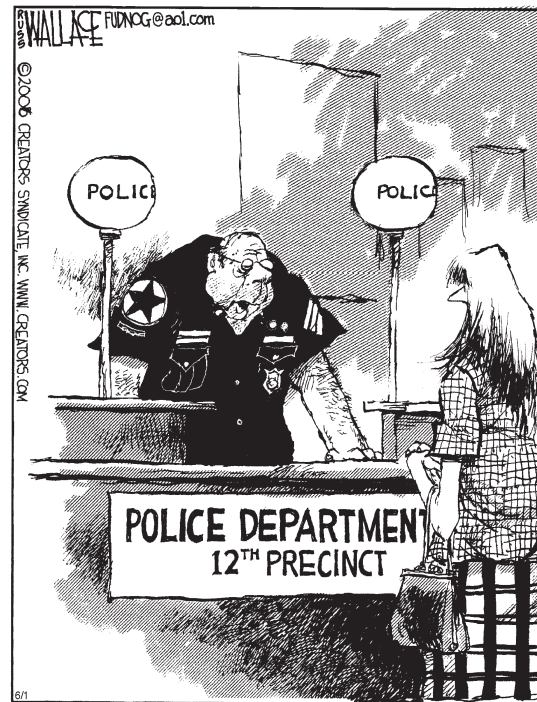
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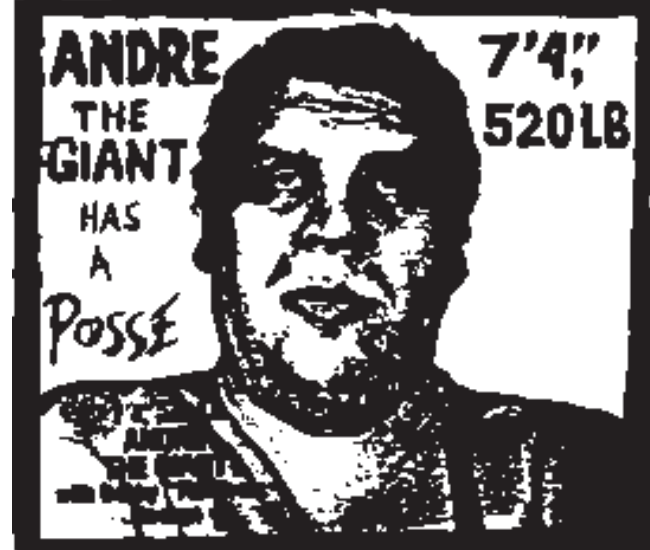
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