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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

In April, noted surgeon Sir Magdi Yacoub and a team at Ormond Hospital in London re-started and re-inserted the original heart of a 12-year-old girl after it had been in storage for 10 years while she lived with a donated heart. Because the donated heart was finally showing signs of rejection, Dr. Yacoub decided that the original, which was removed because of acute inflammation, might have repaired itself enough to work again.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 153rd day of 2006.
There are 212 days left in the year.

On June 2, 1953, Queen Elizabeth II of Britain was crowned in Westminster Abbey, 16 months after the death of her father, King George VI.
In 1886, President Cleveland married Frances Folsom in a White House ceremony.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"There is a Law that man should love his neighbor as himself. In a few hundred years it should be as natural to mankind as breathing or the upright gait; but if he does not learn it he must perish."

ALFRED ALDER

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City assumes the positions

This is the fourth installment in an ongoing series exploring the 2006-07 city budget

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL — Officials here are looking to create roughly 25 new positions to help city departments that are overworked and understaffed

provide better services to the public. The Department of Community and Cultural Services is requesting the largest number of employees, with 8.9 full-time positions expected to be added when the City Council approves a \$448 million spending plan later this month. In all, the total cost of the 24.9 full-time positions to be added is just

under \$1.7 million. This includes salary and all associated fringe benefits, including health care and pensions. Many of the positions have been created by the completion of capital improvements projects, such as the new Main Library and Virginia Avenue Park, while others are the result of requests by department heads who feel their employees are

stretched to the limit, and therefore, have had to put off other tasks important to the community. Either way, City Manager Lamont Ewell said he feels it is crucial to hire the right number of employees, because "you can create all of the programs that you want to, but

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Photo courtesy

TASSLE TOWN Seniors from St. Monica Catholic High School whoop it up after commencement ceremonies on Thursday.

Justice served for law tipster

BY KEVIN UEDA
Special to the Daily Press

LOS ANGELES — The county board of supervisors approved a \$10,000 payment on Tuesday to an informant who helped authorities locate and convict an escaped felon wanted in connection with two separate kidnappings of an elderly Sunset Park woman. Each of the five board members agreed to forward \$2,000 apiece from public funds to an anonymous informant who tipped two U.S.

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The graduates

St. Monica's seniors cap off a career

By Daily Press staff

LOS ANGELES — They're going to Disneyland! Bedecked in caps and gowns — green for the boys, Notre Dame gold for the girls — the 132 members of the Class of 2006 for St. Monica Catholic High School eagerly collected their diplomas on Thursday night in a ceremony at Loyola Marymount University's Gersten Pavilion. This fall, the majority of the graduates — 77 girls and 55 boys — will head off to 39 area and state colleges

and universities, including UCLA and Berkeley, and other schools across the country. Following the post-graduation reception at Loyola, attended by parents, school staff and friends, the graduates filed onto buses for Grad Night in Anaheim for a night of free rides and music. Mackenzie Weinger, 18, was honored as class valedictorian after compiling a 4.6 weighted grade point average. Weinger plans to attend the

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Cops bust two after a slew of robberies

BY CAROLYN SACKARIASON
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE — Police said they have arrested two men believed to be responsible for four armed robberies within a four-day span that occurred throughout the city last month. Joshua Eli Raff, 19, of Santa Monica, and Casey Gerald Bowen, 21, of West Los Angeles, were arrested on May 21 by LAPD after they were pulled over at Ruth and Dewey streets in Venice, said Santa Monica Police Lt. Frank Fabrega. They have been charged with possession of a firearm and multiple armed robbery charges in Los Angeles and Santa Monica, Fabrega added. On one of the suspects, police found the driver's license of a victim who was robbed at gunpoint on May 21 in the 1000 block of 16th Street, which is between Washington and California avenues in Santa Monica. The duo allegedly began their spree three days earlier when a man was robbed at gunpoint in the 100 block of Ashland Avenue at about 12:54 a.m. on May 18. The victim told Santa Monica Police officers that he was walking home when a suspect approached him, displayed a gun and demanded his wallet. The victim complied and gave him his wallet, which contained \$60. The suspect then ran off.

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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS The stars show the kind of day you'll Have:

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ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ Your playfulness comes out. You enjoy yourself in nearly any situation that heads your way.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ You might serve as an anchor to a family member or key partner. An expenditure might be justified, but you still might not want to go down that path.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ You speak your mind well. You are a sign that loves words and communication. Put yourself 100 percent into whatever you say or think.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ Review a money matter with energy. Listen to feedback that heads in your direction. You might want to clear your desk or mind of some financial matters.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ Melt others' barriers with a smile. You'll like the end results and perhaps gain an understanding that you didn't have previously.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ You move slowly at first. But you turn from tortoise to hare by the afternoon, when the Moon slides into your sign.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ A decision might not be written in stone. You might want to challenge what is happening with an eye to positive changes.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ You might want to think more carefully about a professional matter. You might want to revamp your finances with greater clarity.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ Read between the lines when dealing with a situation. You might change your tune because of new information heading your way.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ Work with an associate carefully. You might gain a very different perspective because of what is said.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ You can shake your head and disagree with someone, but what you need to understand is that he or she is on the same track as you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ Focus on what you want to do rather than what you have to do. The end result will be much better if you go with the moment and opportunity.



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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

A mindful summer

By Daily Press staff

This summer, there's much more to do at the city's libraries than read. Several events are on tap that range from a talk with a veteran Hollywood actor to learning about genealogy and learning how to nurture one's inner self. Here's a line-up of scheduled events at area libraries:

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7: CREATIVE JOURNALING

The workshop presents journaling as a means to crack open creative capabilities in writing and drawing. The workshop will be held from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Fairview branch of the Santa Monica Public Library, located at 2101 Ocean Park Blvd. For more information, call (310) 450-0443.

MONDAY, JUNE 26: AN EVENING WITH TAB HUNTER

Legendary Hollywood leading man Tab Hunter is featured in film clips, a special interview, and audience question and answer session. Hunter starred in a number of memorable films, including *Damn Yankees*, *Battle Cry*, *Ride the Wild Surf*, *Lust in the Dust* and *Polyester*. He will be discussing his life, entertainment career and recent autobiography, *Tab Hunter Confidential: The Making of a Movie Star*. A book sale and signing will follow. The interview and discussion will be moderated by Dr. Chris Freeman, a professor from the University of Southern California. The event will be held from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Martin Luther King, Jr. Auditorium, located at 601 Santa Monica Blvd. For more information about the free public program, contact the Santa Monica Public Library at (310) 458-8600; or visit the library's Web site at www.smpl.org.

The Montana branch library is especially bustling with events. The following events will take place at 1704 Montana Ave. For more information, call (310) 829-7081 or go to <http://www.smpl.org/depts/branches/Montana/>

SATURDAY, JUNE 10: JEWISH GENEALOGY WORKSHOP

Consider it genealogy 101. The workshop will attempt to explain how to unearth family roots. Barbara Algaze of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Los Angeles will be leading the discussion. Algaze has been researching her own German-Jewish and her husband's Sephardic roots since 1983, when she began interviewing family members on both coasts of the United States. The workshop will take place at 11 a.m. in the community room.

THURSDAY, JUNE 15: CREATING NEW BEGINNINGS FOR BABY BOOMER WOMEN

The purpose of the course is to help baby boomer women, born between 1946 and 1964, explore issues affecting them as they age. Through discussion and the use of a variety of modalities — guided imagery, art, meditation, storytelling, poetry, creative expression — class members will be invited to explore both positive and negative images connected with aging. Class discussions will include topics such as nurturing the inner self, new beginnings, achieving goals, life lessons, the meaning of dreams, accessing creative powers, coping with stress and relationships. The course will be led by art therapists

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CORRECTION In the May 26 article on the acquittal of a Santa Monica woman charged with the murder of an unborn baby, there was an error. Defense attorney Steffeny Holtz said prosecutors called one eyewitness who said they saw Holtz's client in the area of the murder just before the crime occurred. Holtz said the witness testified that she was only 75 percent sure the woman she saw was Holtz's client. Holtz also said that there was no evidence collected at two Santa Monica homes searched by the Los Angeles Police Department, contrary to statements made by officers at the time of her client's arrest.

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HIGH TIDE	3:03 PM	3.42 FEET	N/A	N/A
WEDNESDAY				
LOW TIDE	8:27 AM	0.09 FEET	7:54 PM	3.13 FEET
HIGH TIDE	12:33 AM	4.87 FEET	4:06 PM	3.56 FEET
THURSDAY				
LOW TIDE	9:18 AM	0.44 FEET	1:28 AM	4.35 FEET
HIGH TIDE	4:55 PM	3.78 FEET	N/A	N/A
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HIGH TIDE	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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?

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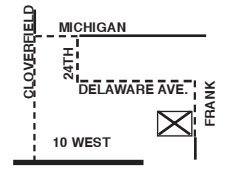
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EDITORIAL

Taking destiny in your hands

 In five days, millions of Californians can influence the future. On Tuesday, June 6, the statewide primary election will be held, the outcome of which will likely decide the fall elections. Sadly, mid-term election races don't attract the crowds they should, nor are the majority of people prepared to cast their votes.

One needs only look at the last two presidential elections to understand that every vote counts. As a country, our present situations might be drastically different had more people cared enough to take the time to understand the issues, the candidates and what was at stake.

There is plenty at stake in California. And on Tuesday, we have the opportunity to choose the people that will help shape our destiny. One race in particular, the 41st district assembly seat — which encompasses Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Encino, Hidden Hills, Malibu, Pacific Palisades, Port Hueneme, Oak Park, Santa Monica, Tarzana, Topanga, Woodland Hills and portions of Oxnard and Westlake Village — will affect local residents the most.

There are seven candidates vying for the seat, three of whom live in Santa Monica. This legislator will help guide reforms in education, the environment, development, transportation and traffic issues, as well as an untold number of issues facing the Westside and along the coast.

While the majority of them have campaigned on those issues, their stances and plans differ from one another. While we aren't endorsing candidates, we do feel it would be in local residents' best interests if they voted for one of Santa Monica's own.

To learn more about the candidates for the 41st Assembly District, log on to www.aroundthecapitol.com/elections/AD41.

On the county level, there are 28 candidates seeking eight judge seats. It's between two candidates for county assessor; five for sheriff and three for supervisor.

For more on the county races, log on to www.lavote.net.

The statewide elective offices are equally important — these are people who will be controlling our money, our economy, and ultimately, our quality of lives in California. After deciphering their campaign rhetoric, voters need to discern who is best suited for the job.

There are nine statewide contests — 16 candidates for governor; nine for lieutenant governor; seven for secretary of state; 11 for controller; seven for treasurer; six for attorney general; five for superintendent of public instruction; seven for insurance commissioner; and within the four districts of the board of equalization there are a total 27 candidates. In addition, there are races to be decided in 53 Congressional districts, and 20 state senate and 80 state assembly seats.

Log on to http://www.ss.ca.gov/elections/elections_cand.htm or vote-circle.com for more information on the candidates.

Two propositions will appear on the ballot, asking voters to take on debt to fund libraries and the other to raise taxes on the wealthy to pay for a statewide preschool program.

Proposition 81 is the "Public Library Bond Act," a \$600 million bond for local library facilities. The state government would use the bond to give grants to local governments to construct new libraries, expand and renovate existing ones, acquire land for additional libraries and equip them. It would cost an estimated \$1.2 billion to pay off the bond.

Proposition 82 is the "Public Preschool Funding Initiative." The program would provide voluntary and free preschool for 4-year-olds for one year. The proposal is to tax individuals who make more than \$400,000 a year and couples that earn \$800,000 at a rate of 1.7 percent. It would generate about \$2.1 billion in 2007-08, growing to about \$2.6 billion in 2010-11 — when the preschool program would be open to all 4-year-olds in the state.

Log on to www.voterguide.ss.ca.gov for more information on the propositions.

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Don't squander your democratic right by staying home on Election Day. Participate and be part of the solutions.

They may not be sexy, but still vital

THE SOAP BOX BY BENNET KELLEY



Politicians and pundits, start your engines. With California and 12 other states holding primaries over the next two weeks and another 26 states having primaries between July and September, the 2006 mid-term elections are about to heat up. This is a critical election, since Democrats may regain one or both houses of Congress, which would enable them to reverse or block the Bush agenda and investigate the administration's handling of Iraq and other issues. While the winner of this election is a matter of speculation, one result is certain — it will be ignored.

Mid-term congressional elections are the stepchild of American politics. Presidential elections are media events that build from the summer political conventions to an October climax with the televised debates and then the candidates' final cross-country barnstorming continuing into November. Mid-term congressional elections, however, generate only a fraction of the media coverage of the presidential campaigns since there are 468 races to cover instead of one and no debates or "whistle stop" tours to focus media attention.

Consider, for example, the 1998 mid-term elections which not only would define the national political agenda for the next two years and, given the Republicans' frenzy over impeachment, also had the potential to decide who would be president. Yet the election received only 14 percent of the news coverage of the prior tepid presidential campaign and that year more Americans watched the finale of Seinfeld — a show about nothing — than voted in the election.

This has gotten worse as networks cut back their political coverage. Network news coverage of mid-term elections has dropped from an average of 8.1 minutes of coverage per night in 1994 to only two minutes in 1998 and 4.25 minutes in 2002. The results in 2002 would have been about the same as 1998 were it not for the drama of Minnesota

Senator Paul Wellstone's plane crash and New Jersey Senator Robert Torricelli's withdrawal in the campaign's final weeks.

This disparity begs the question as to why we have nationally televised debates for presidential elections but not for the mid-term congressional elections that follow.

There have been televised debates in every presidential election since 1976. The institutionalization of these debates has been valuable to the voters as, for example, more than 62 million people watched the first Bush-Kerry debate. The debates are important because they afford voters a rare opportunity to hear the candidates speak on an array of issues — instead of the sound bites that often prevail during the rest of the campaign.

Establishing nationally-televised debates for mid-term elections will yield the same benefits as the presidential debates and, hopefully, increase the historically lower voter turnouts for these important elections. The parties should follow the model of the presidential debates and establish a bipartisan commission to select venues and procedures. I recommend four regional debates covering the Northeast, South, Midwest and West which would vary between a town hall and moderator format.

John Kennedy once said that the "ignorance of one voter in a democracy impairs the security of all." Televised mid-term debates would allow voters to view the election in its national context and make an informed decision on the critical issues of the day. Mid-term debates also would give national and local media a focal point through which it can easily increase its paltry coverage of the mid-term elections.

Can anyone seriously believe that having 42 million fewer voters in mid-term elections is a good thing? Does anyone contend that the challenges that confront us today — Iraq, nuclear proliferation, the budget deficit — are any less pressing than the challenges we faced two year ago or will face in 2008?

Our future is just as important in mid-term years as in presidential election years, as is our obligation to shape it.

(Bennet Kelley is the former national co-chair of the Democratic National Committee's young professional arm and the publisher of BushLies.net. He can be reached at bennet@bennetkelley.com.)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

They're watching everywhere

Editor:

Regarding "Despot becomes him; Bush has gone bananas" (SMDP, May 19, page 4). Bennet Kelly is all hot and bothered because Bush is collecting phone numbers in an effort to protect us against terrorism. Bennet thinks Bush has gone bananas.

He tries to scare us by quoting several Congressmen warning us that the nation is slipping toward dictatorship. He implores us to fight the creeping "Banana Republicanism."

So, I find it ironic that his commentary appears in the SMDP one day after the announcement in the same paper that the decidedly non-Bush, non-Republican, Santa Monica City Council has installed 123 video cameras to spy on us. The reason they give for the cameras is the same as Bush's — "protection against terrorism."

Certainly videotaping all the Santa Monica residents from 123 different locations is a massive invasion of our privacy. Would you rather have your phone numbers noted or know that all your actions are being recorded on tape?

Consequently, I expect Bennet to either lead the charge in getting these cameras removed or admit that sometimes to protect our safety we need to forgo some of our privacy.

Eric Cooper
Santa Monica

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CRIME WATCH

By Daily Press staff

Robber gets caught with his pants down

On Thursday, May 25, at 9:53 p.m., Santa Monica Police officers responded to the 400 block of California Avenue regarding a possible burglary in progress. When officers arrived, they saw a nude man inside the residence. Officers established a perimeter, and eventually the suspect was brought outside and taken into custody, police said. He was identified as Brian Lee Harlow, 45, a transient. Harlow insisted he lived at the location, police said. He was booked for attempted robbery. His bail was set at \$50,000.

On Monday, May 29, at 8:11 p.m., officers responded to the 1900 block of Third Street regarding unknown trouble. When officers arrived, they saw several juveniles spray-painting on a wall. The suspects were detained and arrested for vandalism. They were later released to their parents. No bail was set. Names of the suspects were not released because they are under the age of 18, police said.

On Monday, May 29, at 2:16 p.m., officers responded to the 300 block of Santa Monica Boulevard regarding a robbery investigation. When officers arrived, they spoke with an alleged victim who said she was walking down the street when a man came from behind and tried to grab her purse. The woman managed to escape with her purse and notified police. When officers contacted her, she was able to give police a description of the attacker. Police arrested a man fitting that description shortly after the alleged attack. He was identified as Deaury Charles Ross, 23, of Hawthorne. Ross was charged with attempted robbery. His bail was set at \$50,000.

On Sunday, May 28, at 12:21 p.m., officers responded to the 300 block of Santa Monica Boulevard — Britannia Pub — regarding a report of trespassing. When officers arrived, they contacted the manager of the pub, who said a man had entered the establishment and did not purchase anything. He was asked to leave, but refused, police said. When officers arrived, they arrested the man for trespassing. He was identified as Jacob Daniel Hill, 20, a transient. His bail was set at \$500.

On Thursday, May 25, at 8:04 p.m., officers responded to the 1800 block of 16th Street regarding a report of an assault. When officers arrived, they spoke with a woman who said she got into an argument with her neighbor, who allegedly attacked her with a baseball bat. The woman was not injured, police said. Apparently, the argument started because of name-calling. The alleged attacker, Maria Barba, 38, of Santa Monica, was arrested and booked for assault. Her bail was set at \$30,000.

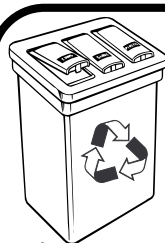
On Monday, May 22, at 7:17 p.m., officers responded to the 1600 block of Ocean Front walk regarding an assault investigation. When officers arrived, they spoke with a man who said he was attacked by a man who wanted to steal his radio. When the man refused to hand over the radio, he said the suspect grabbed his radio and threw it at the alleged victim, striking him. The suspect then left to retrieve a wood plank, which he used to strike the alleged victim's dog, police said. The victim was able to identify the attacker, who was later arrested and booked for assault, police said. He was identified as Justin Alexander Ellison, 28, a transient. His bail was set at \$30,000.

On Friday, May 26, at 11:20 p.m., officers in the 300 block of Colorado Avenue responded to Sears after receiving a report of a theft in progress. When officers arrived, they spoke with security who said they had an employee in custody for embezzlement. Apparently, the suspect had taken over \$860 over one month's time from cash registers. On the day of the report, security said the employee had taken \$100, which was recovered. Security at the store desired to prosecute. The employee was arrested and charged with embezzlement. He was identified as Joseph Rizk, 22, of Los Angeles.

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Newspaper reader aids PD in finding suspect

BY CAROLYN SACKARIASON

Daily Press Staff Writer

SUNSET PARK — Acting on a tip from a Santa Monica Daily Press reader, local police were able to hone in on a Santa Monica man who is suspected of allegedly running over another man in a fit of road rage.

The victim was taken to a local hospital

with serious injuries, but survived.

Ronald Erwin Eisenberg, 52, was arrested for attempted murder on May 26 at his home in the 2000 block of 14th Street. He allegedly ran over a man on May 24 at 8:10 p.m. near the intersection of Ashland Avenue and 11th Street, according to Santa Monica police.

Police said the victim was allegedly fol-

lowed by Eisenberg from the area of 14th and Pearl streets. Eisenberg is thought to have then followed the victim for several blocks while honking his horn. When the victim got out of his vehicle to confront him, Eisenberg drove toward the victim and struck him with his vehicle.

After reading an article in the May 26 edition of the SMDP, a neighbor of Eisenberg

recognized the description of his vehicle and alerted police. When police went to Eisenberg's house, they found a 1998 Toyota 4-Runner. Evidence was taken from the vehicle and Eisenberg was put under arrest.

"It's just amazing to us and we are so appreciative that your reader was able to bring this case to a successful arrest," Fabrega said.

Two suspects arrested in Venice after series of armed robberies

ROBBERIES, from page 1

About 30 minutes later, another man was held at gunpoint in the 900 block of Second Street at 1:25 a.m. The victim said a man walked up to him, displayed a gun and demanded money. He took an undisclosed amount of cash and fled on foot.

The following day, May 19, another robbery occurred in the 700 block of 10th Street at 1:51 p.m. The victim was sitting in his car when a suspect approached the passenger side, displayed a gun and demanded his wallet. The suspect took off with \$24, Fabrega said.

On May 21, the two robbers struck again, this time on 16th Street. At 8:38 p.m., SMPD officers responded to the 1000 block, where the victim told them a man approached him from behind while he was walking, demanded money and fled with an undisclosed amount of cash.

About two hours later, LAPD called SMPD officers to inform them that they had arrested Raff and Bowen, linking them to all four rob-

beries. At about 10:30 p.m., LAPD officers attempted to stop the suspects' vehicle in Venice, but before they stopped, they sped up and officers watched one of the suspects throw a gun out of the window, Fabrega said. The gun was later recovered. After conducting a search, officers found the victim's driver's license in the suspects' possession.

Three of the robberies were north of Wilshire Boulevard. Raff lives in the 1000 block of Third Street, in the same neighborhood, police said.

Unrelated to the robberies to which Raff and Bowen are allegedly connected, an attempted armed robbery took place on May 16 in the 200 block of Montana Avenue. A woman told police that as she was walking on the sidewalk just before 8:30 p.m., a black man in his 40s wearing a trench coat pulled a gun on her and demanded her purse. She refused and the suspect ran off. The suspect was described as five feet, 10 inches tall and 150 pounds.

Anyone with information is asked to call the SMPD's robbery unit at (310) 458-8451.

Convict wanted for SM crimes

INFORMANT, from page 1

Marshals to the location of Alonzo Fitzgerald Taylor, who was later convicted of burglary, kidnapping and escape, according to a Board of Supervisors staff report.

On May 3, 2005, Taylor was to stand trial for charges on receiving stolen property and unlawful driving of a vehicle.

The only problem was Taylor never showed up.

At the criminal courts building in downtown Los Angeles, Taylor obtained a white jumpsuit, which signifies a freed inmate. He changed out of his green inmate jumpsuit and walked away from the facility just one day before his trial was to start.

Taylor had been classified as a "low-risk" inmate at the Northern County Correctional Facility in Santa Clarita, Calif., despite pending felony charges.

At the time of his escape, he was also awaiting trial on seven felony counts for the two kidnappings in Sunset Park in Fall 2004. Taylor was said to have used a syringe and a screwdriver to rob and assault an elderly woman who lived on the 1000 block of Bay Street. He also allegedly threatened to burn her house down, which is a criminal threat.

Sheriff Lee Baca acknowledged that employee slip-ups allowed Taylor to walk out of the criminal courts building.

The board of supervisors subsequently issued a notice offering a \$10,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of Taylor.

Two weeks later, a person in Forest Park, Georgia, recognized the face from a wanted poster for an escaped 41-year-old, black-haired, 6-foot, 4-inch, 220-pound convict: Alonzo Fitzgerald Taylor.

According to the staff report, the person acted as an informant to John Hinton and Tim Boggs, two U.S. Marshal representatives. The informant agreed to meet them at a work location and help locate Taylor.

One week later, on May 21, 2005, the informant came in contact with Taylor and immediately notified the U.S. Marshal representatives, according to the staff report.

Hinton and Boggs arrived with additional officers at the Home Lodge Inn and arrested Taylor.

A county code allows each board member to reward a maximum of \$5,000 apiece from public funds.

"In particularly heinous crimes, or where the community is at risk, the board may increase reward amount," said Angie Montes, from the department of supervisors of fiscal operations to the executive office. "There's no limit on that."

What constitutes a "heinous crime" is likely up to the board of supervisors' interpretation, Montes said.

By June 2, 2005, Taylor was back in Los Angeles, facing another charge — escape.

Taylor was subsequently found guilty of burglary, kidnapping and escape. As a third-strike felon, he was sentenced to 62 years to life in prison.

Prior to his third strike, Taylor had previously served time in prison for two burglary convictions. He served two years for a 1991 conviction, and 12 years for a 1994 conviction. Both crimes took place in Torrance, Calif., said DA spokeswoman Sandi Gibbons.

Former Olympic silver medalist Danny Harris was first charged for Taylor's crimes in 2004, regarding the kidnappings. He spent about two months in jail before he was cleared of the charges.

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Parks old and new await more staffing

NEW JOBS, from page 1

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"The new positions are all in areas of critical need to meet the public's expectations for service and to address major community concerns," Ewell said.

For Community and Cultural Services, director Barbara Stinchfield said she is looking to add nearly 9 full-time positions to extend hours at the Cove Skatepark and the Teen Center. A groundskeeper, irrigation technician and a custodian will also be added to support two new parks that will come on-line this fiscal year — the Airport and Euclid Street parks.

If the positions are not approved by the council, Stinchfield said, "we would have to spread the staffing we have, which would mean we wouldn't be able to keep park maintenance up to our standards."

"This is a good deal for the community," Stinchfield said of the positions requested.

The department of Environmental and Public Works Management is requesting the second largest number of new employees with 6 full time positions. These positions include an architect, administrative staff assistant, facilities maintenance supervisor and an electrician, among others. Those positions are expected to enhance customer services and increase the level of maintenance of city facilities.

The Finance department, which advises the City Council on the financial health of the city, is requesting two new positions be created, one intended to provide better customer service to other departments in the area of purchasing, while the other position, a revenue collection specialist, will provide necessary coverage for new parking meters and allow for the use of the audit capability of the meters.

Officials with Human Resources, which provides recruitment and the selection of employees as well as performance evaluations and training, are looking to add two positions as well. They include a senior human resource analyst and an administrative assistant for labor relations.

Karen Bancroft, director of Human Resources, said the positions are sorely needed because her department is "significantly understaffed."

The human resources analyst would be responsible for supervisor employee training and organizational development, Bancroft said. The assistant would support those working in the field of employee/employer relations, contract negotiations and disputes, among other duties.

"Internal services such as ours tend to get overlooked, but if we aren't able to train employees to get the work done, then that's problematic," Bancroft said.

The City Clerk is hoping to add an administrative analyst for the records and elections division. This person would be in charge of following up on all public records requests and posting public information on the city's Web site, said Beth Sanchez, assistant City Clerk.

"With this position, and if we can fill two others that are currently vacant, we will actually be able to keep up with the duties we are supposed to be handling now," Sanchez said. "We've had to put some things on hold like the bi-annual agenda and minutes report to make sure we are able to get things posted on the Web site within 24 hours. That needs to be there."

Because of staff vacancies, Sanchez said the City Clerk's office has not been able to be as proactive as officials would like.

"We want to participate in more community meetings, be more of a presence and a resource to the public, but we have been limited in our ability to do that," Sanchez said.

will attend Cal State at Long Beach.

Presiding over his first graduating class was Principal Thom Gasper, who singled out the "buoyant spirit" of the graduating class. "That helped me a lot, absolutely," he said.

Gasper said St. Monica High School is already preparing for the 2006-07 year, with a higher indicated enrollment than in recent years.

Class shows 'spirit'

GRADUATES, from page 1

University of California at Santa Barbara, where she won a Regents Scholarship. David Lockwood, 18, was chosen as salutatorian for his academic integrity, faithfulness, leadership, spirit and individuality. Lockwood

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

BRIEFS, from page 3

Anne Galbraith and Ruth Subrin. The course will be held at 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, JUNE 24: PLANT CARE WORKSHOP

City arborist Walter Warriner will be speaking about general plant care and specifically how to care for trees. He will cover topics such as how to hire an arborist and basic maintenance of trees for homeowners. The discussion will be held at 10 a.m. in the community room.

THURSDAY, JULY 6: CALIFORNIA GOLD RUSH

Vicki Drake will speak about how the California gold rush all began; how people came from all around the world to create a melting pot; the personal stories of the trials and triumphs; and impact it all had on the California known today. Drake is a geology instructor with Santa Monica College and is a member of the Santa Monica College speakers bureau. The lecture will start at 6:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 8: CLUTTEROLOGY

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LA a winner, OC not in terror money fight

BY ERICA WERNER

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — San Diego is getting just half as much counterterror grant money this year as last, and Orange County and the San Francisco Bay area also are losing out under Homeland Security Department urban-area grants announced Wednesday.

The Los Angeles-Long Beach area will gain — going from \$69.2 million last year to \$80.6 million this year — and Sacramento also is getting more money.

In all, 46 cities are sharing more than \$700 million in Homeland Security grants to prevent and be ready to respond to terror attacks and, to a lesser extent, other catastrophic disasters like hurricanes. The overall total is being reduced by about \$125 million from last year.

Homeland Security officials used new formulas this year that grouped some cities together and relied less on population and more on a city's threat risk and how effectively they showed they could use the money.

"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.

But the awards announced Wednesday — which included big cuts to New York City and Washington, D.C. — prompted numerous complaints from state and local officials.

Chris Bertelli, spokesman for the Governor's Office of Homeland Security in California, noted that Omaha, Neb., is getting \$8.3 million this year, compared to \$8 million for San Diego. San Diego got \$14.8 million in 2005.

"No offense to Omaha, but we feel like we have a significant risk factor down in San Diego and don't feel DHS has sufficiently assessed risk nationwide," Bertelli said.

Anaheim and Santa Ana are getting \$11.9 million this year compared to \$19.8 million last year. The San Francisco Bay area is getting \$28.3 million, compared to \$33.2 million last year. Sacramento is getting \$7.4 million this

year compared to \$6 million last year.

Rep. Jane Harman, D-Venice, cheered the increase for her area. "Los Angeles — the top terrorist target on the West Coast — is beginning to get the necessary funding," she said.

For San Diego and Sacramento, it may be the last year they receive money under the Urban Area Security Initiative. In January they were put on a list of 11 cities that could lose all funding in 2007 based on their risk factors, though the final determination has not been made.

That list — which also includes Las Vegas and Phoenix — has prompted strenuous objections from officials. The Homeland Security Department has declined to specify the criteria used to draw it up, leaving lawmakers to puzzle over who made it and who didn't.

Fred Sainz, spokesman for San Diego Mayor Jerry Sanders, contends that his region's border crossing and dozens of military installations weren't weighted properly in deciding to cut San Diego's funding. He said city officials have been assured that those factors will be considered when the 2007 list is created.

"Arguably San Diego is probably the most risk-intense city in the country, but for a number of different reasons that just didn't show up in the analysis," Sainz said.

Rep. Dan Lungren, R-Sacramento, said Folsom Dam wasn't counted in the risk assessment for Sacramento. "It is incomprehensible to me," he said.

Overall, California is getting \$136 million under the urban-area grant program this year, compared to \$143 million in 2005.

A series of other state-level grants were also announced Wednesday, for state homeland security programs, law enforcement terrorism prevention programs, metropolitan medical response systems and citizen corps programs. California's total for all those programs combined is \$232 million, compared with \$202 million last year, according to DHS.

Those grants represent the bulk of federal homeland security grant funding to the state for the 2006 fiscal year that began Oct. 1, although it doesn't include a few other pieces including mass transit and port security grants.

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Voyage to nowhere

BY MIRANDA LEITSINGER
Associated Press Writer

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — They left Africa on Christmas Eve seeking a better life in Europe. Instead, the migrants' rusty boat drifted off course and carried them to their deaths as it crossed the Atlantic Ocean and wound up near the Caribbean islands of Barbados.

By the time a fisherman found the boat on April 30, the bodies of 11 young men were virtually mummified by the sun and salt spray. One had written a farewell note before dying.

"I would like to send to my family in Bassada (Senegal) a sum of money. Please excuse me and goodbye," one of the victims wrote in a note tucked between bodies.

The note appeared to be written by a Senegalese man named Diao Souncar Dieme and contained the contact numbers for his brother and for his best friend, Barbados Attorney General Dale Marshall told The Associated Press on Wednesday.

With transit routes to Europe through Morocco becoming gradually sealed, migrants are taking to the seas farther down the coast of northwest Africa, some traveling in overcrowded fishing boats more than 1,000 miles in stages to reach Europe.

The boats often get lost or break down, drifting helplessly in the Atlantic or capsizing in rough seas. Typically, canoe-shaped boats built to carry six to eight people on a fishing trip are crammed with dozens of people and supplies for the voyage north.

The boat found off the coast of Barbados apparently left Senegal with 52 people aboard, Marshall said.

"This is the end of my life in this big Moroccan sea," the disoriented passenger wrote.

Instead of being off the coast of Morocco, however, his

boat had drifted more than 2,000 miles west to Barbados. The white, 20-foot boat, streaked with rust and capped by a small wheelhouse, was apparently bound for Spain's Canary Islands, a gateway to Europe located in the Atlantic about 200 miles off Morocco's southern coast.

Authorities on the Canary Islands say they have intercepted nearly 7,000 migrants since January, compared to 4,751 in all of 2005. More than 1,000 are believed to have perished attempting the journey since December, according to the Red Cross in Mauritania, a favored departure point.

The northwest African coastline is notoriously hard to police for illegal migrants. Family ties spill across borders drawn across the western edge of the Sahara Desert by 19th century European colonials. Mauritanian authorities believe about 14,000 people from other West African countries are living in the city of Nouadhibou as they wait to go to Spain.

As for the boat found off Barbados, it's unclear where many of the passengers were from, though officials presume they were Senegalese, Marshall said. Police found currency in euros, a travel itinerary and an airline ticket from Senegal Airways in the boat.

Barbados authorities said the names Ibrahima Dieme and Omar Badje appeared in the goodbye note.

Spanish police have asked Interpol to help find a Spaniard in the Canary Islands who allegedly organized the ill-fated trip and charged the would-be migrants between \$1,540 and \$1,930 each, the Spanish newspaper El Pais reported Sunday.

A Barbados funeral home is holding the 11 bodies. "The issue is really trying to identify who these individuals are," Marshall said.

An Interpol team has examined the boat and the bodies. Barbados has asked for a second team, including fingerprint experts, pathologists and a dentist, to investigate further, Marshall said.

Officials want to tap Exxon for \$92M

BY JEANNETTE J. LEE
Associated Press Writer

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Federal and state authorities asked Exxon Mobil Corp. on Thursday for \$92 million to clean up remaining oil from a devastating spill nearly 20 years ago.

They said studies in the last five years have shown oil from the grounding of the Exxon Valdez tanker is still lingering in the tidal zones of Prince William Sound. The oil is reducing survival rates of some marine species and disrupting fishing activities in the region, according to a joint statement released Thursday by the Department of Justice and the state's Department of Law.

"It is clear that populations and habitat within the oil spill area have suffered substantial and unanticipated injuries that are attributable to the Exxon Valdez oil spill," Alaska Attorney General David Marquez said Thursday.

The nation's largest oil spill emptied 11 million gallons of crude oil into Prince William Sound in 1989, killing hundreds of thousands of birds and marine animals and soiling

more than 1,200 miles of rocky beach. Exxon has paid \$900 million in restitution for the spill. A "reopener" provision in the settlement created a window from 2002 to 2006 in which the state and federal governments could claim up to an additional \$100 million.

To claim the money, state and federal officials must prove that a population, habitat or species had suffered loss or decline in the area of the spill, and link that loss to the spill. They also must prove the loss was not known or anticipated when the settlement was signed.

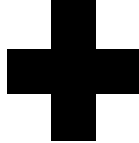
Hundreds of studies by Exxon have shown the environmental impact to be less serious than claimed by other researchers. Company spokesman Mark Boudreaux said Wednesday that Exxon didn't know of any new scientific studies that would merit reopening the settlement.

"We believe Prince William Sound is healthy, it's robust, it's thriving," Boudreaux said.

The claim is separate from an unresolved punitive damage judgment of \$4.5 billion against the company, which it is appealing.

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June is busting out all over and Santa Monica is no exception. So far, we've had a very culturally busy spring with festivals, museum openings, new plays, concerts and a myriad of art endeavors. Things slow down a bit this weekend but while there may not be many grand openings there's still lots to see and do out there.

For the next four weekends, Highways Performance Space will be presenting performers who weave movement, spoken word, imagery and sound into exciting new works exploring issues such as habit, AIDS, the constitution, Iraq, and even Father's Day. This weekend, Holly Johnston and the LABdp Core will premiere two new works by this dynamic new dance company.

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SANTA MONICA : MUSEUM : OF ART

This is the perfect weekend for you to catch up on some of the other incredible offerings in our local theatres and museums. Just in case you've forgotten what's out there, here's a quick rundown of just a few of the many things you can do this weekend in Santa Monica.

Santa Monica Museum of Arts Presents: Ken Brecher: The Little Room of Epiphanies
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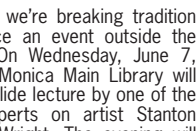
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provide an overview of the creator of the two terrazzo murals in the lobby of City Hall, the Barnum Hall Fire Screen and the WPA murals currently on view on the second floor of the Santa Monica Public Library's new Main Library.

Color, Myth, and Music: An Overview of the Life and Art of Stanton Macdonald-Wright
Wednesday, June 7
7 p.m.
Santa Monica Public Library
Martin Luther King Jr. Auditorium
601 Santa Monica Blvd.

And finally, we're breaking tradition to announce an event outside the weekend. On Wednesday, June 7, the Santa Monica Main Library will present a slide lecture by one of the leading experts on artist Stanton Macdonald-Wright. The evening will



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ENTERTAINMENT BRIEFS

Composer takes flight at airport

By Daily Press staff

There's more going on at the city's airport than aviation. Composer and keyboard virtuoso John Beasley and his band will perform at Typhoon, the family and pilot hangout for Pan-Asian cuisine at the Santa Monica Airport, on Monday, June 5 at 8 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. The ensemble features Beasley on keyboards; Dwight Tribble on vocals; Carlos del Puerto on bass and Marvin "Smitty" Smith on drums. "Beasley, the one-time keyboardist for Freddie Hubbard and Miles Davis, reflects a variety of generational influences, incorporating the emphatic chordal clusters of Herbie Hancock, the rhythmic quirkiness of Monk and the lush intelligence of Art Tatum into a highly refined personal voice," said Bill Kohlhaase, former jazz critic of the LA Times. Beasley's soon-to-be released CD "One Live Night" — a collection of original contemporary jazz songs written by Beasley — was recorded live at the Baked Potato and features Ralph Moore, Carlos Del Puerto, Dave Carpenter and Gary Novak. He recently returned from the first international jazz festival in Guatemala, an appearance in Rhode Island with Queen Latifah and also will be playing with James Brown at the Hollywood Bowl on Sept. 6. Additionally, he is producing a rap/jazz project and working as a music arranger on television's "American Idol." Typhoon is located on the second floor of the main airport administration building on the south side of Santa Monica Municipal Airport, 3221 Donald Douglas Loop South. For more information call (310) 390-6565.

Trio to rock the 'house'

By Daily Press staff

A local church will jazz it up this weekend with a trio of musicians. Pianist Louis Durra will play a jazz concert with his trio on Sunday, June 4, at 8 p.m., at the Unitarian Universalist Community Church of Santa Monica, 1260 18th St. Joining him will be drummer Jerry Kalaf and bassist Larry Steen. Donation of \$10 will be accepted at the door. The trio will be performing jazz standards and their original music. The UUCSM sanctuary is an excellent hall for live music, and Louis will be performing on their 7 foot New York Steinway. For more information, call (310) 403-8627. Durra works as a jazz pianist with his group and with other artists. His credits include performances and tours with The Jazz Tap Ensemble, Savion Glover, Ruben Blades, Barbara Morrison, Bill Holman, Chuck Manning, The Nickerson Sisters, Fayard Nicholas, Moris Tepper, Victoria Williams, Martin Short, Catherine O'Hara, Jason Alexander, Jessica Harper, Camper Van Beethoven, Syd Straw, Lilli Hayden, Andrew Dice Clay. He toured Russia and the Baltic states in 2003 with "Just In Time," a jazz dance revue. His trio performs concerts and plays clubs across the southland. Kalaf's credits include performances and tours with Eddie Harris, Gary Burton, Gary Foster, Frank Strazzeri, The Pointer Sisters, Bill Mays, Bill Perkins, Jimmy Cleveland, and Major Holley. He has toured Europe, Asia, South America and the United States as musical director of the Jazz Tap Ensemble and has accompanied Gregory Hines at the Apollo Theater and in concert at Carnegie Hall. It was as a member of Jazz Tap that Kalaf's orchestration of Bach's Italian Concerto was premiered in Lyons France by the National Orchestra of France. Steen has performed live and in the studio with artists that include Ella Fitzgerald, Mel Torme, Dave Weckl, Eric Marienthal, Bob Sheppard, Mose Allison, Billy Eckstine, Bennie Maupin, Billy Childs, Rosemary Clooney, Louis Bellson, Jimmy Buffet and others.

SMC goes under the radar

By Daily Press staff

An eclectic collection of work by students in the Santa Monica College Art Mentor Program for 2005-06 will be on exhibit June 7-24 at Arena One Gallery. The opening reception for the exhibition — "Under the Radar" — will be held from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, June 9 at the gallery, located at 3026 Airport Ave., in the Santa Monica Art Studios at the Santa Monica Airport. The Art Mentor Program is a yearlong program for gifted visual art and students, selected by SMC art department faculty. The program — in many ways similar to a graduate school program — was created to provide an innovative, experimental and interdisciplinary environment for students to explore a variety of art forms, professional practices and critical theory. Students work in small groups with a professional artist or art historian, visit artists' studios and art institutions, and participate in group discussions and critiques. Art mentor alumni have gone on to prestigious schools throughout the nation, including the Rhode Island School of Design, California Institute of the Arts, UCLA and Claremont Graduate School, as well as building upon successful careers. The work in the exhibit includes painting, sculpture, ceramics, video, mixed media, digital images, performance and installation and is as diverse as the artists who created it. The student artists are Gustavo Almeida-Santos, Kathy Chin, Elizabeth Comay, Dante Cox, Julie Easton, Arlene Encell, Jaqueline Friedberg, Nathan Geare, Nat George, Scott Hillman, Stacey Kalkowski, Ed Krzyzaniak, Ophelia Lee, Nuttaphol Ma, Nancy P. Peterson, Christina Pierson, Leslie Porter, Bettina Staib, Agnes Szumski, Ariana Tosatto, Aneq Verdone, David Wexler and Kathleen Zadikian. Coordinators of the Art Mentor Program are SMC art professors Linda Lopez and Sharon Kagan. Additional financial support for the program comes from private donations from individuals and groups, including Martin Sosin, president of the Stratton-Petit Foundation. Gallery hours are noon to 6 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday. For more information, call (310) 397-7449.

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‘Maybe’ Beatles weren’t best

By The Associated Press

LONDON — “Definitely Maybe,” the debut album by Oasis, has beaten the Beatles’ “Sgt. Pepper’s Lonely Hearts Club Band” in a British vote for the greatest album of all time.

The Beatles took third place with “Revolver” and had three other albums — “The Beatles (The White Album),” “Abbey Road” and “Rubber Soul” — in the Top 100 in the vote staged by British Hit Singles & Albums, an annual publication, and NME.com.

The vote was announced in last year’s edition of British Hit Singles & Albums, said editor David Roberts. Anyone could vote for as many as 10 albums, in rank order, and probably 95 percent of the 40,000 votes came from Britain, he said Thursday.

Other albums in the top 10: “OK Computer,” Radiohead; “(What’s the Story) Morning Glory?” Oasis; “Nevermind,” Nirvana; “The Stone Roses,” The Stone Roses; “Dark Side of the Moon,” Pink Floyd; “The Queen Is Dead,” The Smiths; and “The Bends,” Radiohead.

The biggest surprise, in Roberts’ view, was The Libertines’ debut album, “Up the Bracket,” at No. 15 — a strong showing he attributed to singer Pete Doherty’s well-publicized involvement with supermodel Kate Moss and his arrests for alleged drug use.

CHICAGO — Roger Ebert, who has battled cancer in recent years, will undergo surgery again, according to a published report.

In Thursday’s Chicago Sun-Times, where Ebert has been the movie critic for nearly 40 years, columnist Robert Feder reported that Ebert will have surgery June 16 to remove a cancerous growth on his salivary gland.

“It’s not life threatening, and I expect to make a full recovery,” the 63-year-old critic and host of the nationally syndicated movie review show, “Ebert & Roeper,” told Feder. “I’ll continue to function as a film critic during this time.”

Feder reported that Ebert is not expected to require radiation treatment as he did when he underwent surgery in 2002 and 2003 to remove tumors on his thyroid and salivary glands.

“This is known as a slow-growing and persistent cancer,” Ebert said. “You live with it.”

Ebert said he plans to tape enough shows with Sun-Times columnist Richard Roeper that the program will continue to air during his recovery.

Ebert has been a film critic at the Chicago Sun-Times since 1967. He won the Pulitzer Prize for criticism in 1975, the same year he teamed up with Gene Siskel of the rival Chicago Tribune to launch their movie-review show. Siskel died in 1999.

NEW YORK — Anna Nicole Smith has confirmed that she’s pregnant, in a video clip posted on her Web site.

“Let me stop all the rumors. Yes, I am pregnant. I’m happy, I’m very very happy about it. Everything’s goin’ really, really good and I’ll be checking in and out periodically on the Web and I’ll let you see me as I’m growing,” the 38-year-old former reality TV star and Playboy playmate says.

Smith, who is floating on an inflatable raft in a swimming pool as a small white dog barks in the background, did not provide any details.

Her lawyer and spokesman, Howard K. Stern, could not be reached by The Associated Press on Thursday for comment.

Early last month, there were reports that Smith was expecting a baby. Stern issued a written statement saying, “If Anna Nicole is pregnant, she

obviously doesn’t want anybody to know yet.

“If she’s not pregnant, she’s not denying the rumor because she thinks it’s funny how much of a stir it’s causing. She’ll leave it up to you to guess which one it is.”

Smith has a 20-year-old son, Daniel, from her first marriage.

She married Texas oil tycoon J. Howard Marshall II in 1994, when she was 26 and he was 89. He died the following year. Since then, she has feuded with Marshall’s son, Pierce Marshall, over her entitlement to the tycoon’s estate.

Smith won a judgment from the Supreme Court last month that allows her to continue to seek part of Marshall’s fortune.

LOS ANGELES — Lark Voorhies, who played Lisa Turtle in TV’s “Saved by the Bell,” has sued The National Enquirer for libel over an article that included claims she had a drug problem.

The lawsuit, which seeks unspecified damages, was filed Tuesday in Superior Court.

The lawsuit says Voorhies, whom it describes as a “famous and popular actress,” lost several “potential acting and hosting jobs” after the tabloid published a June 2005 article that said she was hospitalized for a cocaine addiction.

Her doctor wrote a letter confirming that she had no addiction and was not hospitalized for drug abuse, the lawsuit said.

Voorhies could not be located by The Associated Press for comment. A call to The National Enquirer after hours Wednesday was not immediately returned.

The tabloid story was “patently false and heinous” and humiliated her, the actress stated in her lawsuit, which alleges libel, invasion of privacy, unauthorized use of her image, name or voice and other claims.

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United 93 (R)
10:15
X-Men: The Last Stand (PG-13)
12:00, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, 4:15, 5:15, 6:15, 7:15, 8:15, 9:30, 10:30, 11:00

Mann's Criterion Theatre
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Friends With Money (R)
1:10, 3:30, 5:40, 7:50, 10:10
Mission: Impossible III (PG-13)
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Poseidon (PG-13)
11:40am, 2:10, 4:40, 7:10, 9:50
The Proposition (R)
11:30am, 2:00, 4:20, 6:50, 9:30
See No Evil (R)
12:10, 5:20, 10:30
Thank You for Smoking (R)
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Keeping Up With the Steins (PG-13)
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Over the Hedge (PG)
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11:30am, 2:00, 4:30, 7:10, 9:45
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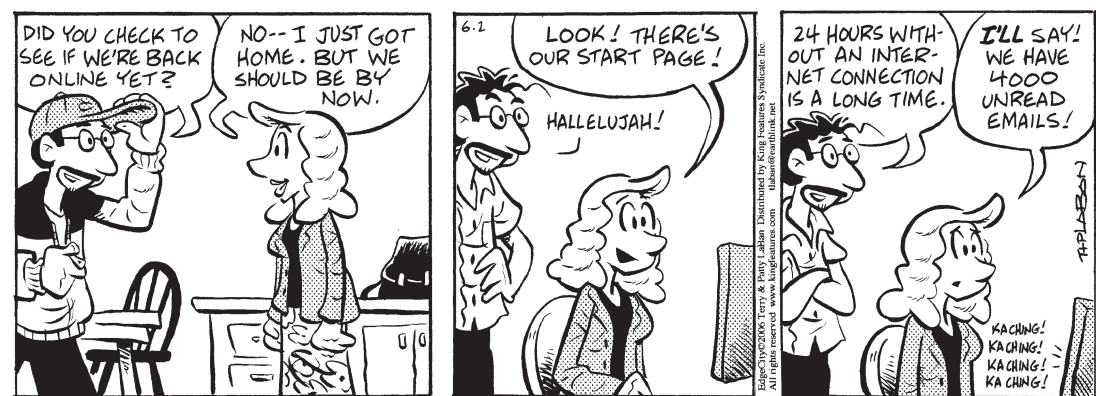
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In 1975, Vice President Nelson Rockefeller said his commission had found no widespread pattern of illegal activities at the Central Intelligence Agency.
In 1979, Pope John Paul II arrived in his native Poland on the first visit by a pope to a Communist country.
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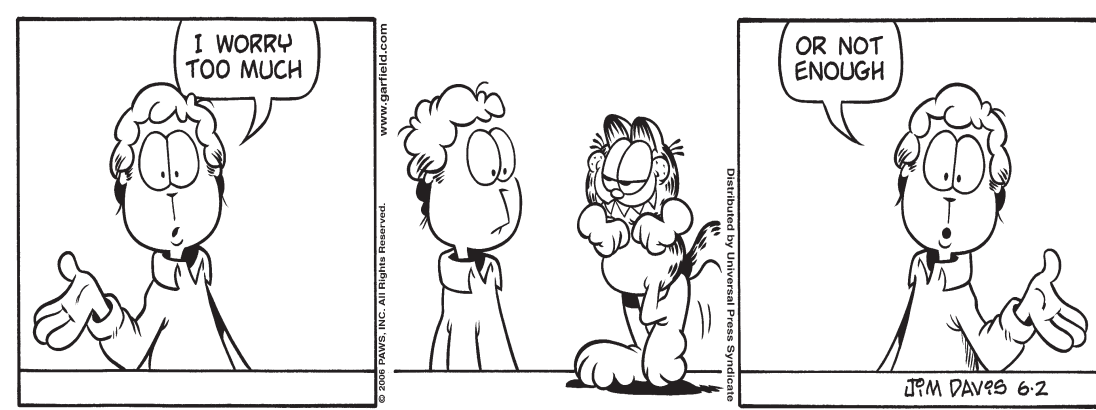
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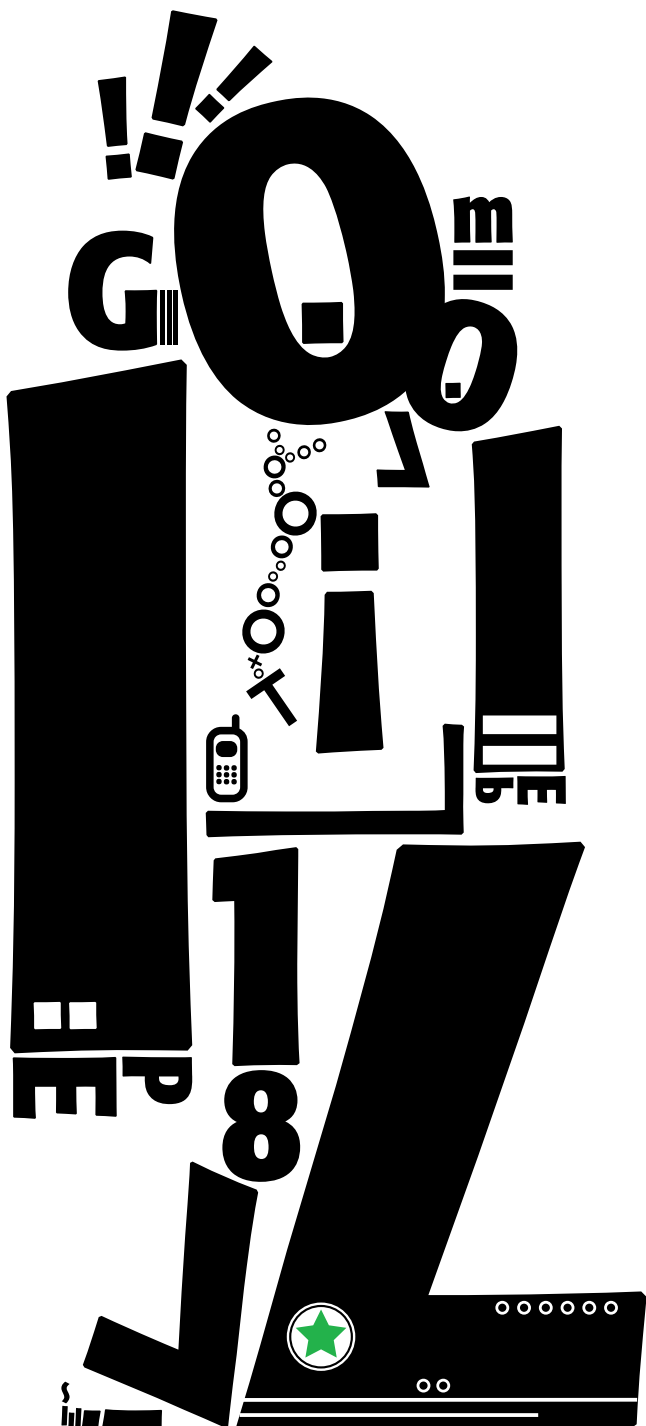
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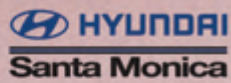
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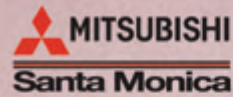
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