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NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

In March 2003, as an edgy Washington, D.C., prepared for possible domestic terrorist reactions to the U.S. invasion of Iraq, David Olaniyi and wife Reena Patel were arrested at the Capitol, where they had embarked on an "art" project consisting of Olaniyi wearing a mask and objects duct-taped to his body, resembling the appearance of a suicide bomber. (Said Olaniyi at the time, "Duct tape is a hot item in D.C. I wanted my art to reflect what was hot here.") Apparently, Olaniyi continues to believe the Capitol police had no cause to be fearful of suicide bombers, for he filed a lawsuit in March 2005 against police and FBI agents for violating his first-amendment rights by arresting him.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 183rd day of 2005.
There are 182 days left in the year.

On July 2, 1776, the Continental Congress passed a resolution saying that "these United Colonies are, and of right, ought to be, Free and Independent States."

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SM 'spa' targeted in brothel crackdown

BY RYAN HYATT

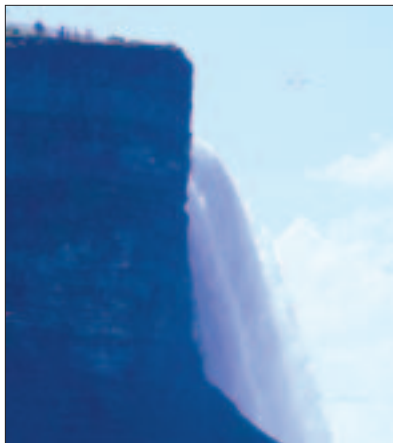
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN LA — A Santa Monica business owner was arrested in a Thursday night sting for her alleged involvement in a human smuggling ring in which hundreds of South Korean women were brought to the United States to work as prostitutes.

A criminal complaint filed in Los Angeles on Thursday accused 23 individuals of conspiracy for their alleged involvement in a human smuggling and prostitution ring that spanned from South Korea to regions throughout the United States.

The accused individuals, who law enforcement agencies have been investigating since at least September, include Mee Suk Lee, owner of Gold Spa at 1844 14th Street, which is listed as a chiropractic clinic. They will face charges related to their alleged

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John Wood/Daily Press

LONG WAY DOWN: The Niagara Falls are captured from below.

Stuck in a jam



Nicky Five Aces/Five Aces Photo

Members of the Easy Star All-Stars jam on the Santa Monica Pier on Thursday night, the kickoff to the 21st annual Twilight Summer Concert series. The reggae show brought throngs of area residents to Santa Monica.

100 reasons to celebrate

BY WINTER JOHNSON

Special to the Daily Press

Sadie Condon is preparing to celebrate her 100th birthday this Fourth of July, the 60th such Independence

Day she has observed since living in Santa Monica.

Through it all — the inventions of penicillin and plastic, personal-

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On the road to discovery, one mile at a time

(Editor's note: Former Daily Press reporter John Wood spent six weeks this past spring driving across the United States. Below is a short report on his trip.)

BY JOHN WOOD

Special to the Daily Press

The only way to really get to know this vast country is to meet it on the road.

At least that's what we were told before leaving Santa Monica on a cross-country trip that spanned nearly 7,500 miles and 25 states. The advice proved true.

Our staples during six weeks of

traveling were Velveeta shells and cheese dinners, red wine and Glenlivet single-malt whiskey, and we spent our nights in campgrounds or in the homes of friends and family. Our carriage was a four-wheel-drive pickup with a pallet for a roof rack and a truck bed lined with pillows and sleeping bags.

Along the way we tracked moose and bald eagles in a near-

deserted Yellowstone Park, took a \$16.50 ride in a sputtering helicopter over the desolate Badlands of South Dakota, hollered and swallowed with cowboys in the honky-tonk bars of Nashville, and got lost among them back hollers in west Pennsylvania.

We hiked through an Arizona desert, toured the 132-mile under-

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



ARIES (March 21-April 19)



★★★★ A surprise insight hits you this morning, though you might not be ready to discuss it yet. Try not to project or take your new perspective out on anyone. You need to reflect more on this matter. Discussions are favored later in the day. Tonight: Visit over dinner.



TAURUS (April 20-May 20)



★★★★★ A friend might spill the beans or let you in on some exciting plans. Be spontaneous and go with this person's idea. Recently, you have been a stick in the mud. Give up being so uptight. Relax more. Tonight: Your treat.



GEMINI (May 21-June 20)



★★★ Lie low if you can. An authority figure or a boss makes a demand that you would like to nix if possible. You might feel like there is not enough in this situation to make it worthwhile for you. Peel out the door in the afternoon. Tonight: Let go.



CANCER (June 21-July 22)



★★★ Use the daylight hours to accomplish key errands and calls. Someone you touch base with is delighted to hear from you. Could a trip be in the near future? Consider this option. Slow down late in the afternoon. Even you could get tired. Tonight: Don't push yourself.



LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)



★★ Stay on top of what a partner says and his or her ideas. Someone might have a strong inclination that you need to think through or talk about. Don't hold your feelings in, if possible. Chat late in the afternoon. Tonight: Where your friends are.



VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)



★★★★ Look behind the words. Share your thoughts, but be open to different types of thinking. A friend might not agree with you. Do your best with a conflict. Make plans to take a parent or friend out to dinner. Tonight: In the spotlight.



LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)



★★★★ A partner has a shortcut to getting a situation completed or to clearing out a problem. A parent could be tough, or an older friend disagreeable. Take the high road and detach. This person doesn't mean what he or she says. Tonight: Find something to relax your mind.



SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)



★★★★★ The unexpected certainly makes your life more exciting. Go along with others right now. Of course, this does not mean you should quell your personality. Schedule a quiet get-together with a dear friend or pal. Tonight: Share more of yourself.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)



★★★ Make it OK to laze around this morning. Read the paper and get in some calls to loved ones at a distance. You might consider making this a ritual. Make plans for the late afternoon to join friends. Tonight: Out with your pals.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)



★★★★ You might want to play with a child or a loved one. Share a favorite pastime that you loved as a kid. The childlike side of those with you comes out too. Settle down in the afternoon. You might be tired after all the romping! Tonight: What you want.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)



★★★ Handle a matter that is very important. You might be stunned by another's lack of resilience or understanding. Enjoy being close to home. Consider throwing a spontaneous get-together for dinner. How about potluck? Tonight: Romp away.



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)



★★★★ Use the daylight hours to finish key projects. Squeeze in a visit with a neighbor or friend. You might want to get your shopping done early. Don't let a loved one rain on your parade, OK? Tonight: The action is at your home.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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By Daily Press staff

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SMC professor wins Fulbright Scholar Award

By Daily Press staff



CAROL DAVIS

A Santa Monica College professor will take her talents abroad this summer.

SMC adjunct English professor and accomplished poet Carol Davis has been awarded a prestigious Fulbright Scholar's Award to teach and lecture on contemporary American literature in St. Petersburg and throughout Russia.

This is Davis' second Fulbright award, having spent the 1996-97 academic year as a senior Fulbright scholar in creative writing, teaching modern Jewish literature at Petersburg Jewish University.

This time, she will spend the fall semester teaching at the Center for American and British Studies at St. Petersburg State University, and lecturing and giving poetry readings in Moscow and other areas of Russia, some of them remote.

This is the second Fulbright Scholar award to be given to an SMC professor in the past year. This past spring, English professor Karin Costello was a lecturer at Intercollege in Nicosia, Cyprus.

Davis, of Mar Vista, who is fluent in Russian, has been teaching English at SMC for five years.

She is an award-winning poet whose work has appeared in such publications as Atlanta Review, Bellingham Review, Mid-American Review and New American Review.

Her first book, "Letters from Prague," was published by Paper Bag Press in 1991. A full-length collection, "It's Time to Talk About..." was published in a bilingual edition in Russia in 1997. A new small book of poetry, "The Violin Teacher," is scheduled to come out in November 2005 from Dancing Girls Press in Chicago. Her work also is included in several anthologies.

Honors include an Anna Davidson Rosenberg Award for Poems on the Jewish Experience and the Reuben Rose Poetry Competition in Israel. She also has been nominated for a Pushcart Prize, considered one of the most prestigious literary prizes in America. She has had her poetry read on National Public Radio.

Davis received her bachelor's degree in Russian language and literature from Fairhaven College at Western Washington University. She studied at the University of California at Berkeley and at the University of Washington in Seattle, where she received her master's degree in Slavic languages and literatures.

CORRECTION — In the June 29 edition, there was an error in reporting the Santa Monica Convention & Visitor's Bureau budget. The CVB's annual budget is \$2 million, which includes an additional \$500,000 taken from revenues generated by the increase in the hotel bed tax.



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On Sunday, some NW wind swell is due, but it's looking weak for SoCal with only waist high surf or so, and infrequent. Sunday is looking like a small day.

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SUNDAY	2:54	-0.4	1:34	2.6	9:36	3.4	7:58	6.0
MONDAY	3:33	-0.6	2:15	2.7	10:19	3.5	8:34	6.1
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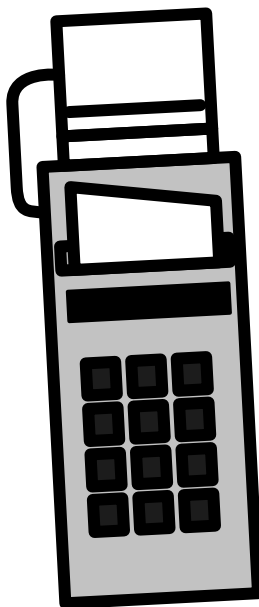
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LOCAL

Alleged brothel was once a chiropractic clinic

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harboring and trafficking of women for prostitution.

The U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement of Investigations, the primary law enforcement agency involved in the case, allege a group they called the "Jung Organization," spearheaded by Young Joon Jung and Ho Kyung Kim, smuggled South Korean women into the United States and provided them to brothel operators.

The two men are believed to have overseen efforts to recruit prospective prostitutes in South Korea and arranged for them to be brought to the United States, sometimes through Mexico and Canada, according to information provided by the U.S. Attorney's Office, which will be prosecuting the case.

The women allegedly promised to pay up to \$16,000 in order to be smuggled into the U.S. Once they arrived, they worked as prostitutes, with a portion of their pay going towards repaying their smuggling debts.

"This type of criminal organization exploits the hopes and dreams of immigrants," said U.S. Attorney Debra Wong Yang. "They exploited women, some of whom apparently suffered injuries as a result of their work."

The complaint includes transcripts of conversations that allegedly occurred between ring organizers in which prostitutes claim to suffer from health problems — such as vaginal and anal bleeding — not immediately treated and likely related to abuses associated with their work.

Instances were also cited in the complaint in which the alleged prostitutes were coerced to work, and extorted to pay more money, for their smuggling debt.

One of the suspects, Hee Keown Eun, is believed to be the owner of Silver Taxi, a Korean taxi service which allegedly distributed groups of female prostitutes to various brothels in Los Angeles, as well as coordinating their transportation to other states, like Oregon and Texas.

The brothels have been concealed as acupuncture and aromatherapy clinics, chiropractic offices, health spas and mas-

sage parlors, according to the complaint.

Pamela McGarvey, who deals with city business licensing issues, said there is no history of a business under the name of Gold Spa at any location in Santa Monica.

McGarvey said a business operated under the name of Gold Chiropractic, a chiropractic office, was operated at 1844 14th Street between Nov. 14, 2002 and May 7, 2003. Although Lee was arrested for being the owner of the alleged brothel, McGarvey said a different name was listed as the owner of the chiropractic clinic.

The complaint said prostitution business owners within the Jung Organization often paid chiropractors \$600 to \$1,500 per month, per location, for the use of their chiropractic licenses.

The complaint said chiropractors also file business tax licenses for the brothel owners and occasionally hire "sit-in" doctors to help give the business an appearance of legitimacy.

Calls to the Gold Spa were not returned.

During Thursday's searches, investigators seized nearly \$300,000 in cash and

more than \$650,000 in bank account assets. Investigators expected to seize another \$800,000 in bank accounts by Friday afternoon.

In addition to the criminal arrests, federal agents took into custody 46 women who were working at brothels that were shut down. Agents are interviewing the women to learn more about the circumstances surrounding how they came here and how they were treated once they arrived.

Evidence to be used in the criminal case will be based on surveillance of suspects by ICE agents and local law enforcement officials, including the Santa Monica police. Other law enforcement agencies involved in the investigation included the Internal Revenue Service, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department, and the Redondo Beach and Anaheim Police.

ICE representatives began a wire-tapped investigation of Jung and close associates shortly after Feb. 24. In addition, five informants, four of whom may testify, provided information to investigators they had gathered in meetings with Jung and his associates, according to the complaint.



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Birthday girl a witness to Santa Monica's emergence

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ly witnessing Charles Lindbergh land in Orly Field in Paris, and enduring dozens of major conflicts the world over, including World War I, World War II and the Vietnam War — Condon remained a dedicated mother and housewife. According to her first-born son, Gerald Condon, also a Santa Monica resident, the soon-to-be centenarian took care of her family through some of the most tumultuous times in American history.

Maiden Sadie Distanfield's transatlantic story didn't begin in Santa Monica, but in 1926 when she married Jack Condon in Cardiff, Wales. Part of a mass historical movement of immigration, the Condons decided to move to the United States for the economic opportunities that were calling many in the early 20th century, according to Gerald Condon.

Deciding that immigrating from Wales to the United States was too difficult, she and her husband resided in Paris, France, awaiting their VISA approval. After a year and a half, the Condons received their VISAs and continued west on the Beringoria, arriving at Ellis Island in New York in 1929 — the beginning of the Great Depression.

"We came to a golden land," recalled Sadie Condon of the first time she arrived in New York, speaking from the dining room at Sunrise of Santa Monica, her senior home, where she has resided since 2003.

The next few years reflected another migratory pattern throughout the United States. The couple moved from Ellis Island to Minneapolis, where Gerald Condon was born in 1931. From there, the family moved back east to Brooklyn, where son Milton Condon was born in 1934. Then, it was on to Jersey City.

However, with the beginning of World War II in 1939, father Jack Condon became a chief petty officer in the U.S. Coast Guard, leading to a station assignment in Santa Monica. He came to Santa Monica, and Sadie Condon followed with sons Gerald and Milton Condon in 1944.

While her husband was in the U.S. Coast Guard, Sadie Condon remained at home, dedicating her time to raising her two boys. Since graduating from Santa Monica High School, her sons went on to become successful attorneys, with Gerald Condon raising his children within the Santa Monica school system. Five of her nine great-grandchildren also are in the local school district. After her husband's death in 1970, Sadie Condon made her living off of the apartment buildings that

she and her husband owned in West Los Angeles, as well as Social Security.

"We left Jersey City when there were cobblestones and horses defecating in the streets," laughed Gerald Condon, 74, who moved to Santa Monica at age 13. "Coming to California was a huge contrast. I saw the Pacific Ocean and never wanted to leave."

For the past 60 years, Sadie Condon has watched Santa Monica metamorphose from a small beach town to a major tourist destination, seeing the skyline change over the years from family-owned businesses to corporate conglomerates, the changing faces of the City Council and the various stages of the Santa Monica Pier.

"I've traveled a lot," she said. "You travel the world over to see beauty and you have it right here. But they have such big buildings now."

Affectionately known as "Mama Condon" by her fellow residents at Sunrise, Sadie Condon has been a model to her progeny, according to grandson David Condon. She also is known for the same dutiful dedication within Sunrise of Santa Monica, according to staff members there. A lover of card games and a woman with a business mind who can often be seen taking her walks around the complex, Sadie Condon has made her presence known within Sunrise, participating in the Resident Council, a group for residents to discuss concerns and give suggestions on the different departments within the home.

In all of her 100 years, she has never used a credit card, believing it wiser to pay cash, said David Condon, also a Santa Monica resident.

"She's got strong opinions," said Desiree Williams, director of Community Relations at Sunrise. "She's a feisty little person with spirit."

Though Sadie Condon herself does not believe that turning 100 reflects a grand glory, her sons disagree, as do representatives from the White House, who called Gerald Condon requesting his mother's address. There are only 76,000 Americans who are "centenarians," those who reach the age of 100, according to the Huffington Center on Aging, making Sadie Condon one amongst a minority.

With many friends and family, Sadie Condon will be celebrating her centenary status on Sunday.

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The homeless are people, too

Editor:

I am writing this letter in response to the letter by Ms. Brennan (SMDP, June 23, page 4), regarding the park on Euclid being fenced off because of the homeless population overrunning it. I would like to ask this woman this question: Where do you propose we go? One of the problems we face in our community is the NIMBY attitude which keeps us in the parks and open spaces. How you ask, would that affect us? If this attitude, which is based on stereotypes of what the complete homeless community is all about, did not prevail there might be places for us to go. The sobering center, for example, would help immensely to get some of the population off of the drugs and alcohol by exposing those addicted to the 12-step programs and recovery homes. There would be buildings for more shelter beds for us to get off the streets and start our lives over again. All of these solutions have been blocked, in part, by the NIMBY attitude some of you possess. Well, the latest count of the homeless population in LA County is at 90,000 and I would say from my own observations there are more. And 1 to 2 percent of this population lives here in Santa Monica.

While I admit there is a prevailing drug and alcohol problem among the homeless community, this is but a symptom of the greater problem within society as a whole. Some of those within the homeless community do not come to the streets drug and alcohol addicted. They become addicted due to the pain of becoming homeless. They have been broken and self-medicate.

As for the problem of those addicted, alcohol is easily obtainable by anyone over 21, as for the drugs that infest the streets, they do not come from the streets as much as out of the neighborhoods to the streets. While there are street dealers, they do not get their drugs from the streets. The suppliers are in your neighborhoods and neighborhoods across Los Angeles. I have not even met a major supplier on the streets. They make too much money.

As for the urine and feces, well, the city has conveniently closed some of the restrooms around the city because some of the homeless community washes up in them. Yet, we are the ones who stink and smell. I admit there are those who are a nuisance. They are even a nuisance to the homeless community because they are the ones whom we are judged as being like by some of you. But to label and criticize the whole community as being like this is just as bad as saying all African-Americans and Latinos are gang members, or all those from the Middle East are terrorists, or all rich are snobs. These statements are not true for all within those communities. It seems to be the customary en vogue thing to do with the homeless community which is judging us all by the ones who are what you expect this community to be comprised of, instead of looking at the community as you would your own community. We are all human beings and we deserve to be treated as such.

Charles Springer
Santa Monica

Heroes or stakeholders?

Editor:

What I want to discuss is that most people do not seem to understand the concept of "stakeholders" that often exponentially increases the number of career/jobs around a corporate manufacturing division. Although I cannot speak for other states who obviously have competitive auto assembly plants, pharmaceutical/personal care/paints/specialty chemicals manufacturers in spite of high wages, and salaries with and without union contracts, the stakeholders are subcontractors, raw material suppliers, contract/intellectual property counsels, restaurants, janitorial services, etc.

One only has to look in the Los Angeles Times weekend classified archives of say between 1965 and 1995 when about 30 to 40 pages of manufacturing career/jobs were offered, and filled. Compare the nine to 12 pages now offered, in spite of California's population increase of about one quarter from 1965 to 1995.

What is the significant difference that makes all these complaints about a governor whose primary purpose is, whether he realizes it or not, to provide employment for the million or so high school and college graduates with work without forcing those 50 years young and over workers into early unproductive retirement?

It seems some of the factors that have forced low-tech industries leaving Southern California include solvent emissions requirements, unscientific distorted cancer causing chemical scares, uncompetitive workmen's compensation rates, land developers who exploit these beliefs that everything is "toxic" and replace industries with residential and service facilities.

Now try to think what is left in terms of career/job security that absolutely requires education: engineering, chemistry, physics, industrial business administration. Doctors and lawyers will always be needed, and because the cream will rise to the top, these professional positions do not require extra funding as families can afford the best primary, secondary and formal educational prerequisites. There are a few of the first four disciplines left in Southern California, but compared to those between 1965 and 1995, they are virtually non-existent.

If you never job-hunted before it is very likely that a formal education is really not required for whatever positions are responded to. So what is the purpose of having "educated" kids when underemployment makes one disposable?

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Congress' anti-Viagra stance seems a bit stiff



MODERN TIMES

BY LLOYD GARVER

The House of Representatives last week voted to bar Medicaid and Medicare from paying for Viagra and similar medicines. Considering that often Congress itself is quite impotent, I was surprised that they didn't have more empathy for those who suffered from this problem. Their reasoning was that the American people should not pay for "lifestyle drugs." We pay for the lavish lifestyles of oil magnates and other super-rich people who get tax breaks. Isn't that more offensive to you than paying to help people who have a medical condition?

Considering everything else going on in the world, whether the government should or shouldn't pay for these drugs is not a top priority for me. On the other hand, the idea of federal programs paying for these prescriptions doesn't bother me, especially when I think about all the ridiculous things that we taxpayers pay for. Billions of dollars are spent on wasteful "pork" projects every year. Some examples over the recent past include authorizing \$102 million to study screwworms and a mere \$50 million for an indoor rainforest in Iowa. NASCAR gets \$92 million in federal economic incentives, while poor Tiger Woods only gets \$100,000 in federal grant money for his foundation. In this context, paying for these drugs doesn't seem all that frivolous to me.

It didn't seem frivolous for Bob Dole to do his famous commercial a few years ago for Viagra. He was hailed as brave for going public with this problem. So, why is the issue now considered by many to be an outrageous subsidizing of people's "recreational" activities?

There are a couple of reasons. This administration has been consistently prudish. How silly does it seem now that the chairman of the FCC got personally involved when Janet Jackson's breast was exposed for a micro second on TV? Remember when former Attorney General Ashcroft insisted that a statue be

draped to cover its breasts? So, it's not surprising that today's politicians would be offended by the idea of helping people have a sex life.

But I think a bigger reason is the image that these medicines have. When Hugh Hefner brags about his using Viagra, that doesn't make us want to pay for his dalliances at the mansion. And we have been inundated by ads for these drugs. There are even billboards at baseball stadiums advertising them. It seems a little ironic that baseball claims to be so opposed to some performance enhancing drugs but not to others.

So, it's precisely because of the way the drug companies have chosen to market these drugs that seems to justify the position of those who don't want the government to pay for them. "E.D." is not presented as a serious medical problem by the media. We see couples shopping or in outdoor bathtubs, and sexy women breathlessly tell us how happy they are that their partners use the medicine. That famous "four-hour erection" line in the ads may be a legitimate health warning, but I'll bet it makes a lot of people look into getting the drug and asking their doctor, "If I take half a pill will it last only two hours?"

But why should those who suffer from this condition be penalized because the drug companies chose this marketing strategy? What if someone has "E.D." because of a war injury? What if it's the result of depression, or diabetes, or cancer? It doesn't sound like a frivolous "lifestyle" choice to me then.

So, it's a shame that Congress has been blinded by prudishness and peppy commercials. They can't see that sometimes this drug is not just something that people add to their love lives like a martini or their favorite CD. Twenty years from now when some of the Congressmen who voted for this ban start to use these products, it won't matter to them whether Medicare will pay. Unlike the general public, they'll have no problem coming up with the money. Like Bob Dole before them, all they'll have to do is a few commercials for these drugs.

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The Q Line

RESIDENTS WAIT FOR THEIR SHIPS TO COME IN

This past week, Q-line asked:
“Which do you favor, rebuilding the breakwater or building a gangway off of the Santa Monica Pier?”

Here are your responses:

① “There is another option: Heal the bay first. Right now it’s dubious whether it’s safe to eat the fish caught in these waters. It certainly isn’t safe to swim in much of this area. As usual, Santa Monica puts the cart before the horse by advertising tourism for this filthy, unsafe city before cleaning it up and getting rid of the bums.”

② “It is interesting that the majority of crank comments, including my own, to the Santa Monica Daily Press have to do with traffic congestion, air pollution, filthy sidewalks, and overcrowding. Now the Santa Monica city nincompoop politicians, who are completely devoid of class and style, wish to construct another attraction next to the Santa Monica Pier that is already overcrowded with human and motorized congestion. Prudence dictates that we as residents of Santa Monica understand that motorized seagoing vessels pollute both the air and the ocean water. As residents, we should consider that the Marina del Rey boat harbor has never been a great success due to the high cost of sailing vessels and more in charges. And lastly, one would wonder how a boat harbor would help the rank and file residents of Santa Monica. We must keep in mind this project will be paid for with tax dollars from all of us that only a few of us will be able to enjoy.”

③ “Since there is so much wasteful spending by the City Council, I think the galley is just fine. And give back some of the money to the people.”

④ “A couple of dogs peeing on the sand is a no-no, but a fleet of boats dumping gas, poop, oil and garbage is OK?”

⑤ “Brains and the City Council do not go hand-in-hand. The idea that the city or the taxpayers should pay for a breakwater rebuild or gangway at the pier is ludicrous. Has anybody on that inept City Council thought about letting the vendees or concessionaires pay for the gangway? Why is it that every time something has to be done in this city that benefits the vendees or concessionaires that the city has to put up the money. Why can’t it be asked of those who would benefit — in this case, the vendees and the concessionaires?”

⑥ “I think we should have a breakwater rebuild — not the gangway, which will be full of homeless urinating on the gangway ... But as far as the breakwater is concerned — build the breakwater.”

⑦ “It would be a good idea to put up all that stuff down at the pier, assuming they can figure out how much it would cost. Once they estimate the cost, they should double it because when the city’s involved in it, it would cost more than when normal people do things. They’ve got to figure out if

it would be worth it, if it won’t bring in very much money for what they spend they shouldn’t do it. But, if they do bring in some business, they should go for it. They could have tours, maybe boats to Catalina, fishing boats, things like that. And, if they have a boat that offers a three-hour tour, they should put the City Council on it. Hopefully they won’t come back.”

⑧ “Over 40 years ago, when I was in the Junior Lifeguards, we used to jump off the pier. I thought it was a derelict piece of junk then, now it’s an expensive piece of junk. Having said that, if you have a pier you must have a breakwater. The question is how to pay for it. A breakwater should bring back commercial fishing business and about 20 anchorages. Can these support the \$13 million cost? How about the non-profit PRC paying for it? No, I think its biggest contributor is the city of Santa Monica. Again, we are supporting private enterprise with taxpayer money so tourists and people from east LA can ride on the Ferris wheel. Why aren’t the Santa Monica taxpayers concerned about another dubious donation of their money? Because the lemmings get a free musical concert by music groups that no one would pay for — and that’s sure worth \$13 million, plus what we have already put into this money pit.”

⑨ “The breakwater versus the gangway. Have they forgot what the purpose of a breakwater was in the first place? To protect the pier in a storm. The gangway won’t do that. They need the breakwater to protect the pier from being washed away like it was before.”

⑩ “One thing someone should give some consideration to is some form of access for small boat owners just north of the pier. I wooden platform of some sort. A wooden road that could be taken up at certain times of the year. Something that you could put over the sand that was 12 or 15 feet so people with sailboats could launch ... I think they could set aside a small area there so people with small boats could roll them into the water and use their cars and trailers in the parking lot there. It wouldn’t be very costly and it could be managed.”

⑪ “The sign entering the pier says ‘yacht harbor, sport fishing, boating and cafes.’ If they had the breakwater they’d be able to have all of those others, including cafes. It’ll be a big attraction for the place ...”

⑫ “Most definitely bring back the breakwater. Bring operational boats back and get the sport fishing half-day and full-day boats in there. Make that a functional pier and use it for what it was built for. That is the soul of Santa Monica, that pier. That would be a wonderful thing to make that functional again.”

GUEST COMMENTARY BY THOMAS A. BOWDEN

The faith-based attack on rational government

They call themselves “people of faith,” and they are waging war against a basic principle of American government: the separation of church and state. Complaining that our secular culture has improperly banished God from government, religious conservatives are working tirelessly to inject faith-based decision-making into America’s legal system.

This conservative onslaught requires a bold defense of the secular state — by people of reason.

Although that defense must encompass all branches of government, today’s battleground is the courtroom, where judges find themselves under relentless pressure to legitimize religious dogmas such as the sanctity of the God-given soul (the Terri Schiavo case, anti-abortion laws, stem cell research), the literal truth of holy scripture (laws against homosexuality, displays of the Ten Commandments in courthouses), and the recognition of God as master of the universe (creationism, prayer in public schools). The First Amendment, conservatives declare, guarantees only freedom “of” religion, not freedom “from” religion.

To their credit, secular judges have valiantly resisted the religious right’s persistent advances. In response, frustrated conservatives are leveraging their newfound dominance over Congress and the presidency in a crusade to emasculate the judiciary. Whether it’s senators limiting filibusters, or Congress threatening to reorganize the court system, or President Bush decrying “judicial activism” while nominating compliant federal judges, conservatives are targeting secular judges as enemies.

No, the “people of faith” are not calling for a Christian theocracy — yet. For now, they simply want to establish religious faith on an equal footing with reason as a legitimate method of governmental decision-making. But if they succeed in this, the eventual emergence of government by clergy is all but assured.

A proper defense of the secular state must penetrate to fundamentals. It is insufficient, for example, to criticize Christian evangelicals for imposing their own narrow creed on a diversely religious citizenry. Such superficial criticism implies that faith-based governmental action is permissible if representative of all beliefs, when in fact our Constitution forbids it.

America was established for a secular purpose: the protection of individual rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. The Constitution neither mentions God (except to forbid religious tests for public office), nor imbues government with any religious purposes.

Individual rights can be protected only by a secular state whose every action is grounded in objective fact and guided by reason, not blind faith. By way of illustration, consider the importance of rational methodology in the

field of criminal justice.

To justify an arrest in a proper legal system, the police must have probable cause, and to win a conviction, a prosecutor must establish guilt beyond a reasonable doubt, based on objective evidence. If justice is to prevail, each governmental decision must be taken without regard to anyone’s religious faith.

Any admixture of religious faith guarantees injustice. In the Dark Ages, a prosecutor would submerge the defendant’s arms in boiling water, and if the scalded flesh became infected, that was taken as a sign of God’s disfavor, mandating a guilty verdict. Adopting that benighted era’s essential methodology, today’s conservatives demand that judges accept “God’s will” as a legitimate basis for punishing homosexuals, science teachers, stem cell researchers, and a host of others. This is the collapse of criminal justice, as surely as if Jewish judges were rejecting testimony from atheists, or Catholic jurors were relying on scripture to convict Protestants.

Centuries of history demonstrate that faith-based governments spawn persecution, torture, and endless bloody warfare. Today’s religionists may insist that this time will be different, but their evasions cannot eradicate the inherent connection between faith and force. Since faith entails overriding reason in favor of emotion, religious disputes are necessarily unresolvable through rational persuasion, leaving force as the only weapon against heretics and infidels. No wonder religionists so often lust after government power.

If “people of faith” choose to act irrationally in their private lives, they are free to do so. But if there is one institution that must be held rationally accountable for every single action it takes, it is the agency that can lawfully use guns, prisons, and lethal injections against legally disarmed citizens.

Separating church from state does not guarantee victory for the rational protection of individual rights — secular irrationality is possible, indeed commonplace — but such separation is indispensable nonetheless. This is why issues like abortion, gay rights, and “Intelligent Design” creationism merit so much attention. Once judges begin accepting religious feelings as valid decisional factors, the secular principle cannot survive, and the disintegration of society into sectarian strife must soon follow.

“People of faith” began this war, and so people of reason must now end it — by zealously defending the secular state, and vowing never to allow faith and force to be united under the American flag.

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NATIONAL

High Court to lose key Western voice in O'Connor

BY JON SANCHE
Associated Press Writer

DENVER — As the U.S. Supreme Court justice most strongly associated with the West, Sandra Day O'Connor brought a unique view of the law to her opinions on states' rights and land use — issues that strike at the heart of many controversies in the region.

The daughter of a fourth-generation Arizona family and author of a book about growing up on the family ranch, she maintained close ties to the West after President Reagan appointed her to the high court in 1981.

O'Connor, 75, often was regarded as a moderate conservative during her 24 years on the court and is best known for casting the deciding vote in key social issue cases, including cases involving abortion and affirmative action.

After she announced her retirement Friday, experts said one of her final opinions — a stinging dissent in a recent ruling in which the majority said private land could be taken by government for economic development — was a hallmark of her philosophy.

"She is very concerned about govern-

ment agencies overstepping their bounds and being able to deprive landowners of uses in favor of other private uses," said Mark Squillace, director of the Natural Resources Law Clinic at the University of Colorado School of Law. "It's fair to say that most of us who work on Western resource issues have appreciated her sort of commitment and understanding of those issues."

Senators from both sides of the political spectrum praised her tenure on the court and said they hoped President Bush would nominate another Westerner to replace her.

"As a Westerner, she brought to the court a love of the land and an appreciation for individual rights," said Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nev. "Above all, Justice O'Connor has been a voice of reason and moderation on the court. It is vital that she be replaced by someone like her, someone who embodies the fundamental American values of freedom, equality and fairness."

Other justices with Western ties include Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist, who earned three degrees at Stanford University and practiced law in Phoenix from 1969-71; Stephen G. Breyer, a San Francisco native who also

earned a degree at Stanford; and Stanford alum Anthony M. Kennedy, who was born in Sacramento, Calif., practiced law in California, taught at the University of the Pacific and served on the San Francisco-based 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

Sen. Wayne Allard, R-Colo., said he would ask Bush to nominate somebody with experience and knowledge of issues of particular interest in the West, such as water and other natural resources.

"I think the views of our Constitution and our laws is informed by the upbringing that one has, and I think in her case her upbringing in Arizona gave her a sense of the individual ruggedness and independence of the West," added Sen. Ken Salazar, a freshman Democrat from Colorado.

Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., called O'Connor a "true pioneer" who opened the door to women on the court.

"She has served this nation with distinction and provided a voice of moderation on a deeply divided court. She leaves very large shoes to be filled," Feinstein said.

O'Connor often cast the deciding vote in key decisions. That flexibility and pragmatism was another characteristic that made her a strong voice for the West,

Colorado law professor Paul Campos said.

While she criticized the majority opinion in last week's government-takings case, she wrote a 1984 majority opinion upholding a Hawaii law allowing the state government to acquire and then sell to new owners land that had been held by Hawaiian chiefs and their descendants for generations.

"I think the consistent mark of her jurisprudence in regard to these issues is always trying to find some sort of balance between desirability of local control and the need for some sort of federal oversight," Campos said. "It's hard to find a consistent pattern in her decisions."

O'Connor was a champion for the West, said Jim Sims, executive director of the Golden-based Western Business Roundtable, a nonprofit group that tries to influence land-use, energy, pollution, wildlife and other regional issues.

"The fact is a lot of the laws written on the East Coast just don't work as well in the West," Sims said. "Regional differences are real differences, and to the extent those regional differences can be reflected on the court, that's just a better way of interpreting the law."

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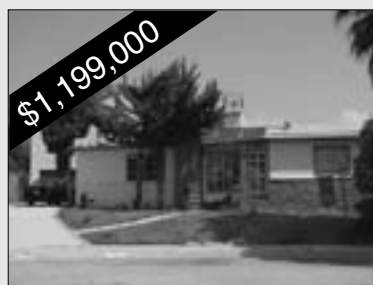
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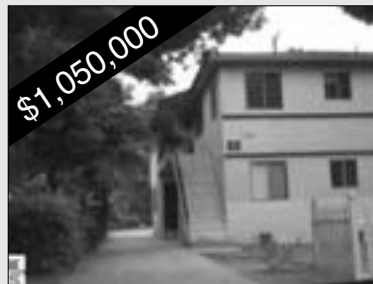
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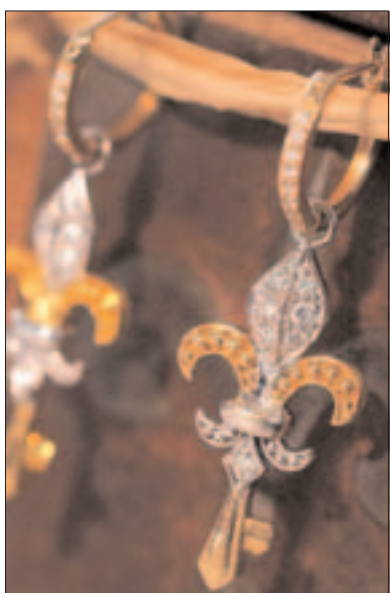
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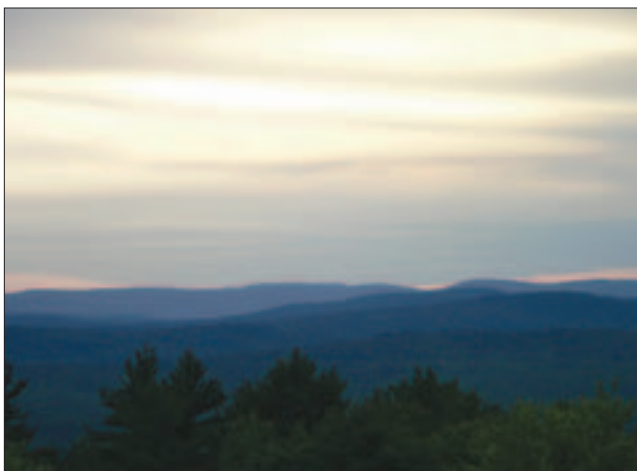
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All about U.S.: A journey of 7,500 miles

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ground Jewel Cave, got drenched on a boat ride under the pounding Niagara Falls and walked among monuments to man and country in Washington, D.C., at night. On our final day, in Harlem, we ate Italian food and drank with friends until 5 a.m. At 8 a.m., we visited Ground Zero.

Planning for the trip was easy. My wife Louisa, a Santa Monica teacher and cellist, and I waited for gas prices to peak at over \$2.80 a gallon, then decided the time was right. Actually, that's not true. It was the chance to spend six weeks on the road before leaving for a two-year Peace Corps stint in China that we found irresistible.

So I turned in my last news story for the Daily Press, headlined "Surfer finds dead body at SM beach," and we left in late April with our only goal being to arrive, eventually, at Louisa's parents home in Contoocook, New Hampshire.

More than puttering around on small highways, visiting landmarks and sightseeing, we met people who reminded us of what a massive and diverse country this is.

We listened to travel stories told by Gordon, a veteran of the Korean War who now is the sole pilot for a tiny

helicopter outfit near the Badlands. Gordon was a talker, but even more than to us, he chatted with his small dog Dozer, comforting him from the chopper's drumming motor, teasing him kindly for scurrying after the shadows created by the spinning blades after we landed.

We spoke with Tran, an immigrant dishwasher at a Thai restaurant and bar in Nashville. Tran had learned to speak English near perfectly after only two years in America. Long a poor man who struggled to feed his large extended family, Tran had begun saving money weekly to travel to exhibit events for top-end sports cars. He spoke excitedly about how he could drive at break-neck speeds from his house in the Nashville suburbs to the restaurant where he worked, evading state troopers all the while.

We learned the philosophies of Cincinnati wordsmith Tom, a retired college administrator and handy man who fought on the front lines in Vietnam, meeting the brutality of war both in enemies and in other servicemen. His high school best friend, with whom he enlisted, was standing next to him when a fellow soldier shot and

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California military bases being considered for closure

BY LIZ SIDOTI
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Military bases in Hawaii and California are among several a commission is considering adding to Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld's list of proposed closures.

In a letter sent Friday to the Pentagon chief, commission Chairman Anthony Principi identified additional bases the commission may recommend closing and seeks explanations for why the Pentagon decided to leave those facilities open.

Specifically, the letter asks why Marine Corps Recruit Depot and the Navy Broadway Complex, both in San Diego, and the U.S. Naval Shipyard at Pearl Harbor were not slated for closure.

It also questions the Pentagon's decisions to downsize, rather than close, the Naval Air Station in Brunswick, Maine, Pope Air Force Base in North Carolina, and Grand Forks Air Force Base in North Dakota.

And, the letter asks for more explanation about the proposed reorganization of Air National Guard facilities across the country and the downsizing of several other small facilities.

In May, the Pentagon proposed closing or reducing forces at 62 major bases and hundreds of smaller installations to save money and streamline the services. Dozens of other facilities would grow, absorbing troops from domestic and overseas bases slated for closure or downsizing.

The law that authorized the first round of base closings in a decade requires the Pentagon to answer such questions before the commission can consider recommending closing or downsizing a facility that wasn't on Rumsfeld's original list.

The commission will conduct a public hearing on July 19 in Washington to

decide whether bases left off the list should be added. It takes seven of nine votes to add a base. Public hearings and base visits would follow.

Bases, including any added to the list in July, can be removed from the list later, but the commission won't make those decisions until August.

The commission must send its revised list to the president in September. He must approve it in its entirety or send it back to the commission for more work. Once the president signs off on it, the list goes to Congress, which must accept it or reject it as a whole.

The Pentagon says it will save \$49 billion over 20 years by streamlining services across the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps and shutting down bases deemed inefficient.

On Friday, the Government Accountability Office released a report that found upfront costs will total \$24 billion and questioned the Pentagon's projected savings.

"We believe the recommendations overall, if approved, would produce savings," the report said. However, it added, "there are clear limitations associated with the projected savings, such as the lack of military end-strength reductions and uncertainties associated with other savings estimates."

The report said eliminating jobs held by military personnel would make up about half of the annual recurring savings. However, the report said much of that money won't be available for other uses because the jobs — and salaries — simply will be relocating to other areas.

"Without recognition that these are not dollar savings that can be readily applied elsewhere, this could create a false sense of savings available for other purposes," the report said.



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Terror suspects remain defiant

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This story is based on information contained in 278 pages of U.S. military documents dealing with investigations of alleged abuse of prisoners at Guantanamo Bay. The Associated Press obtained the documents under a Freedom of Information lawsuit.)

BY BEN FOX

Associated Press Writer

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — The prisoners banged on their cells to protest the heat at Guantanamo Bay. They doused guards with whatever liquid was handy — from spit to urine. Sometimes they struck their jailers, one swinging a steel chair at a military police officer.

And the American MPs at times retaliated with force — punches, pepper spray and a splash of cleaning fluid in the face, according to documents obtained by The Associated Press that detail military investigations and eyewitness accounts of alleged abuse.

Military authorities have previously disclosed some incidents of guard retaliation, which resulted in mostly minor disciplinary proceedings. What emerges from 278 pages of the newly released documents is the degree of defiance by the terrorism suspects at Guantanamo.

Some prisoners at the U.S. base in eastern Cuba have gone on the attack, as in April 2003 when a detainee got out of his cell during a search for contraband food and knocked out a guard's tooth with a punch to the mouth and bit him before he was subdued by MPs. One soldier delivered two blows to the inmate's head with a handheld radio, the documents show.

"Several guards were trying to hold down the detainee who was putting up heavy resistance," recounted a translator who saw the incident. "The detainee was covered in blood as were some of the guards."

The soldier who struck the inmate, and was dropped in rank to private first class as a result, described it as a close call. "The detainee was fighting as if he really wanted to hurt us. ... We all saved each other's lives in my opinion," he wrote.

The documents, obtained under a Freedom of Information Act lawsuit filed by AP, are far from a comprehensive look at Guantanamo and do not provide full details about each incident.

Names and some other identifying details have been blacked out by military censors. Handwriting at times isn't legible and pages appear to be missing or out of sequence. In some cases, it is not possible to decipher who did what to whom. Disciplinary measures against the troops were either relatively minor or unclear in some reports.

The internal investigative reports do, however, provide a snapshot of life behind the wire at Guantanamo, depicting a tense, hostile and sometimes chaotic place.

In one of the more serious incidents described in the documents, detainees told guards that an MP threw the cleaning liquid Pine-Sol in the eyes of a prisoner in the middle of one night in January 2004. In a written statement, another soldier said he came in immediately afterward to find what smelled like cleaning liquid dripping from the cell.

"The detainee could be seen rubbing his eyes intensely and moaning in pain," he said.

Documents show that the guard, from the 661st Military Police Company, did not admit throwing the cleaning fluid when questioned about it that night but did say the detainee had spit on him, and may have thrown urine.

A medic on the cell block flushed the detainee's eyes with water, a witness said.

A Department of Defense investigative memo written six months later concluded the soldier had mistreated detainees twice — the second offense involved cursing at inmates — and that his superiors failed to report either episode.

Investigators recommended disciplinary action against the soldier and a probe into why the incident wasn't reported up the chain of command, but the outcome is unclear from the papers.

In a statement to investigators, one service member said he hadn't seen the Pine-Sol incident but noted that U.S. personnel have been taught to use restraint with detainees: "The training we have received here at Guantanamo Bay has always stressed ... that no matter what happens on the block do not retaliate ... it will just get you into trouble."

Still, tensions between prisoners and guards have been high since the first suspects arrived in early 2002, hooded and shackled, mostly from the battlefields of Afghanistan.

The detainees' defiance discussed in the documents ranged from mild — prisoners getting matching haircuts in a show of solidarity or refusing orders to stop practicing martial arts in the exercise yard — to hostile acts like spitting or throwing unknown liquids at the MPs. One soldier used pepper spray on prisoners because, he said in a report to superiors, he feared that the unknown liquids hurled could pose a health danger.

One soldier told military investigators he punched a detainee's face because the man spit at him and hit him as he tried to put him in restraints at the prison hospital in October 2004.

"My instincts took over after the hitting and spitting," said the soldier. Documents show authorities recommended that the punishment include reduction in rank to E-4, loss of a month's pay and extra duty for 45 days, though the outcome is unclear.

In the prison camp's early days, inmates showed their anger over the heat and the practice of leaving lights on in their cells at night by banging on the bars throughout one guard shift in September 2002, the documents say. One detainee who was believed to be leading the protest threw what an MP said smelled like water from the toilet on him. The MP tried to spray water from a hose in response, but the detainee blocked it with a mat.

The guard who tried to spray the detainee was charged with assault, given a reduction in rank to private first class, which was suspended, and reassigned to other duties at Guantanamo.

In another case, an inmate threw a partially full urine bottle at an MP in May 2002, apparently because he believed the soldier had intentionally kicked his hospital bed. When the soldier threw the urinal back, the detainee grabbed a steel chair and swung it at guards before they subdued him.

A military witness defended the MP, writing: "I believe (name deleted) to be a good and honest soldier ... and just influenced by negative elements among us." The documents don't make clear what punishment, if any, the MP got.

Military officials at Guantanamo did not respond this week to questions about relations between guards and detainees at the camp, which has held some 700 prisoners from 45 countries since it opened. There are about 540 detainees there now.



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(Top) NATIVE HANDIWORK: Work on a sculpture tribute to American Indian Crazy Horse continues just miles from Mt. Rushmore in South Dakota.
 (Bottom) MORNING MIST: The south fork of central Oregon's McKenzie River forks into two branches before emptying into Cougar Reservoir.

Veterans, immigrants make traveler proud to be American

AMERICRAWLER, from page 10

killed him in retaliation for an offensive prank. While “hanging a lip over a beer,” or eight, Tom shared such insights as “If you’re not living on the edge, you’re taking up too much space.”

It was people like these, the veterans and the immigrants, that made me most proud to be American, to belong to a nation of newcomers.

Then there was local color. Road signs along the way reminded us that “Hell is Real,” “Guns don’t kill people, people do” and “Your mother was pro-life.” One church near the shore of Lake Erie urged passersby to “Come in for a faith lift.”

Never once did we stop to dine on fast food or stay in a hotel, opting instead for greasy spoons and out-of-the way campgrounds.

There were times when the places we stayed and the peo-

ple we met reminded us much of our times in Santa Monica. There also were times when the diversity and relative sophistication of our home city couldn’t have felt more distant.

It struck me while driving that in many ways highways are the great underappreciated public spaces of the United States. Though historic civic spaces and parks often are preserved and sometimes new ones still are built, malls and other controlled, private spaces continue to encroach on communities under the guise of offering open, public space.

They are anything but that.

The road, on the other hand, is free to all those inclined who are fortunate enough to afford a vehicle and fuel. We were just thankful to be a part of that group.

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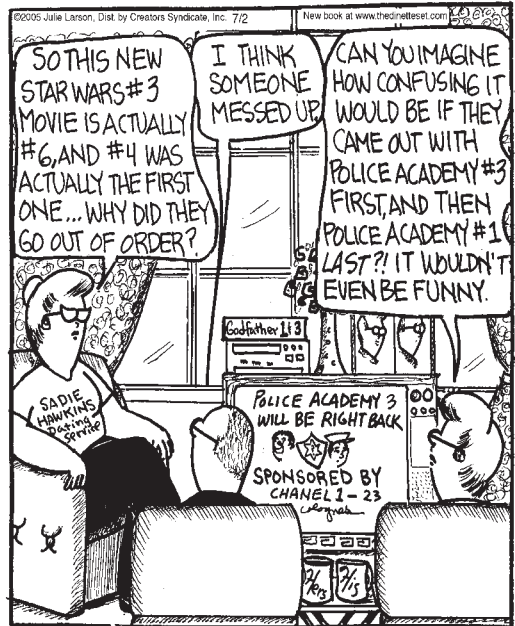
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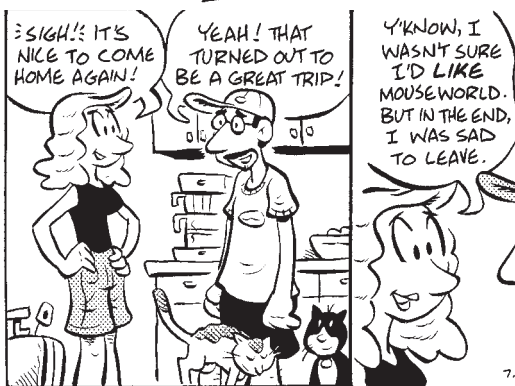


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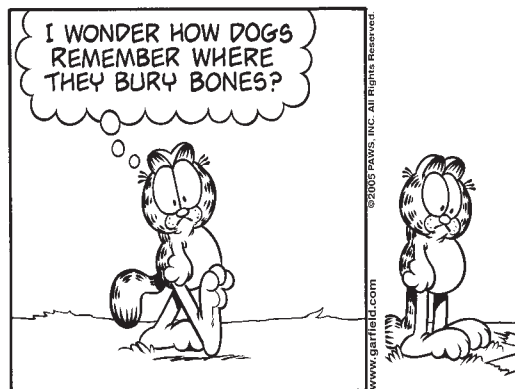
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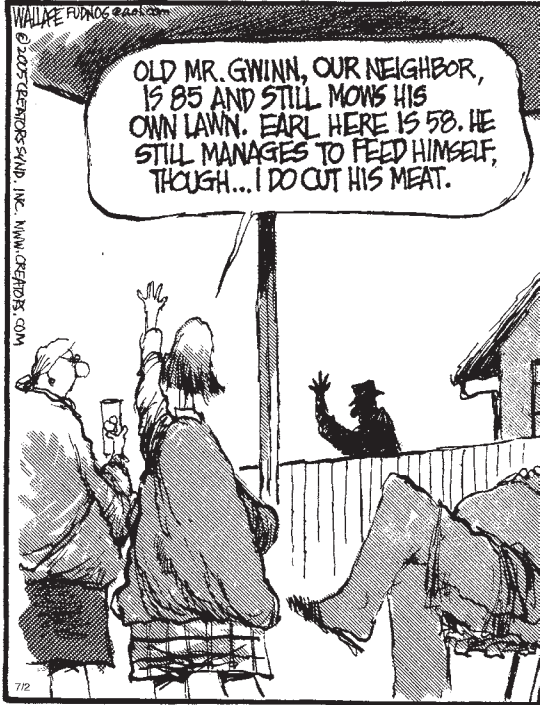


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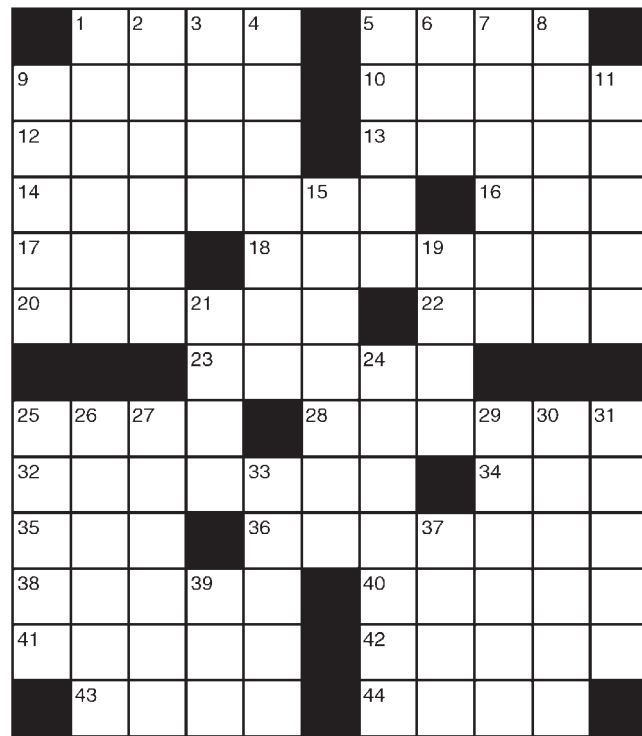
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