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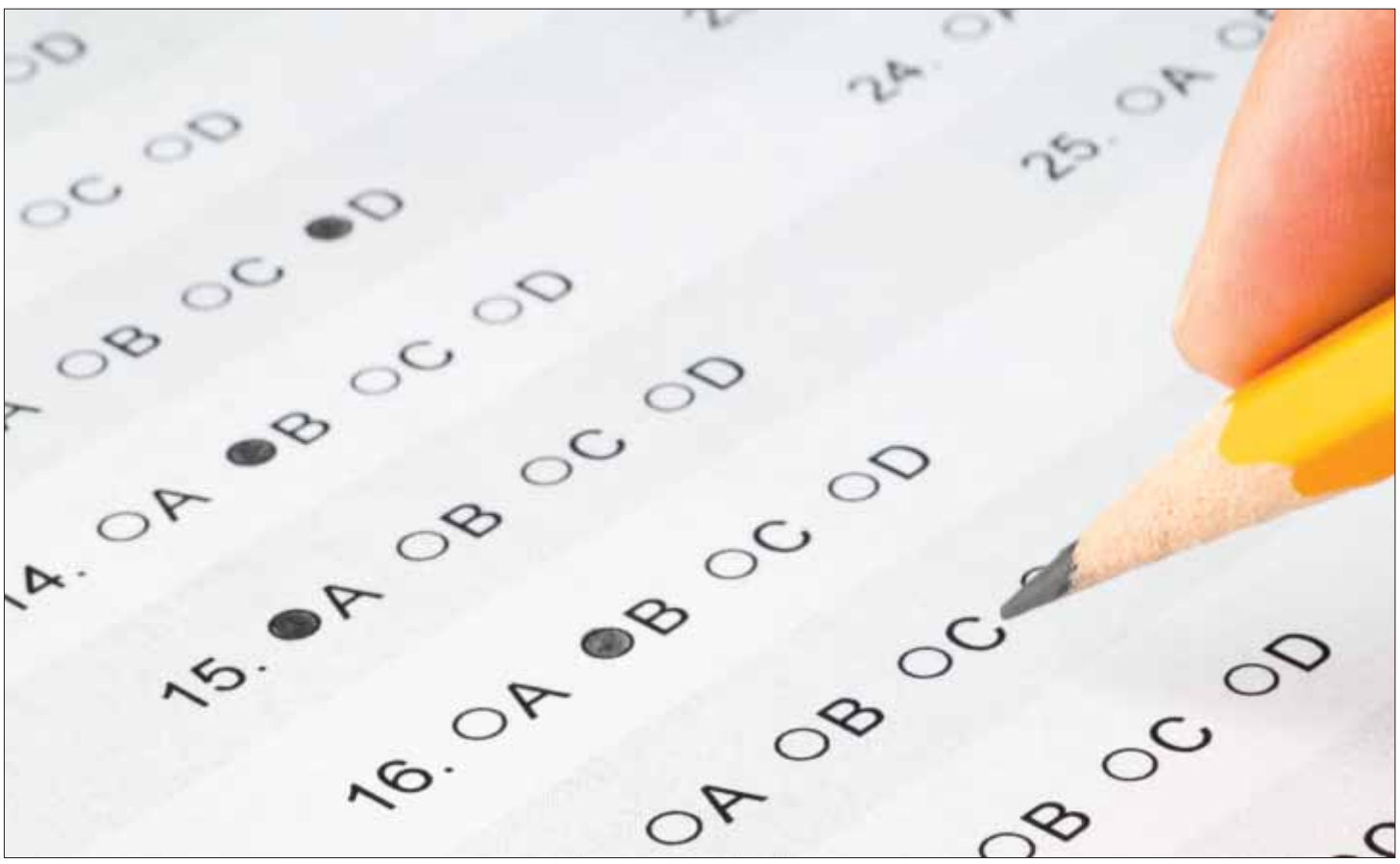


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District performs well on state test

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

Editor's note: This is the first of a two-part series on the STAR scores.

SMMUSD HDQTRS School officials received good news on Tuesday when state test results showed that students in the district continue to show improvement but there's some concern that the state budget crisis could be reflected in the scores next year.

The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District saw improvements in the proficiency levels of four of five major testing categories for the Standardized Testing and Reporting Program (STAR), including English language arts, which covers grades two through 11, mathematics for two through 11, history for grades eight and 11 and science for grades five, eight and 10.

While the rate of growth of the scores is slower than in L.A. County and the state, students in the SMMUSD continue to perform better than their peers in other districts.

"When you start to reach a higher level of proficiency, it becomes difficult to maintain that pace of growth we had in the earlier years of the program," Maureen Bradford, the director of assessment, research and evaluation, said.

Students overall improved from 67 percent proficiency in English language arts last year to 69 percent this year. Mathematics saw a small increase from 55 percent to 56 percent, while history saw a bigger jump, from 52 percent to 57 percent.

General science saw an increase of 66 to 69 percent, while the category of end-of-course science — biology, chemistry, physics and earth science — that is administered to all students freshmen through juniors who are enrolled in those courses saw a dip from 48 percent to 47 percent proficiency.

"These relatively small gains over the prior year are part of a longitudinal pattern of steady and continuous improvement," SMMUSD Superintendent Tim Cuneo said. "This multi-year upward trend is a result of the high caliber of our classroom teachers and their ongoing efforts to improve instructional practice."

But all five categories have seen substantial growth since 2002, the largest margins going to history and general science, both of which have experienced a 17 percentage point increase.

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Court upholds Black Widows convictions

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

DOWNTOWN L.A. A state appellate court on Tuesday reaffirmed the guilty convictions of two elderly women — one a former Santa Monica landlord — who were sentenced to life in prison last year for murdering a pair of homeless men for financial gain.

Helen Golay, 78, and her partner-in-crime, 76-year-old Olga Rutterschmidt of Hollywood, both appealed the convictions to the California Court of Appeals' Second District in Los Angeles, claiming the trial violated their Sixth Amendment rights and the prosecution engaged in prejudicial misconduct in their opening and closing statements.

The two septuagenarian women were ordered to serve life in prison without the possibility of parole for killing Kenneth McDavid and Paul Vados in separate yet eerily similar hit-and-runs that took place in Los Angeles area alleys.

In 2005, McDavid's body was found lying in an alley behind Westwood Boulevard. His DNA was eventually discovered on the undercarriage of a car tied to Golay, who owned three apartment buildings in Ocean Park.

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SMC student sentenced in terrorist plot

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

SANTA ANA, Calif. A Santa Monica College student who helped a radical prison-based Islamic militant group that plotted "war" against the U.S. government and targeted Israel supporters was sentenced Monday to

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1332 Sixth St., noon — 1:30 p.m.
Join the Santa Monica Kiwanis Club at its weekly luncheon with guest speakers. Call (310) 613-1249 for more information.

Thursday, Aug. 20, 2009

Muse mixer
Santa Monica Museum of Art
2525 Michigan Ave., 7 p.m. — 9 p.m.
Mix and mingle with LACMA Muse members as they raise a final glass to "Barkley L. Hendricks: Birth of the Cool, paintings 1964-2007." Vocalist Kalil Wilson & His Trio with pianist Dan Marschak will bring Hendrick's jazz-inspired figures to life while you enjoy a summer cocktail at the open bar. The event is free to museum members, and $10 for everyone else. RSVP is required. Call (310) 586-6488 or e-mail musersvp@lacma.org for more information.

Preschool story time
Montana Avenue Branch Library
1704 Montana Ave., 11 a.m. — noon
Bring your children to enjoy stories for kids 3 to 5 every Thursday. Cost is free.

Santa Monica Laughter Club
InFocus Wellness Institute
717 Broadway, 11 a.m. — noon
Laugh your socks off with certified laughter yoga leader Kim Selbert and other adults. It's easy and fun and everyone can participate. Breathing is combined with movement and laughter exercises to improve health, decrease stress, and promote a positive mental attitude. No prior exercise or yoga experience is required. Call (310) 849-4642 for more information. Cost is $5 per senior and $10 for everyone else.

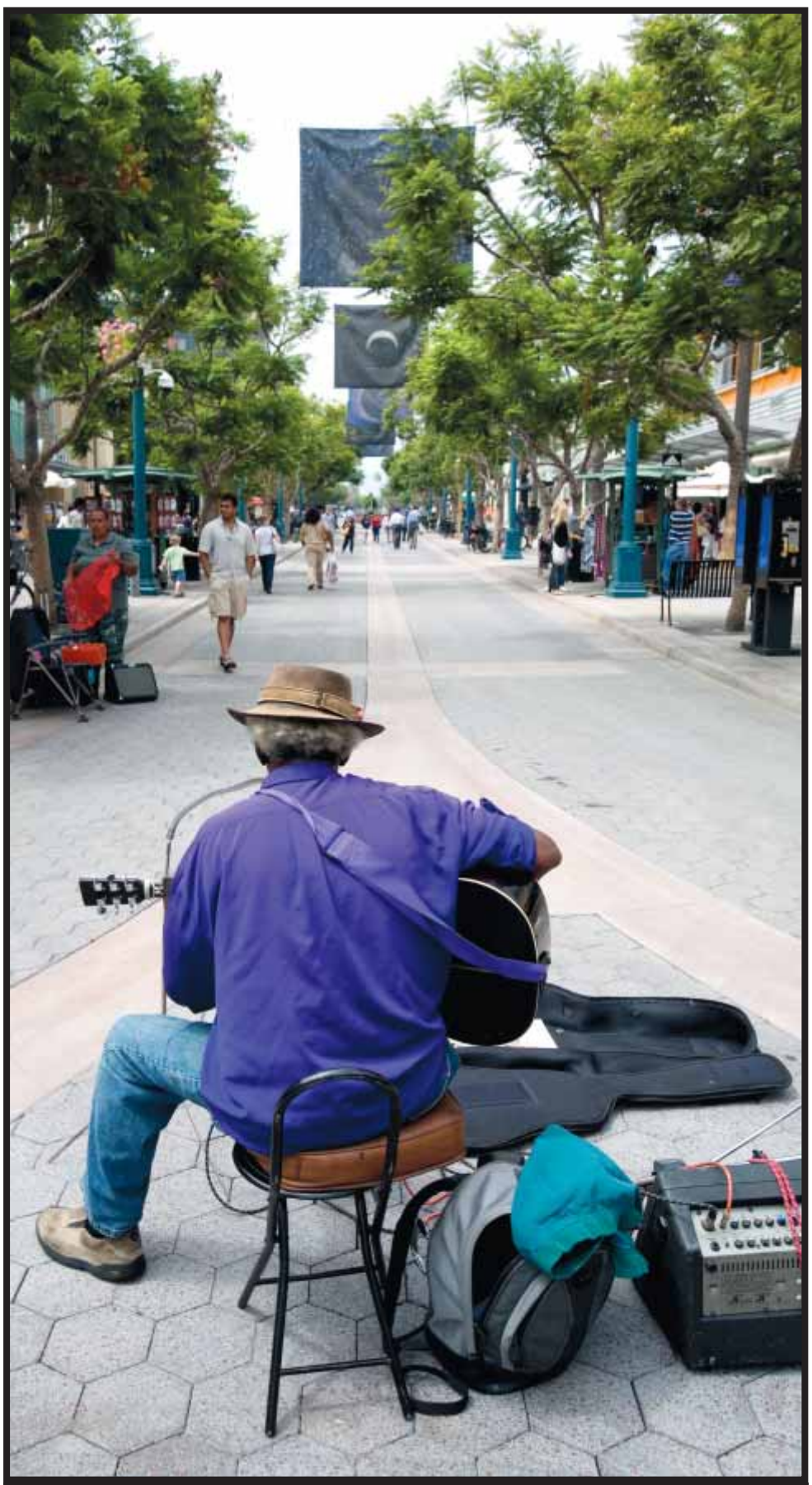
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Fairview Branch Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 1 p.m. — 2:30 p.m.
Come for a free-wheeling review and discussion of the week's key news stories at home and abroad moderated by Jack Nordhaus. Cost is free. Call (310) 450-0443 for more information.

Friday, Aug. 21, 2009

Pier in pictures
First United Methodist Church
1008 11th St., 9 a.m. — 11:30 a.m.
The First United Methodist Church presents a beautiful, free photo exhibit by church member Allan Walker to coincide with the Santa Monica Pier's 100th anniversary. The exhibit features contemporary images of the famous structure. This exhibit will be open daily through Sept. 9. For more information, call (310) 393-8258.

For more information on any of the events listed, log on to smdp.com and click the "Events" tab for the given day's calendar.

The Community Profile on Emmalie Hodgin that appeared in the Aug. 17 edition of the Daily Press should have stated that Hodgin moved to the city in 1956 and that tuition at a special SMC program was $3 in 1940.



MUSIC MAN

Byron Kennerly *news@smdp.com*

Guitarist Biff Scarborough strums for shoppers on the Third Street Promenade on Tuesday.

With a thumb and $7, Frenchman sees world

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE Forget dining in a city for $40 a day, Frenchman Jeremy Marie is traveling the world on just $7.

Since October 2007, Marie has been hitchhiking his way from continent to continent, grabbing free rides and staying with strangers, fulfilling a life-long globetrotting dream all while spending the cost of a fast food extra value meal every day.

"My goal when traveling is to meet people and to know their civilizations," he told the Daily Press in an interview Tuesday. "Hitchhiking is the best way to go."

His most recent stop was in Santa Monica where he stayed with a stranger whom he met through CouchSurfing.org, a nonprofit that hooks up travelers with willing hosts. He plans to leave this morning for Malibu.

The journey started in his hometown of Caen, which is located about 124 miles outside of Paris from where he hitchhiked to Switzerland and to Italy before heading into the former Soviet Union. He then hitchhiked to the Middle East, headed south down Africa to Capetown where he convinced the owner of a Catamaran to give him a free ride to Central America in exchange for a helping hand, keeping lookout during the evenings.

It took 58 days to get from Capetown to Panama from where he migrated north, entering the United States via Texas about seven weeks ago.

The 25-year-old traveler has hitchhiked a total of 717 times and covered more than 57,500 kilometers.

Standing on the side of the road, sticking out his thumb to flag down drivers, hasn't always been easy.

In France it would take him on average an hour before a car would stop. But in the United States, Marie would often wait for about four hours. There were also times when he was stopped by the police.

The most difficult country by far was Italy.

"Maybe its a cultural thing, being more individualistic," Marie said.

With a thick French accent and an approachable disposition, the diminutive Marie has even managed to convince random strangers to allow him to stay overnight, knocking on doors to try and secure lodging when there was little other options available. He found that citizens of Sudan were the most willing.

When CouchSurfing wasn't available, he would stay in cheap motels or sleep outside with his sleeping bag, dozing off outside of a gas station or inside a public bathroom.

The language barrier proved to be only a slight issue. Upon arriving in a country where the tongue was foreign, Marie, who can also speak English and Spanish, immediately located an English speaker, asking them to write on a piece of paper a statement explaining his mission, which he would show to drivers when hitchhiking.

He arrived on the Westside on Saturday, staying with a host in Westwood. On Monday night, that host gave him a ride to Santa Monica.

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Simpson memorabilia split up

BY LINDA DEUTSCH
AP Special Correspondent

SM COURTHOUSE A long battle for possession of memorabilia that led O.J. Simpson to a Nevada prison has ended with some of the items being returned to Simpson.

There was no big payday for anyone Tuesday although a lawyer for Simpson nemesis Fred Goldman said the contest was worth the trouble for vindication.

He collected souvenirs to be auctioned and another memorabilia dealer reclaimed items taken from him in the hotel room heist that put Simpson and others behind bars.

The judge ordered the first $6,075 made from auction go to Simpson.

One of the contenders in the dispute, Alfred Beardsley, was given back the baseball cap he wore during the Las Vegas hotel room break-in.

The judge examined two cartons full of footballs, books and pictures and distributed them.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Better off without chief

Editor:

Regarding the Aug. 14 SMDP article "Fire chief decides to leave post," Fire Chief Jim Hone sent a memo to members of his department stating that he intends to retire by the end of January 2010. Hone toots his own horn by reflecting on the "tremendous accomplishments ... achieved over the past few years," without giving specifics. Perhaps Hone and the department did achieve positive outcomes during his reign but Hone most definitely failed in the most important aspect of his job: protecting public and firefighter safety. At its core, this is the duty of the fire chief. Hone made it his mission to outsource fire dispatch operations to the Los Angeles Fire Department, dismantling in 2007 what had been a wildly successful in-house communications division that had served the community since 1889. Almost immediately complaints from members of the community and from within the SMFD itself began to pile up. Missed calls, apparatus dispatched to wrong addresses, increased response times, and the inability of Hone and his counterparts at LAFD to fix these issues led City Council to unanimously vote to end its contract and return dispatch to its rightful place in Santa Monica, thus cleaning up Hone's self-created mess. Hone's incompetence and lack of knowledge on issues of public safety communications is apparent. Furthermore, Hone conveniently fails to mention the 5.5 million taxpayer dollars wasted on his LAFD folly. Perhaps a portion of the six figure pension he is sure to receive should be paid back to the city as restitution to the taxpayers of the community he so let down. It is my belief and that of my Santa Monica neighbors that Hone's retirement is a gift to those of us who have long enjoyed the relative safety of residing in Santa Monica.

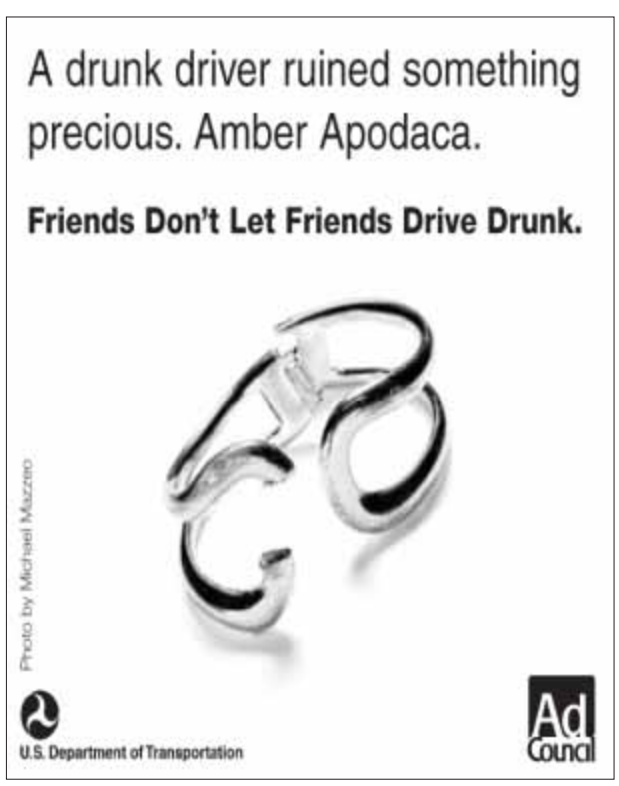
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Heartfelt

Editor:

In response to Mr. Medlin's rather long letter regarding homelessness in Santa Monica ("No such thing as a free lunch," page 4, Aug. 18), I will respond only briefly. I did not come to Santa Monica because it has a nice view of the sea or because it is home to many personally and economically fortunate people. I chose to live in Santa Monica and raise my sons here because Santa Monica has a heart; I continue to live here because of that heart. I do not want to live in a city, and wish I did not have to live on a planet where all communities do not have even a fraction as much heart – and soul – as Santa Monica.

Katherine K. McTaggart
Santa Monica





Going Postal

Steve "the Mailman" Breen — **Send comments to editor@smdp.com**

Forget the distractions

Editor's Note: This is the final installment of a three-part series

CONGRESS RECENTLY ANNOUNCED THAT the office of the president of the United States will be outsourced to India as of Sept. 11, 2009 in order to save on salary overhead as well as the record $1.3 trillion in deficit expenditures that the Obama administration has incurred since his inauguration. Pradeep Haji Singh, a 15 year-old computer tech-support employee from Pizza Hut, will run the affairs of the U.S. government from his cubicle in Mumbai following the departure of Barry Dunham Obama. Obama has accepted employment at a local Wal-Mart as a greeter due to his consummate skill in shaking hands, snappy wardrobe and nice teeth.

In other news, the Aug. 13 edition of the tabloid magazine, *The Globe*, screamed, "OBAMA'S BIRTH CERTIFICATE'S A FAKE!" Of course it's fake. It's written in Swahili, folks. You know, one can never trust anything that's written in those cheesy tabloids these days. Just ask former presidential candidate John Edwards. Enquiring minds just wanted to know, "Hey, Baby Daddy! Got DNA?" Meanwhile, everybody on both sides of the Trilateral Commission seem to have their bra straps in a knit over the alleged natal legitimacy of Barry the O.

Is it just me or is this sideshow any more valid than the vagina monologues of liberal clairvoyant gynecologists who contend that Trig Palin is not Sarah Palin's son?

The smoldering l'affaire de merde of Obama's birth has recently been given too much oxygen and has re-ignited into an ooey-gooey stench of napalm drenched political theater. It's a putrefacient distraction from the other, more important, meat-headed meanderings from Democrats like the Kabuki-inspired clown carnival known as ObamaCare. But first of all, let's look at the source of what has "birthers" scrambling through hospital dumpsters in third world countries looking for documentary wolfsbane to stop the socialist predation of the Lycanthrope-in-Chief.

Is it an inconvenient truth that most of the howling from the "birther" proxies can be sourced back to Clintonista operative and consigliere of 9/11 truthiness, Philip J. Berg? Is it any wonder that liberals, as a class of asses, are usually responsible for the greater generation of conspiracy theory-styled bovine scatology than their red state rivals?

And have you ever wondered, why do people come up with this stupid crap? Is it out of malice, stupidity, incompetence or an inadequacy of sex in their diet?

According to a recent Rasmussen poll, 28 percent of conservatives out there are currently wallowing around in the steaming "birther" cow pie. However, their numbers are still well below the paranoid stupidity of their 9/11 truther-cousins from the Planet Moonbat. Is it an inconvenient truth that 35 percent of Democrats still believe Bush knew of the attacks in advance while 25 percent "weren't sure?"

Weren't sure? Ask 9/11 truther and author Whitley Strieber. He's positive that 9/11 was completely orchestrated by the government. Mr. Strieber, by his own admission and if my memory serves, was also abducted by aliens in the 1980s.

If that's the case, then Democrats shouldn't feel so noxiously self-righteous about conservatives' questions concerning Obama's birth-iness that was originally sourced from those same 9/11 truther-Democrats in the first place! For the record, however, several well-respected conservative publications (the *National Review* and the *American Spectator* among them) have published definitive pieces evincing that Barack Hussein Obama is just as American as Bruce Springsteen.

OK, some conservatives bought into a liberal-generated con job. So sue us. Can we now get back to what's really important to the American people and talk about the 5,000-plus pages of health care reform that the president hasn't read yet? Or did Dr. Barry just read the tea leaves and then pragmatically caved into agreeing to "health care co-ops" to shore up his cratering poll numbers? Wow! He might not be as dumb as his teleprompter suggests, after all.

Folks, rather than be so cynical that Obama is engaged in sooper-dooper evil secret socialist coalitions of individuals about how best to screw over America, wouldn't it be more plausible to be skeptical about the douche bags that actually spew such conspiratorial absurdities? After all, Cheney had secret meetings with Big Oil while Obama has secret meetings with Big PhArma. I'm sure they both did it for the good of the country.

Isn't it more salient, though, to indenture oneself to the long-term analysis of the behavior of our commonly held public institutions (like the jerks in Congress) rather than disembowel your synapses with conjured kitchen-table claptrap that cannibal space aliens from the Masonic Illuminati Mouseketeer cabal are beaming down messages into your cerebral cortex to force you to buy cheap Ikea furniture?

Life is much simpler than that.

STEVE BREEN thinks that his conservative fantasies are better than your liberal nightmares and is still the "best looking mailman at the U.S. Post Office." He can be reached at dulcamarax@yahoo.com.

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Word in Edgewise

Kenny Mack

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Prime time gets political

THERE IS A HUGE DIFFERENCE between a "celebrity" and a "star." With the exception of the adult movie business, you have to have talent demonstrated through a body of work to be considered a star. But you can be a celebrity for all kinds of stupid reasons — from having over a million followers on MySpace to being pregnant with eight children.

In the world of celebrities, some are like Omarosa in that they are notorious, and some are like Bernie Madoff in that they've been disgraced. When casting a feel-good prime-time reality TV show for a major American broadcast network, you don't want to go any further than "notorious" for your mandatory villain. It's too bad Conrad Green, the executive producer of "Dancing With the Stars" is British, so he didn't realize what an incredibly bad idea it was to include former Republican House Speaker Tom DeLay in this season's cast.

In Green's defense, ABC doesn't really rely on stars. Their best shows ("Lost," "Brothers & Sisters," "Grey's Anatomy," and "Desperate Housewives") all feature good ensemble casts. Their only show that features the star's name in the title (ala "Roseanne") is "According to Jim" which, ironically enough, is the least recognizable of his two names and isn't the one for which he's best known.

Since "DWTS" has featured mostly actors and athletes, I could understand the tongue-in-cheek use of the word "stars" in the show's title. If you go back far enough in a professional athlete's life, you'll find he or she was the star of some team at some point and the actors have usually starred in at least one production. Some of the wildcards have been understandable (Steve Wozniak is definitely a star in the geek world and newly-single Kim Kardashian is technically a porn star) but the only other Washington-based contestant on the show (Tucker Carlson) was also a swing-and-a-miss in casting.

I understand the logic behind the decision to cast a semi-political figure like Carlson or a former elected official like DeLay. All of a sudden, "DWTS" is being talked about on cable news shows, Jon Stewart and Stephen Colbert will do bits about it, and we'll probably hear about it in a few late-night talk show monologues. And it would all be very funny and we could all feel good having a laugh together — if we were talking about Conrad Green's "dream booking," Bill Clinton, or his second choice, Dan Quayle.

But we're not. We're talking about a man who is scheduled to go on trial for felony money laundering in connection with re-election campaigns for Republicans in Texas, the result of which allowed him to illegally redraw districts in the middle of a census cycle to disenfranchise black voters. We're talking about a man who has taken bundles and bundles of cash from convicted felon Jack Abramoff, and even flew on the disgraced former lobbyist's jet to the Super Bowl and on a golf junket to St. Andrews in Scotland. At Abramoff's request, DeLay also blocked legislation to end sweatshop conditions in the U.S. territory of the Northern Mariana Islands and called the business-first, anti-union climate "a perfect petri dish of capitalism. It's like my Galapagos Island."

It came as no surprise to me that DeLay was available, excited, and "said yes in about 10 minutes," according to Green. I was, however, surprised to learn the search process stopped when DeLay was booked, and even more surprised when I found out what the producers were looking for. Green said part of the criteria was that the political figure they cast not currently be in office, that it be someone that everybody knows, and he wanted someone without partisan ties.

"We don't want to get into that morass," he said. He got the first part right (though he should be worried about the whole impending-trial-for-felony-money-laundering thing), but he doesn't seem to understand that the reason everybody knows DeLay is because of his partisan ties. Part of the reason he got his nickname, The Hammer, is because he considered every Democrat in the House of Representatives to be a nail.

But this move will probably work, some cable news viewers will watch the season premiere, and nobody will even remember this ever happened once Tommy does the "perp walk" dance right off the stage and into prison. That doesn't mean it was right to validate this man in this way — even if he's humiliated in the process.

Don't get me wrong. I'm not trying to tell Conrad Green how to do his job. After all, what would I, a man raised in and on American popular culture, be able to tell an Englishman who produced "Big Brother UK" about what appeals to American audiences? But If I was, I'd tell him that his dream booking isn't Bill Clinton, it's Sarah Palin — she's athletic, she'll look great in costume, she's got plenty of free time, millions of people will tune in to watch her, and she's just crazy enough to say yes.

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The Q Line

Pigeon problem?

The City Council recently approved a net that will be installed under the Santa Monica Pier to prevent pigeons from fouling the bay, which has some of the most polluted waters in California. This has animal rights activists in an uproar, with some claiming the net could kill or injure the birds who roost underneath the famous structure.

So this week's Q-Line question asks:

Do you think the net is a good idea, and why?

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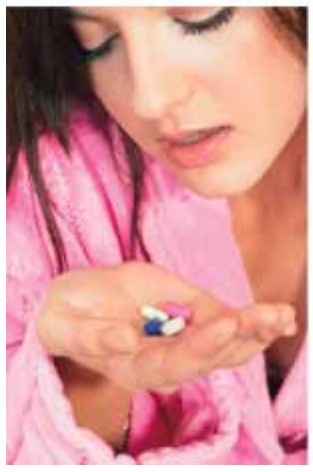

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STOCK MARKET

Earnings data nudge stocks toward gains

SARA LEPRO
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK Now investors seem to be saying, maybe things aren't so bad after all.

Some better-than-expected retail earnings reports and the latest reading on housing drew investors back into the stock market Tuesday after the previous day's big sell-off. The major indexes rose about 1 percent, led by a surge in financial and technology companies.

Investors were still wary about consumer spending and its impact on the economy but heard enough good news to fuel the comeback from Monday's 186-point slide in the Dow Jones industrials. Analysts said investors were putting things in perspective, believing the pullback was a bit overdone.

The U.S. market was also taking some cues from overseas exchanges, which got a boost from encouraging news about the German economy. And bond prices retreated as investors' anxiety eased.

"The outlook for the economy doesn't change every 24 hours," said Alan Skrainka, chief market strategist at Edward Jones. "The news is always mixed even after you've hit bottom."

Investors have been battling mixed signals on the economy for several weeks; housing and manufacturing have been improving, but consumer spending is still sagging. On Monday, stocks fell by the biggest amount in six weeks as investors' growing fears that consumers won't spend enough to lift the economy into recovery caught up with them.

The earnings reports from retailers on Tuesday showed that American consumers are still shy about spending, but results weren't quite as bad as analysts expected and that helped calm some of investors' nerves.

Meanwhile, the Commerce Department reported that construction of new homes and apartments fell more than expected last month, but construction of single-family homes actually rose 1 percent to the highest level since October 2008. It was the fifth straight monthly increase.

Analysts have warned that the market has gotten ahead of itself and that some pullback is inevitable, given the more than 40 percent climb in stocks since March and the challenges that still exist in high unemployment and waning consumer confidence. But the market continues to show resilience, with any retreat in stocks being brief.

The Dow rose 82.60, or 0.9 percent, to 9,217.94. The Standard & Poor's 500 index gained 9.94, or 1 percent, to 989.67, while the Nasdaq composite index rose 25.08, or 1.3 percent, to 1,955.92.

In other trading, the Russell 2000 index of smaller companies rose 8.25, or 1.5 percent, to 556.43.

About four stocks rose for every one that fell on the New York Stock Exchange, where consolidated volume came to an extremely light 4.28 billion shares, down from Monday's 5 billion.

Overseas markets also rebounded from steep declines on Tuesday. Japan's Nikkei stock average rose 0.2 percent, a day after Japanese economists and politicians unnerved investors with their cautious stance on the economy, despite a government report showing Japan had emerged from a yearlong recession in the second quarter.

Major European indexes rose after a research institute reported that consumer confidence is rising in Germany, Europe's largest economy. Britain's FTSE 100, Germany's DAX index and France's CAC-40 all added 0.9 percent.

Meanwhile, bond prices dipped after the previous day's big gains, which were a response to investors' nervousness about the economy. The yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note, which moves in the opposite direction from its price, rose to 3.52 percent from 3.47 percent late Monday.

John Wilson, chief technical strategist at Morgan Keegan, said he's encouraged that investors keep seeing opportunities in the market's dips.

"Buying tends to come in a little quicker because people have missed the market," he said, referring to the surge in stocks that has taken the S&P 500 index up 12 percent in a little over a month and 45.5 percent since early March. Some investors have held off committing to stocks out of fear the market would go into reverse.

"The data is not going to all of a sudden turn positive," he said. However, "more and more people are beginning to embrace the fact that we're through the worst of the recession."

Investors once again bought stocks that depend on a healthy economy, including financial, industrial and technology companies. Gains in industries that tend to hold up better when the economy is weak, like health care and utilities, were more subdued.

Among technology stocks, Apple Inc. rose $4.41, or 2.8 percent, to $164.00.

The advance in bank stocks came a day after major lenders, including Bank of America Corp. and JPMorgan Chase & Co., reported that losses among credit card loans are slowing.

Bank of America added 34 cents, or 2.1 percent, to $16.90, while JPMorgan rose 97 cents, or 2.4 percent, to $41.70.

Home Depot Inc. said its second-quarter profit fell 7 percent, but its adjusted results beat Wall Street's expectations, as cost cuts partly offset weak revenue. The world's largest home improvement retailer also lifted its forecast for full-year earnings.

Target Corp.'s quarterly profit also fell but it surpassed analyst estimates. And TJX Cos. said its second-quarter profit rose 31 percent as its discount-oriented stores continued to lure in cost-conscious shoppers. Not all the reports were positive, though. Luxury department store Saks Inc. said its loss widened from a year earlier.

Home Depot rose 82 cents, or 3.1 percent, to $26.93. TJX shares lost $1.05, or 3 percent, to $34.33, while Target jumped $3.11, or 7.6 percent, to $44.32.

The dollar lost ground against other major currencies, while gold prices rose.

Oil prices were higher after dropping to a new monthly low on Monday. Light, sweet crude jumped $2.44 to settle at $69.19 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

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ECONOMY

GM boosts production as demand cranks up

TOM KRISHER
AP Auto Writer

DETROIT Shoppers are snapping up cars and trucks so quickly that General Motors Co. is boosting production for the rest of the year to keep up with Cash for Clunkers demand.

It's another sign that automakers believe consumers are returning to showrooms after a yearlong slump. Ford Motor Co. last week moved to increase its output, and other automakers took similar action earlier in the month. Confidence among manufacturers is up, even though analysts predict that demand from Cash for Clunkers is waning.

GM said Tuesday it would add 60,000 vehicles to its production schedule in the third and fourth quarters and bring back about 1,350 laid-off workers. The company now plans to make 535,000 cars and trucks during July-September.

That would amount to a 35 percent increase from the depressed second quarter, while production in the final three months of the year will rise another 20 percent.

"Our dealers are clamoring for more vehicles in almost every segment," said Mark LaNeve, vice president of U.S. sales. "We're getting extremely short on a number of our products."

Since the clunkers program began in late July, dealers have reported shortages of some vehicles, mainly more efficient models.

At Randy Wise Buick-Pontiac-Chevrolet in Milan, Mich., southwest of Detroit, there were 22 Cobalts, 26 Malibus and eight Equinoxes on the lot before the clunker rebates started, said Mark Jarrait, general sales manager. Now there's two Cobalts, four Malibus, and one Equinox. Jarrait has ordered more.

"All of the sudden they disappeared."

The Cobalt, GM's highest-mileage car at up to 37 mpg on the highway, once was among the top 10 vehicles on the "cash for clunkers" purchase list. Dealers say shortages have bumped it from the top 10 list.

GM's August sales could beat company projections by 50,000, LaNeve said. He sees sales rising through the end of 2009, even if the clunkers program is pulling sales ahead from later in the year.

"If we don't add the production in, we would certainly be running short in November or December," even if the program takes away sales from later months, he said.

GM's dealer inventory is running at a very low 360,000 units, down from 1.3 million three or four years ago. Some models, like the Equinox, have only a 10-12 day supply, far from the ideal 60 days that analysts say is necessary to provide adequate selection.

GM's production increase comes just five days after crosstown rival Ford announced plans to boost fourth-quarter production by 33 percent from a year earlier. Honda Motor Co., Toyota Motor Corp., Hyundai Motor Co. and Chrysler Group LLC also have announced production increases due to the clunkers program.

GM will add shifts to factories in Ingersoll, Ontario, and Lordstown, Ohio. The Ontario plant makes the brand-new Chevrolet Equinox and GMC Terrain crossover vehicles, both of which get 32 miles per gallon on the highway. Lordstown makes the Chevrolet Cobalt small car.

Production also will be boosted at other North American factories, including those that make the Chevrolet HHR small wagon, the Chevrolet Colorado and GMC Canyon midsize pickups, the Chevrolet Camaro muscle car, Buick LaCrosse sedan and the Cadillac SRX and CTS Wagon.

"This is a very broad surge in demand," said Tim Lee, group vice president of manufacturing and labor.

The automaker also will add two months to the life of a midsize-car factory in Orion Township, Mich., and 10,000 workers will get overtime to increase production at assembly and parts plants.

More increases are possible in the fourth quarter, the company said.

GM will add a second shift to the Lordstown plant and a third shift to the Ingersoll factory, increasing production mainly in the fourth quarter.

Lordstown also will see two added production days on the next two Fridays. The Orion plant, which was set to close in mid-September, will now make Chevrolet Malibus into late November to help meet demand.

Nearly all automakers have reported sales increases due to the clunkers program, which offers buyers up to $4,500 to scrap older vehicles getting 18 mpg or less, trading them in for new, more efficient models.

As of last week, the Toyota Corolla small car was the top new vehicle purchased by people trading in clunkers, followed by the Honda Civic and Ford Focus compacts. Toyota's midsize Camry was fourth, while its gas-electric hybrid Prius was fifth, the government said.

Interest in Cash for Clunkers may be waning, though, according to the Edmunds.com automotive Web site, because many customers waiting to buy have made their moves. Also, inventories have dropped and prices are up.

Car and truck inquiries on the Web site fell 15 percent last week from this year's peak in July, when the clunkers program began.

The program initially was swamped and in danger of running out of money until Congress added $2 billion to the initial $1 billion it allocated.

As of Tuesday morning, U.S. car buyers had signed deals to trade in 411,624 clunkers, the government.

"Now that there is plenty of money in the program and the most eager shoppers have already participated, the sense of urgency is gone," said Edmunds CEO Jeremy Anwyl.

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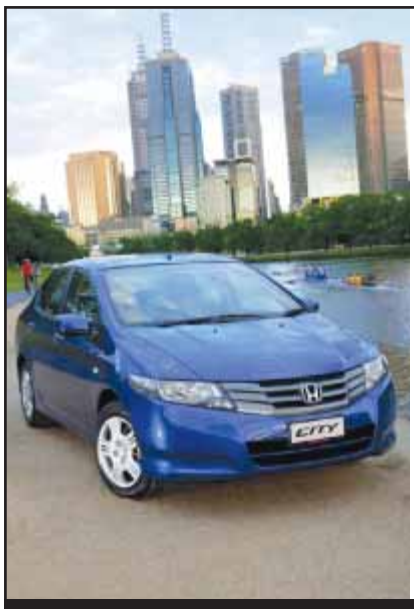
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Hacker's indictment unlikely to curb thefts

JORDAN ROBERTSON
AP Technology Writer

SAN FRANCISCO This week's indictment of a hacker believed responsible for the biggest retail-store data breaches in U.S. history doesn't necessarily make shoppers safer from having their credit card numbers plundered.

Accomplices to the crimes are believed to be on the loose in Russia or other countries where U.S. authorities are less likely to get them. And the underlying security holes mined by the hackers still exist in many payment networks.

Albert Gonzalez, a Miami hacker who once worked as a government mole tracking down identity thieves, is accused of playing a critical role in all the largest credit-card heists on record.

With Monday's indictment of Gonzalez on conspiracy charges in U.S. District Court in New Jersey, the Justice Department says he helped steal 130 million card numbers from payment processor Heartland Payment Systems, 4.2 million card numbers from East Coast grocery chain Hannaford Bros. and an undetermined number of cards from 7-Eleven. He was previously charged in other computer break-ins, most significantly at TJX Cos., the chain that owns discount retailers T.J. Maxx and Marshalls, in which as many as 100 million accounts were lifted.

Gonzalez is in jail and awaiting trial next month in New York for allegedly helping to hack the computer network of the Dave and Buster's restaurant chain. Attorneys for Gonzalez did not comment to The Associated Press.

The fact that hundreds of millions of card numbers could be stolen from retailers illustrates the flaws in a payment system that's built more for speed than security, as an Associated Press investigation found this year. For instance, credit and debit card numbers are not always encrypted as they move from retail stores to banks for approval.

Consumers don't directly pay the costs of most fraud. Banks and retailers eat those charges. But consumers bear it indirectly, in the form of higher prices.

According to prosecutors, Gonzalez and his associates exploited vulnerabilities that remain widespread. Among them: flaws in the way retailers' computers handle requests in the so-called Structured Query Language (SQL), which is used to manage data — such as credit card information — stored in databases. Hackers who detect these holes can trick databases into coughing up more information than they should.

The vulnerability sometimes can be exploited as simply as entering a specially crafted command into, say, a search box on a badly configured Web site. Instead of returning normal search results, the site would surrender confidential information or allow a hacker to place malicious programs on the site.

Authorities allege Gonzalez and the others infiltrated the Heartland, Hannaford and 7-Eleven computer networks using SQL-based attacks.

In a statement Tuesday, 7-Eleven Inc., which hadn't commented on its breach before, said the attack affected ATMs operated by a third party inside its stores and lasted for 12 days in 2007. That is likely referring to an attack in which criminals infiltrated Citibank's network of ATMs inside 7-Eleven stores and stole the mother lode in the ID theft world: customers' PIN codes. Neither 7-Eleven nor Citibank would elaborate Tuesday.

Security experts also noted that Gonzalez's latest indictment charges two unnamed co-conspirators who live "in or near Russia" and allegedly helped with the attacks.

Dan Clements, president of CardCops, which tracks stolen credit card data online, called it a "cleverly written indictment" that suggests the government might be trying to squeeze its former informant for more information about Hacker 1 and Hacker 2. However, extraditing those suspects is unlikely, Clements added.

"We are not safe," Clements said. Gonzalez is "here on U.S. soil. That was his big flaw. If he were anywhere else, he's not going to jail."

Ori Eisen, founder of Scottsdale, Ariz.-based security firm 41st Parameter and previously worldwide fraud director for American Express, added that Gonzalez is "most likely not the kingpin. The kingpin would not risk being in the United States. They operate out of the Ukraine or Russia, and they're former militants or ex-KGB who know their way around just enough not to get caught."

As for Gonzalez, "by no means will catching him stop what's going on out there," Eisen said.

Consumers don't have many options for monitoring whether the stores they frequent are good at protecting their card numbers. Stores aren't given public grades on their computer security, like the scores restaurants get on their cleanliness in some places. The best advice: Regularly check your credit reports for suspicious activity, and set free fraud alerts with the credit-reporting agencies.

In this case, the thieves might have failed by being too successful. It's hard to unload hundreds of millions of stolen credit card numbers on the black market.

Clements said criminals usually sell stolen card numbers in batches of 10,000 or less. That helps avoid drawing the attention of law enforcement and the card providers, which might replace cards pre-emptively if they see a mound of them being fenced. Many of the card numbers stolen in the breaches cited in the Gonzalez indictment have already been canceled and replaced.

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Budget may negatively impact testing scores

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State Superintendent of Public Instruction Jack O'Connell said during a Tuesday morning press conference that test results in California have also seen improvements. In the area of English language arts, proficiency has increased by 15 points since 2003, translating to more than 655,000 students. There are 509,000 more students proficient in math in that same time period.

"I'm particularly pleased when we have significant growth when you consider California has one of the most rigorous standards in the nation and in light of a extraordinarily challenging budget this year," O'Connell said from Wendell Holmes Middle School in the San Fernando Valley.

There are concerns that the state budget crisis could impact the results next year.

"This year, perhaps more than any other, every school in every state will be forced to do more with very less," O'Connell said. "This will be a significant challenge and require a disciplined and focused approach."

SMMUSD faces several challenges after making a number of changes this year, including increasing class sizes and cutting a house at Santa Monica High School. Bradford said that textbooks, instructional materials and funding for professional development will also be stretched thin next year.

"The increased class sizes in our primary grades may or may not impact how effective our teachers are able to meet the needs of all learners sitting in the chairs," Bradford said.

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Black Widows claimed unfair trial

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Vados was found dead in a Hollywood alley.

Throughout the trial, the prosecutors painted the two women as greedy and cold-hearted, plucking vulnerable homeless men off the street, arranging rent-free apartments and gaining their trust, killing the men after convincing them to add the women onto the insurance policies.

In their appeal, the defendants argued that the admission of the coroner's testimony showing the presence of various prescription drugs and alcohol in McDavid's blood samples violated their right to confront adverse witnesses under the Sixth Amendment.

The women further contended that the use of recorded statements they made to each other following their arrest in 2006 was in violation of their Fourth Amendment rights and the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure because authorities did not determine probable cause before a federal magistrate and instead colluded to keep them in custody for the purpose of obtaining incriminating statements.

They continued in their appeal by arguing that the prosecutors acted prejudicially in the opening and closing statements, making remarks that improperly appealed to the jurors' passions. The appellants also claimed that the trial court violated their Sixth Amendment right to a unanimous jury and due process when it seated an alternate juror after the jury had reached a partial verdict. After the jury had reached a verdict on six of eight counts, an alternate juror was seated after another juror had been excused for hardship reasons.

The appellate court sided with the trial court in all four claims.

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Terror suspects threatened violence

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70 months in federal prison.

Hammad Samana of Inglewood was the last of the four members of the group, Jam'iyyat Ul-Islam Is-Saheeh, or JIS, to be convicted and sentenced for their involvement, said Thom Mrozek, a spokesman for the U.S. Attorney's Office.

Samana was a "lesser character" in the plot to wage war against the United States through acts of terrorism, Mrozek said.

Samana researched targets and prepared a "Modes of Attack" plan, which listed the Los Angeles International Airport and the "Consulate of Zion," as well as army recruitment centers, prosecutors said.

The document also listed a "military base in Manhattan Beach" and "Campsite of Zion."

Two of the cell's members robbed about a dozen gas stations in 2005 to finance the attacks, prosecutors said.

Kevin James, 32, who authorities said founded JIS in prison in 1997, pleaded guilty in 2007 and was sentenced in March to 16 years in federal prison. Levar Washington, 31, was sentenced in June 2008 to 22 years in prison and Gregory Patterson, 25, of Gardena was sentenced in July 2008 to 151 months in prison.

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Hitchhiking world traveler stops in Santa Monica

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"Inside the city, it's a little difficult to hitchhike," he said.

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Marie carries with him a journal and notebook filled with newspaper clippings from previous interviews and a map outlining his travels. He plans to write a book based on his experiences upon returning to France.

But that might not happen until 2012. Marie said that he still needs to travel to South America, Australia and then Asia before going back home.

"It's a dream to travel the world," he said.

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County officials vote to reopen embattled hospital

SHAYA TAYEFE MOHAJER
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES County officials on Tuesday approved a plan to fully reopen a troubled South Los Angeles hospital that has become a symbol of the area's continued racial strife.

To the cheers of a packed hearing room, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to revive Martin Luther King Jr.-Harbor Hospital, where two years ago a woman with a perforated bowel was ignored and died after writhing on a waiting room floor for nearly an hour.

Under the plan, the county will provide more than $350 million in funds to rebuild the hospital and a master-planned health community surrounding it, while the University of California will staff the hospital and oversee its medical care. The hospital would be administered through a private, nonprofit organization with county and UC officials on its board.

The plan now goes to the university's regents for consideration. Their next meeting is scheduled to begin Sept. 15.

UC officials so far have been "skittish" in negotiations, according to Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky.

"We need them, we need the University of California," said Yaroslavsky, adding that the county has made ample legal and financial assurances to the university, and the new facility would open 250 slots for medical residents.

Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas, whose district includes the hospital, urged UC to "do the right thing."

Dr. John Stobo, UC senior vice president for health sciences and services, said the role of the university remained under review, and he pledged to continue working with Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and county officials to "explore the reopening of the hospital and address the health needs of individuals in that service area."

University officials declined further comment about negotiations with the county.

Built to serve one of the poorest neighborhoods in the city, years of negligence and patient deaths forced the partial closure of King-Harbor in August 2007.

The hospital, formerly known as King-Drew, is treasured by the black community as a symbol of renewal after the 1965 Watts riots and has an estimated 700,000 residents within its service area. About 50,000 patients per year received acute care there.

But repeated lapses — from lax sanitation to inattentive care — caused the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to revoke $200 million in federal funding for the hospital in 2007.

In a prominent case just months before most of the hospital closed, Edith Rodriguez died in the hospital's waiting room in May 2007 after 45 minutes of agony suffering from a perforated bowel.

The 43-year-old yelled out in pain, but a nurse dismissed her complaints and a janitor could be seen on security video mopping around her.

King-Harbor's emergency room was shut down. The hospital now provides only outpatient services, while would-be emergency patients flood other local ERs.

County Health Deputy Yolanda Vera said Ridley-Thomas' plan reflects not only South Los Angeles' need for a fully operational hospital, but a community revitalization surrounding the facility. Improved public transit ties, a community college health care training academy, and a fitness park are all part of the supervisor's plan.

The new hospital will have 120 beds — a modest number compared with the more than 500 beds King-Drew had the peak of its services.

"Nobody is building hospitals right now," said Vera, adding that starting small could ensure success.

In a town hall meeting held for South Los Angeles residents earlier this month, Dr. Hector Flores said fully reopening the hospital would do more than provide the area's residents with health care.

"The economic stimulus a hospital presents cannot be ignored or overstated," Flores said.

The plan calls for the hospital to be fully operational by the end of 2012.

"Anybody who is afraid to set a date for the work that they're trying to do is not serious about getting that work done," Ridley-Thomas said in the town hall meeting, to loud applause. "We're going to set a date and drive to it."

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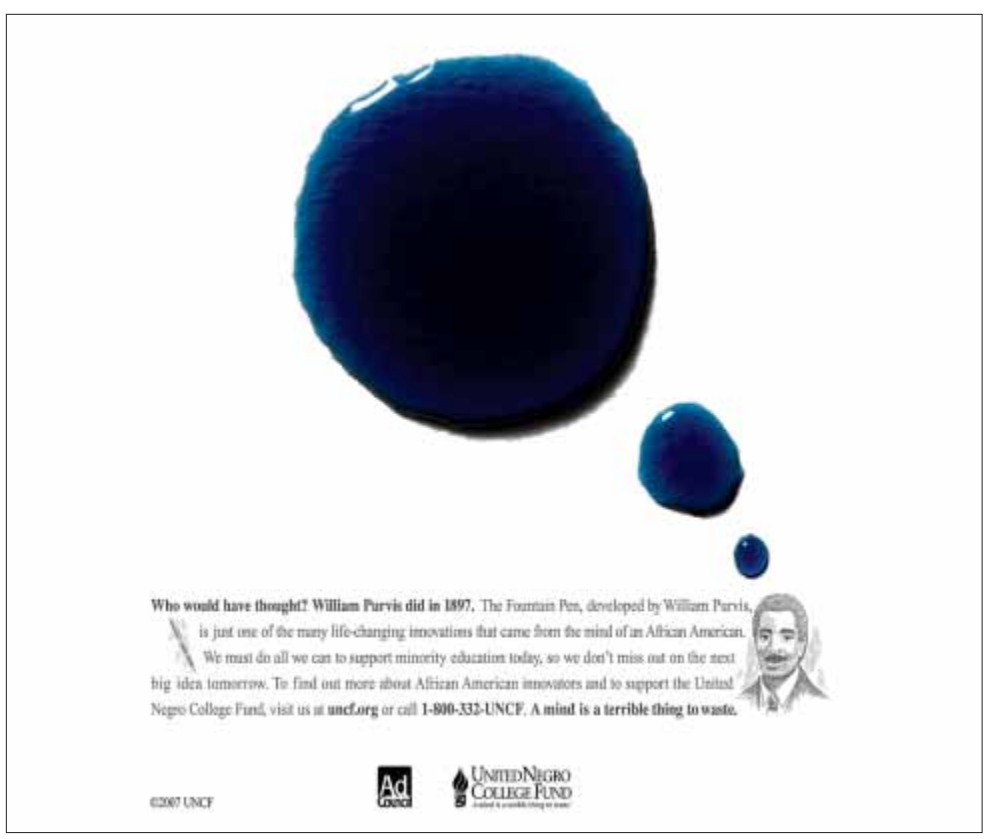
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Lockerbie bomber seeks early release

BEN MCCONVILLE
Associated Press Writer

EDINBURGH, Scotland A terminally ill Libyan man convicted in the 1988 Lockerbie airline bombing moved closer to being allowed to die outside of his Scottish prison cell when a court agreed Tuesday he could drop an appeal against his conviction.

The ruling by three Scottish judges removed one legal hurdle that prevented Abdel Baset al-Megrahi from being transferred to a prison in his homeland.

A larger obstacle to his release may be the opposition of the U.S. government and the relatives of many victims, who say al-Megrahi should stay behind bars for the attack that killed 270 people.

"I just think it is absolutely wrong to release someone who has been imprisoned based on the evidence about his involvement in such a horrendous crime," U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton told reporters in Washington. "We are still enouraging the Scotting authorities not to do so and we hope that they will not."

Clinton was joined by seven U.S. senators — including Edward Kennedy and John Kerry — who wrote to wrote to Scottish Justice Minister Kenny MacAskill urging him not to release al-Megrahi.

They said the international agreement that brought the Libyan to justice "called for his sentence to be served in Scotland and we believe strongly there should be no deviation from this sentence."

MacAskill has the power to approve al-Megrahi's transfer to a Libyan prison, keep him in jail in Scotland or release him on compassionate grounds. The bomber has advanced prostate cancer and has been given just months to live.

MacAskill has said he will make a decision within two weeks.

Scottish First Minister Alex Salmond said there would be "no consideration of international power politics or anything else."

MacAskill "will take a decision shortly in the interests of justice," Salmond said.

Al-Megrahi, 57, was convicted in 2001 of taking part in the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 on Dec. 21, 1988. The airliner — which was carrying mostly American passengers to New York — blew up as it flew over Scotland. All 259 people aboard and 11 on the ground died when the aircraft crashed into the town of Lockerbie.

A judicial review of al-Megrahi's case two years ago raised serious questions about the evidence used to convict him, spurring his appeal. Yet people with pending legal proceedings cannot be transferred to another country — a fact that prompted al-Megrahi's request for permission to abandon his appeal.

The Scottish court still has to hear a separate appeal by the government, which feels the bomber's 27-year minimum sentence is too short. The lead judge, Arthur Hamilton, urged prosecutors to decide "without undue delay" whether to continue with their appeal.

If they do, a hearing is scheduled for Sept. 8.

The prospect of al-Megrahi's release has sharply divided the families of the victims.

Some American families argue that Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi would feel vindicated if the convicted bomber was allowed to return.

"He should remain in prison," said Susan Cohen of Cape May Courthouse, New Jersey, whose 20-year-old daughter Theodora died in the attack.

"If al-Megrahi is released, there will be no tangible evidence left that this ever happened," she said. "It's kind of a way of obliterating it."

Joanne Hartunian of Delmar, New York, said she would "have a hard time dealing with" al-Megrahi's release. Her daughter Lynne, a student at the State University of New York at Oswego, died aboard Flight 103.

"He wants to die with his family. My daughter didn't get to die with her family," Hartunian said.

But the relatives of some British victims want him to be released on compassionate grounds and his appeal continued as a way of uncovering more information about the bombing. The appeal could continue even if al-Megrahi died.

"By abandoning his appeal, we the families will be robbed of the opportunity to find justice," said the Rev. John Mosey, whose daughter Helga died aboard Flight 103.

Mosey said he was "85 percent sure" that al-Megrahi was not guilty. The Libyan's lawyers have argued the attack was the result of an Iranian-financed Palestinian plot.

Margaret Scott, Al-Megrahi's lawyer, told a court in Edinburgh on Tuesday that her client has terminal prostate cancer and had been given only months to live.

She said he was in pain and serious health complications were "certain to arrive" very shortly.

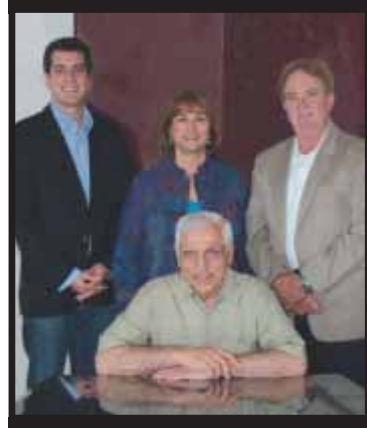
The Scottish Prison Service would not comment directly on the case, but said its prisons do not have the facilities to treat inmates who need hospitalization.

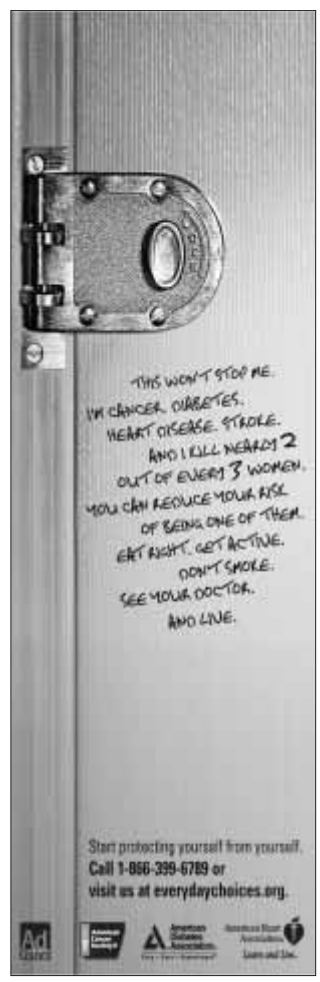
Spokesman Tom Fox refused to confirm that al-Megrahi remained in Greenock Prison near Glasgow, where he has been serving his sentence, or whether al-Megrahi would be fit to fly if released.

Release on compassionate grounds occurs occasionally in Britain. Forty-eight prisoners have been granted compassionate release in the last five years in England and Wales, according to government figures. The total does not include Scotland, which has a separate judicial system.

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NFL

Gore goes full tilt against Raiders

JANIE MCCAULEY
AP Sports Writer

NAPA Frank Gore nearly got himself sent to the bus early by Mike Singletary for going so hard.

The coach was only kidding — yet the last thing Singletary can afford is to have San Francisco's star running back get unnecessarily banged up by bashing himself into the Oakland Raiders during an August practice.

Singletary asked Gore to tone down his intensity just a touch.

"Frank was outstanding. He was exceptional," Singletary said. "If you got emotion, do it. What I was saying was I love the emotion, I love the enthusiasm. That's the game. That's passion. If I told him to stop doing that, he couldn't. ... That's just who Frank is. He's a competitor. Everything he does, he does it with his heart. That really is the thing that sets him apart."

Oakland and the 49ers kicked off two days of joint practices Tuesday — four sessions total — at the Raiders' wine country training site. They then meet for an exhibition game Saturday night at Candlestick Park.

The teams liked doing this so much when they practiced together once last year they decided to do it again, a nice break for both clubs from the monotony of training camp. Not to mention a chance to see and hit another team.

Gore was in his element to say the least. And he certainly had some energy to release considering he was held out of the team's first exhibition game, a 17-16 win over the Denver Broncos on Friday night, to keep him fresh. Singletary hasn't decided whether Gore will play Saturday against the Raiders.

Under close watch by running backs coach Tom Rathman, a fired up Gore clobbered Oakland linebacker Ricky Brown and stood over him to make a point.

"Back, back, back!" Rathman hollered when Gore was slow to let the play end.

On his next turn, Gore and Thomas Howard went after it.

"Break," barked Rathman. "When I say break, break!"

Later, Gore tried to jump in against undrafted rookie David Nixon. Rathman wouldn't let that happen, knowing full well Gore might hurt the guy.

"Give me another back in here!" the coach yelled, pushing Gore away.

Gore, determined to replicate his career-best 2006 season this year, credits Rathman for helping him prepare for each play and treat training camp practices as if they were actual games.

"He wants us to be very aggressive," Gore said. "He really helped me a lot when he came in by doing the small things, taking the angles. I try to do my best to do whatever he tells me to do because I see that he's helping my game a whole lot. ... I feel that in this league anybody can run the ball. To be a complete back you have to catch and block. One of the toughest things is blocking. A lot of backs don't like doing it, and it's tough."

In 11-on-11 work featuring the No. 1 offense and defense for both teams, Gore caught a pass from Alex Smith and was pushed out of bounds by Jon Alston. Alston — part of that earlier drill with Gore — patted Gore on the helmet good-naturedly.

Gore wasn't the only one getting into it, either.

MLB

Rays manager Joe Maddon sports new hair color

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. Joe Maddon is in favor of the change at the top of Tampa Bay's on-field leadership.

The Rays manager came to the ballpark for Tuesday night's game against Baltimore with his silver hair dyed black, a head start on a Johnny Cash-themed road trip next week.

"I thought, why not in advance?" Maddon said. "Lighten things up a bit. It's part of the grand scheme."

Tampa Bay uses various themes for longer trips in an attempt to keep the team loose.

"I didn't know it was him," Tampa Bay designated hitter Pat Burrell joked.

The Rays started Tuesday four games behind AL wild-card leader Texas.

The last time Maddon dyed his hair was in 2002, when he was a bench coach for the World Series Los Angeles Angels.

"It was time to do something different," Maddon said. "It's here to stay."

Maddon is not the first Rays manager to dye his hair. Lou Piniella, now with Chicago Cubs, added hints of blond to his hair six years ago to fulfill a pledge after Tampa Bay won three games in a row.

Tampa Bay, which ended the 2003 season with 99 losses, went 33-44 after Piniella's dye job, including an 11-3 loss to the Chicago White just hours after Piniella's hair was dyed on July 6.

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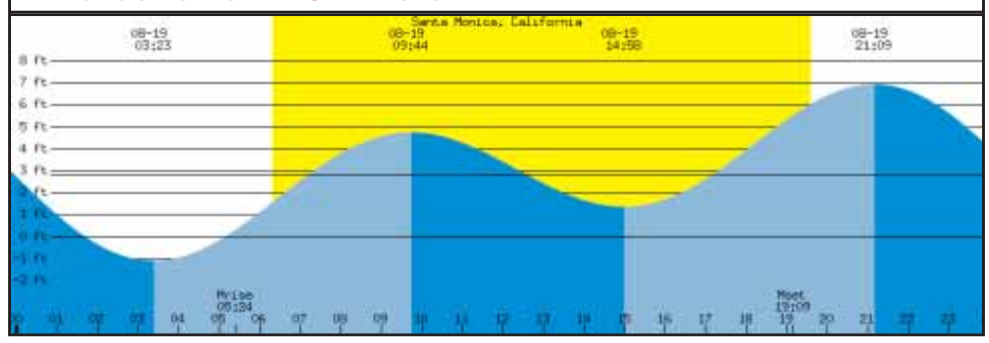


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LOCATION	DRY	WET
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Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain	C	ns
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Where the crowd is, Libra

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Let your creativity emerge after a discussion with associates. You might feel as if you are in an all-or-nothing situation. Adapt your thinking, and you'll find solutions. Understanding evolves, but it won't happen like lightning. Tonight: Remember, it is only midweek!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ One cannot say you are lazy, but you might want to vanish or play it low-key for several reasons. By extracting yourself from a situation, you might view issues and projects without as much feedback. Tonight: Happily at home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Break past a restriction, and honor your objectives. Understanding could help illuminate a problem and display another perspective and solution. Trust your instincts. Tonight: Catch up on a friend's news.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You discover what is going on with an investment. Your efforts do not go unnoticed. One-on-one relating elicits many strong feelings. Tonight: Your treat.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ At best, you can be a force who's hard not to deal with. Your imposing will and high charisma blend, making you a formidable figure. You could be worried about the end results. Your instincts point to stronger decisions. Use timing to maximize what is happening. Tonight: What you want.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Don't make a big decision without necessary information. If you slow down the process, the possibility for more information will emerge. You are on top of your game and can afford to hold on. Be aware of your limits. Tonight: Everything is happening quickly.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Emphasis does make a big difference, and others respond when you point to key directives. You are far more upbeat when with groups. You might not want to reflect over an emotional situation. Touch base with the many different options possible before committing to an approach. Tonight: Where there are many.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Take a stand, and others will respond. If you detach, look at what's happening behind the scenes. Revel in the moment, as you gain understanding. Find answers through inquiry and observation. You have a unique mix that makes a difference. Tonight: A must appearance.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Break past rigid thinking. Up till now, your ideas have been close to impossible to understand. Tonight: A must appearance.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Deal with someone on an individual level and grow in a new way. Your ability to move in a new direction opens up possibilities. Someone is clearly "soft" on you. Listen to feedback, which will touch you in a profound manner. Tonight: Dinner for two.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Your ability to move a project past another's critical insight is helpful. Still, it would serve you well to get past an immediate issue and gather more information. Tonight: Sort through information.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Toss yourself into work. You are more entrenched than you have been in the past. Feelings could be quite intense. Sort through your emotions perhaps at another time, as you could become quite distracted. Understanding builds because of a friend's or loved one's attitude. Tonight: Get some exercise.

Happy birthday

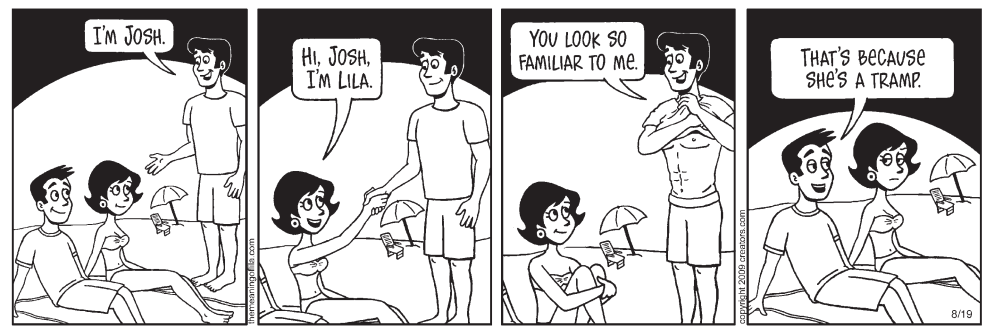
This year, you approach life with renewed energy and a constantly transforming perspective. You might not always be comfortable with financial situations and what is happening, yet you are able to intuit your path. Still, keep a council of experts or those in the know. Opportunities definitely come through networking and key associates. If you are single, you'll want to be careful about your choice of sweetie. You could choose someone who is emotionally unavailable. If you are attached, you gain from weekends away, just the two of you. LEO is a soul mate.

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

Girls and Sports
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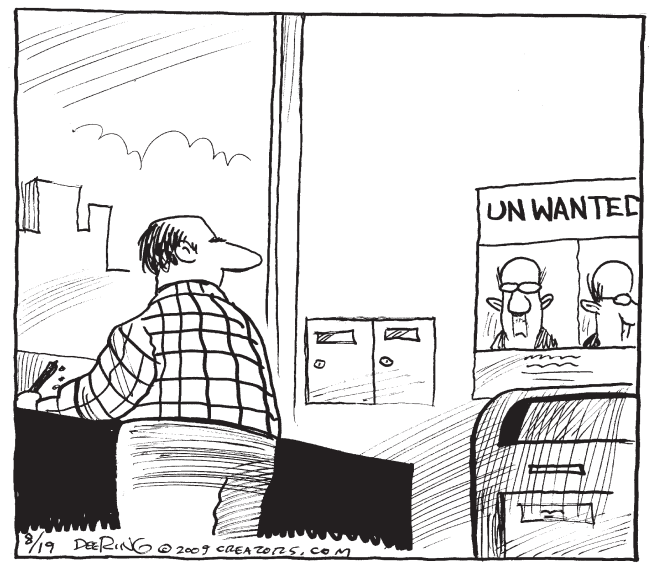
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Difficulty Level ★★★

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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1 Gomez's last name
7 Gawk at
11 "Settle down!"
12 Billiard needs
13 Make unreadable
14 Corp. bigwigs
15 Rain cloud
17 Toothpaste buy
20 Extreme
23 — Dhabi
24 Illegal
26 Haddock's cousin
27 One or more
28 B & B
29 Really enjoyed oneself
31 Take in
32 Panache
33 Crockpot contents
34 "The Jumpoff" rapper
37 Buffalo's lake
39 Wise sayings
43 Crew leader
44 Opera star Stratas
45 Wagers
46 Prize

DOWN

1 High card
2 Oxford bigwig
3 Clinic nickname
4 Solitary
5 Calf-length skirt
6 Goblet part
7 Mystic field
8 Host's enumeration
9 Guitar-maker Fender
10 Snaky shape
16 Harbor sights
17 RPM measurers
18 Lusitania sinker
19 Online chat enumeration
21 Zellweger of "Chicago"
22 1970s veep
24 Bread ring
25 — tear
30 UFO fliers
33 Bright
35 Writer Chopin
36 March time
37 Decline
38 Fish eggs
40 "Aw, shucks!"
41 Jargon suffix
42 Friend of Frodo

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BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ **Failed Defenses:** (1) A woman in Kansas City, Mo., told police in June that the reason she had stabbed her sleepwalking 24-year-old boyfriend in the face was that she feared he would hurt her if she didn't wake him up. (She said the man had also just finished urinating in her closet.) (2) In Britain's Chelmsford Crown Court in July, Sultan Al-Sayed, 40, was convicted of peeping under the next stall in a department-store changing room despite his claim that the only reason he placed his face on the floor was to relieve pain from a toothache.

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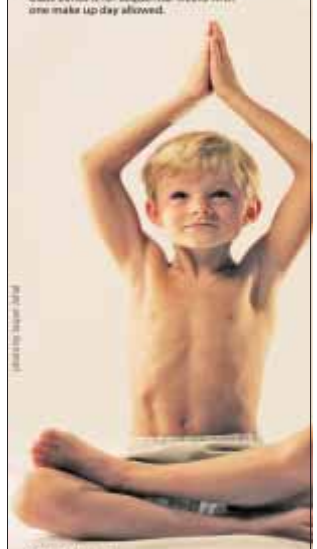
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