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A Lexus SUV flipped onto its roof after another car hit it in the intersection of Santa Monica Boulevard and Sixth Street Friday afternoon. One of the unidentified passengers in the Lexus is treated on the scene for a hand laceration.

Carolyn Sackariason/Daily Press

Five people walk away from car accident with minor injuries

BY CAROLYN SACKARIASON

Daily Press Staff Writer

Four women walked away from a car wreck on Friday after the Lexus SUV they were in flipped into the air and landed on its roof.

According to eye witness accounts, the driver of a Ford Explorer ran a red light traveling west on Santa Monica Boulevard, hit the back end of the Lexus traveling south on Sixth Street, causing it to flip about 10 feet in the air.

The driver of the Lexus was removed from the vehicle by emergency crews and was transported to Santa

Monica Hospital. Her passengers were helped out of the car and went to the hospital to be treated after complaining of neck pain. One passenger was treated for a hand laceration. The driver of the Ford did not require medical attention at the scene.

"I heard someone say 'lookout,'" said one of the passenger's in the Lexus. "It happened so quick."

Michelle Cole, saw the accident while she was waiting to cross the street.

"They were both going at a pretty good clip," she said. "I can't believe the four of them walked."

The accident occurred shortly after 1:30 p.m. The Santa Monica Police is investigating the accident.

Cops find strength in numbers

Department completes most aggressive hiring season in its history

BY ANDREW H. FIXMER

Special to the Daily Press

Never in the entire history of the Santa Monica Police Department have so many new officers been hired in a single year, officials say.

Last year the department hired 35 new cops, increasing the roster from 188 officers to about 223. The department has been authorized by the city to have 229 officers on the force, and the department is still recruiting to fill those vacancies.

"We're so close to being up to snuff right now, but we anticipate losing some more at the end of the year," said Sgt. Larry Horn, SMPD personnel and training manager. "Not nearly as many officers as before will leave, but we expect to see a few go."

The city increased the number of officers allowed on the force by 29 to cover retirements and the gap in time it takes hiring new recruits and getting them on the street.

"It's clear that through retirements and some officers leaving, that they have a lot of positions to fill," said Santa Monica Mayor Michael Feinstein. "We needed to increase their numbers so they could fill those vacancies. It's something we have to do if we want our police department at full service."

Officials said taking a recruit through the academy and the in-housing field training program takes

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Coastal Commission endorses Malibu land-use plan

BY LEON DROUIN KEITH

Associated Press Writer

The California Coastal Commission endorsed a proposed land-use plan for Malibu on Thursday night that declares more than half of the wealthy, seaside enclave environmentally sensitive habitat.

The classification would not ban construction but would force developers to minimize its impact on important habitat.

The vote, after 11 hours of discussion, came without dissent but was not unanimous, as some of the commission's 12 members had already left when it was taken. It came after appeals from dozens of children in soccer and baseball uniforms that the only park in town available for

organized sports not be closed as a result.

"If you turn it into a campground, we won't have anywhere to play sports," said 8-year-old Hunter Evans.

"I hope you won't be the adults who ruin our fun," said Hilary Jenson, 12.

A final version of the draft plan, produced under orders from the state Legislature, must now be worked out between commission staff members and city officials by a Sept. 15 deadline.

Those negotiations could be difficult, as city officials have complained the plan oversteps the agency's authority and infringes on property rights.

The plan is intended to end years of bickering between the commission and Malibu over the high-income, star-filled city's inability to approve land-use rules that com-

ply with the state's Coastal Act. As a result, the city approves many construction projects that the commission ultimately rejects or modifies because they hinder beach access or obscure ocean views from Pacific Coast Highway.

Commission staff made hundreds of changes to the plan after city complaints led the commission to delay a vote on an earlier draft in November.

They toned down one of the most contentious elements — a planning rule that would have limited homeowners to one additional structure such as a tennis court or guesthouse. The current version allows more buildings if they all fall within the area approved for development.

But city officials said they still have problems with

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ You could be overwhelmed. Close the emotional distance between you and someone. Don't always go into your head and intellectualize, actually do something positive for this person. Good feelings abound. Tonight: Anything is possible.



GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Work with someone on a one-on-one basis. Invest more in a relationship — emotionally and time-wise. Go to bat for this person. Help this person feel good about him- or herself through a building process. Kill criticism before it comes out of your mouth. Tonight: Make your theme togetherness.



CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Bound forward and do your best to make the most of an opening or opportunity. Seize the moment and work with it, knowing what it is that you want and need. Good luck surrounds you involving others. Let someone else make the offers. Tonight: Out and about.



LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Work on clearing out your must-do list so that you can get into a hobby or enjoy a loved one. One-on-one time allows you to relax with someone you really care about. Don't push. If you can, don't even lift a finger. If someone wants to dote on you, why not? Tonight: Play it low-key.



VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Your playfulness attracts friends and loved ones to you. Whether you intended to or not, you socialize to your heart's content. Expand your circle of friends. Socialize more through taking up a new hobby or pastime. Just remain open. Tonight: Add more spice to your life!



LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Others look to you for answers and suggestions. You might be tired of being in charge. You want what you want. The only way that can occur sometimes is by you assuming responsibility. Make an extra effort toward a boss or parent. Tonight: Invite someone to dinner.



SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ You need to relax. A day trip far away from tension easily works wonders. Invite a key loved one along, if you want. A change in pace invigorates you, reminding you of what is really important. Tonight: Kick up your heels.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ If you're not careful, expenses go out of control. A devil-may-care attitude could toss a key relationship into chaos. Think in terms of opulence and gain. Expansive growth could happen if you tone down expenditures some. Opportunity presents itself in many ways. Tonight: Go along with someone's plans.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ You know what you want, and as a result you are empowered. The planets point you in the right direction. Evaluate your choices carefully but also listen to your offers. Others share your excitement and will go along with your suggestions. Tonight: Where the crowds are.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ Keep your own counsel. Don't reveal your cards too quickly. Consider your opportunities with care. You don't need to make up your mind right away. Simply evaluate and relax by doing something else. Get into a hobby or favorite pastime. Tonight: Go for some exercise.



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Go out of your way for a friend or loved one. This person will not know how to thank you enough. Quickly discern between what you need to do and what pleases you. Opt to enjoy yourself. This weekend smiles on you and those you care about. Tonight: Be a party animal!



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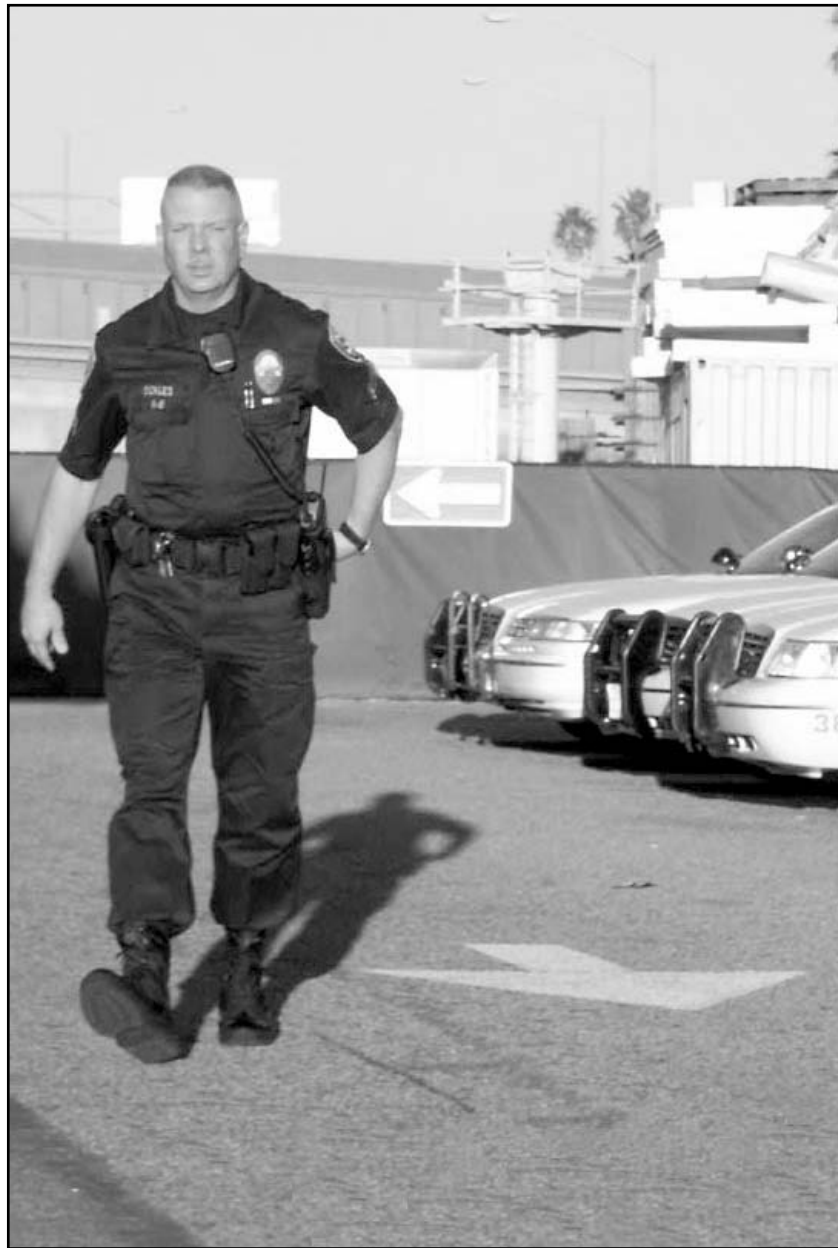
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LOCAL



More police to be patrolling the streets



Del Pastrana/Daily Press

Santa Monica residents will see more cops on the streets as the police department is on a hiring blitz.

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about 50 weeks.

"It takes at least a year to replace an officer," said Sgt. Horn. "After they apply to the department, they have to go through an extensive background check, make it through the academy and then through our field training officer program before we can get that body back on the street."

About half the new hires are still in the Orange County Police Academy — where the city sends its potential officers for training — and about another half are close to completing their supplemental in-house training.

Even with all the new recruits graduating to their own beats, many of the older cops are still having to pull double shifts to make up for the shortage.

When an individual fills out an application to become an officer, they are brought in for a written and physical test. The results are sent to Sacramento to be graded and the pool of applicants are ranked by their scores.

The top applicants are brought in for an oral exam conducted by two senior police officers and a representative from City Hall. From there, applicants are scheduled for an interview with SMPD Chief James T. Butts, Jr. He chooses which candidates from that pool will continue on and who will be rejected.

Those accepted by the chief undergo a strenuous background check, a psychological exam, and a polygraph test covering issues of lying on the application, drug usage and any theft issues. The results are sent to the chief who approves whether or not they continue onto the police academy.

After 23 weeks of training at the Orange County Police Academy, the recruits officially are sworn in as law enforcement officers. But they still must complete another 23 weeks of field training. Even after that, officers are considered "probationary" for an additional six months.

Police departments statewide have been finding fewer recruits to fill their thinning ranks, officials said. The shortage has made competition

competitive between city departments for the few available recruits.

"There has been an exodus of Vietnam-era officers leaving," said Sgt. Horn. "They are now sitting on 25 years of service on the job and they are eligible for retirement."

The SMPD attended job fairs around the state,

"We're trying to keep the numbers coming in during a time when recruiting has become increasingly competitive."

— SGT. LARRY HORN
Santa Monica Police Dept.

advertised in law enforcement publications, and posted hiring notices in local newspapers and the city's web site.

"We're trying to keep the numbers coming in during a time when recruiting has become increasingly competitive," said Sgt. Horn. "Everybody is beating the bushes for qualified candidates."

But Sgt. Horn said many recruits are attracted to working in Santa Monica, not just because of the beach community, but because of all the new high-tech equipment, the new squad cars, and the new police headquarters being built behind City Hall.

The department also has historically led in competitive pay and benefits, though other municipalities have increased their packages to match those in Santa Monica over recent years. New Santa Monica police officers currently make \$49,620 a year.

"We have typically lead in that area," said Sgt. Horn. "Now some (departments) that were following us are now the leaders. But we'll catch up soon."

Davis proposes tax credit to halt runaway production

BY GARY GENTILE

AP Business Writer

LOS ANGELES — Gov. Gray Davis unveiled a wage-based state tax credit Friday that could save film producers between \$50 million and \$100 million annually while enticing them to shoot movies and TV shows in California.

The plan drew praise from entertainment industry leaders.

Actor William Baldwin called it "a welcome development."

"Runaway production will only be eased with concerted efforts on both the state and federal levels," said Baldwin, president of The Creative Coalition, a political and social action group.

The governor's proposal mirrors a national plan being considered by Congress that would offer a 25 percent tax credit.

Davis wants to grant producers a 15 percent tax credit on the first \$25,000 earned by workers on lower-budget productions if nearly all of the filming takes place within the state.

The California credit would offset state taxes applying to the companies that make the films. Legislation will be required to implement the plan, which Davis hopes to start in 2004.

"We're creating an atmosphere that lets filmmakers know that California

really wants their business," said Davis, who announced the plan at a luncheon sponsored by the Hollywood Entertainment Labor Council in Burbank.

Union and industry leaders are concerned about films and TV shows being filmed outside the country, most notably in Canada, which offers wage-based incentives that can reach 35 percent of labor expenses.

Those credits have cost the United States 25,000 jobs and as much as \$10 billion annually for each of the past three years, according to entertainment industry executives and labor officials.

Union leaders have been lobbying hard for states and the federal government to match those subsidies.

"Gov. Davis' proposal is an important advancement in SAG's efforts to bring attention to the problem," said Melissa Gilbert, president of the Screen Actors Guild.

A 1999 study commissioned by SAG and the Directors Guild of America found that \$2.8 billion worth of direct expenditures on U.S. film and television production was lost in 1998.

An additional \$7.5 billion was lost in wages, taxes and indirect expenditures for a total impact of \$10.3 billion.

A study released last year made a

more direct connection between Canadian subsidies and decisions by studios to film outside the country.

In 2000, Canada's share of production of films in the \$5 million to \$50 million range rose 35 percent, according to the

report prepared by the Center for Entertainment Industry Research and Data.

Canada's share of all productions nearly doubled in 2000 over the previous year, the report said.

City officials have problems with part of the Malibu plan

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about a third of the plan.

Malibu Mayor Pro Tem Jeff Jennings said the draft rules still need to be "a bit more flexible" for property owners, adding that the environmentally sensitive habitat areas need to shrink. Those areas were defined primarily through aerial photos, and as a result, non-environmentally sensitive areas such as a strip mall were included, he said.

Commission staff also wants to expand the amount of coastline beachgoers in Malibu can reach — a sensitive subject to many oceanside Malibu residents who value their privacy.

Jennings said most of the beaches in the city are open to the public, and that the coast is too dangerous in some of the places that are off-limits.

The plan also proposes closing Malibu Bluffs Park, the only place in town outside of the high school where children can play such sports as soccer and baseball. About 50 children clad in soccer and baseball uniforms urged the commissioners not to let that happen.

Commission Executive Director Peter Douglas said the ball fields won't be closed until a replacement park is ready. City officials said a proposed new park won't be big enough to completely replace Malibu Bluffs, but Douglas said the city should consider using other land as well.

Malibu Bluffs was intended to be a state park, and was bought with parks bond money in the late 1970s. The city of Malibu was allowed to use it temporarily as a city park.

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STATE

Parking rates jump for Los Angeles International, other LA-owned airports

By the Associated Press

ONTARIO — Faced with rising security and operating costs, officials voted Tuesday to raise parking rates at Los Angeles International Airport and other major airports owned by the city of Los Angeles.

Los Angeles International's parking structure rates will be among the highest

Sept. 11 to operate the parking structures," said Paul Haney, an airport spokesman. "We're also looking for ways to raise revenues while still remaining competitive with airports around the U.S. and Southern California regional airports."

Other airports charging \$30 a day include Burbank Airport and Houston's George Bush Intercontinental Airport. New York's John F. Kennedy

"We clearly have increased costs since Sept. 11 to operate the parking structures."

— **PAUL HANEY**
Airport spokesperson

in the nation when the increases go into effect.

Los Angeles' airport commission decided to charge \$30 a day for parking in the international airport's structures beginning Feb. 15. That's 25 percent higher than the current \$24 rate, and nearly twice the \$16 it charged 14 months ago.

LAX officials are projecting a \$127 million deficit this fiscal year because of a drop in air travel and increases in security spending. Security measures in the structures alone — including random searches of vehicles — is costing about \$400,000 a month, airport officials said.

"We clearly have increased costs since

International Airport and Hartsfield Atlanta International Airport charge \$24 a day.

For the first time in 12 years, the commission raised rates at LAX's outlying lots: from \$5 to \$8 a day in Lot B, and from \$7 to \$10 a day in Lot C.

Rates also went up at the other two airports the Los Angeles airport commission oversees. At Ontario International Airport, rates will rise from \$7 to \$9 a day and from \$10 to \$12 a day in economy lots, and from \$21 to \$28 a day in the central terminal area. And at Van Nuys Airport, the world's busiest general aviation airport, rates will rise from \$2 to \$4 a day.

Remains of prehistoric mastodon found at site

By the Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County took delivery Friday of a partial skeleton of an ancient mastodon, just weeks after the remains came to light during construction of a Southern California housing development.

Scientists said the animal's skull, tusks, jaws, teeth and femur were found two weeks ago at the bottom of a pit at an 800-home Simi Valley building site about 40 miles north of Los Angeles. They consider the gift a major addition to the state's collection of prehistoric items, since mastodon remains, much less nearly complete skeletons, are rarely found in California.

"We are very excited because it is a mastodon and it's more than just an isolated tooth," said Samuel McLeod, a vertebrate paleontologist at the museum.

The American Mastodon, *Mammuth americanum*, is related to the modern-day elephant. Scientists believe the tusked mammals were covered in reddish hair and stood about 6 feet at the shoulder.

The animals first migrated to North America about 15 million years ago. The mastodon was stockier and had sharper teeth than its cousin and contemporary, the mammoth. Both species became extinct about 11,000 years ago — possi-

bly because of overhunting by humans.

Mammoth bones are found more frequently in California than are mastodons; the opposite is true on the East Coast, McLeod said.

The mastodon found at the Simi Valley site may have weighed more than 1 ton and lived 30,000 years ago. Only a few remains of smaller mastodons have been discovered in California.

"Even though some of these animals are common in our knowledge, in terms of numbers of specimens there aren't many," said John Heyning, the museum's deputy director for research and collections. "Each additional specimen provides us with more insight into their lives."

Paleontologists swaddled the remains in a stiff plaster "jacket" to protect them during the move. Depending on well they were preserved, they may be placed on display, McLeod said.

The remains were found buried in alluvial deposits that likely covered the carcass of the beast soon after it died, preserving it for science.

Paleontological finds are common at Southern Californian construction sites.

The newly uncovered mastodon remains will share space, for the time being, in a museum warehouse filled with plaster blobs containing bits of ancient whales, turtles and other creatures.

NATIONAL



Enron tangled up in White House web

BY TOM RAUM
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Tumbling toward bankruptcy, Enron asked the Bush administration to intervene with banks late last year, the Treasury Department disclosed Friday as the White House worked to control political fallout from a widening investigation.

The administration rejected suggestions that the controversy could hound President Bush for months or longer.

"This dog won't hunt. That's a reference to the politics of it," said presidential spokesman Ari Fleischer amid the latest information on the collapse of the Houston-based energy conglomerate.

Enron President Lawrence "Greg" Whalley telephoned Treasury's undersecretary for domestic finance, Peter Fisher, "six to eight times" in late October and early November, said department spokeswoman Michele Davis.

It was the first indication that the energy trading firm, which has ties to many top Bush administration officials, had asked for government intervention as it faced collapse.

"As Enron's negotiations with its bankers for an extension of credit neared a decision point, the president of Enron asked Undersecretary Fisher to call the banks," Davis said.

Fisher "inferred he was being asked to encourage the banks to extend credit. He

made no such calls," she said.

And, emphasizing that it wasn't only Bush administration officials who were close to Enron, the Treasury Department disclosed Friday evening that former Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin, a Democrat, had also sought Fisher's intervention on behalf of Enron.

Rubin, now chairman of the executive committee of financial giant Citigroup, called Fisher on Nov. 8, at a time that rating agencies were poised to downgrade their opinions on the financial status of Enron.

"Rubin asked Fisher what he thought of the idea of Fisher placing a call to rating agencies to encourage them to work with Enron's bankers to see if there was an alternative to an immediate downgrade," said Davis.

"Fisher responded that he didn't think it advisable to make such a call," said the Treasury spokeswoman. Rubin said he thought that was a reasonable position. Fisher made no such call."

Citigroup Inc., the nation's largest bank, is among a group of banks that lent hundreds of millions of dollars to Enron, hoping to keep it going so earlier loans would be repaid. Citigroup was said to be owed about \$800 million.

Separately on Friday, the Justice Department said Joshua Hochberg, head of the department's fraud section, would be named acting U.S. attorney for the Enron case and a federal white collar

crime prosecutor from San Francisco, Leslie Caldwell, would direct a national task force investigating the company.

Attorney General John Ashcroft, who received campaign contributions from Enron executives when he was running for re-election to the Senate in 2000, has recused himself from the investigation.

The Treasury Department's announcement followed disclosures that Enron Chairman Kenneth Lay, one of Bush's biggest political contributors, had called Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill, Commerce Secretary Don Evans and Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan in the days leading up to the biggest bankruptcy filing in U.S. history last fall.

Also, Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham called the Enron chairman on Nov. 2 "to ask about the situation after he read news reports about the company's financial problems," said Jeanne Lopatto, a department spokeswoman.

"Mr. Lay didn't make any requests, nor did the secretary offer any assistance," Lopatto said. She added that since last April Enron had made five written requests for meetings between its senior

officials and Abraham, and all were declined.

Administration officials have denied that any government aid was ever extended to the beleaguered company.

Democrats are emphasizing the close ties between Enron and administration officials and the impact of the failure on Enron employees.

Thousands of workers were laid off and many saw their retirement nest eggs vanish when Enron stock plunged in advance of the Dec. 2 bankruptcy filing of the nation's seventh largest company.

White House officials worked Friday to try to limit the damage, and to put distance between the president and the Enron chief.

"This needs to be fully investigated to determine if there was any criminal wrongdoing by Enron," said Bush press secretary Fleischer. He said the president also is pressing for a review of rules governing 401(k) retirement plans like those at Enron.

"If anybody else wants to focus on politics, that's their prerogative. But the president's focus is on getting to the bottom of this fully," Fleischer said aboard Air Force One on a presidential trip to Pennsylvania.

Hockey dad convicted of involuntary manslaughter

BY DENISE LAVOIE
Associated Press Writer

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — The father of a young hockey player was convicted of involuntary manslaughter Friday for beating another man to death at their sons' practice as onlookers begged him to stop.

Thomas Junta, 44, bowed his head as the jury forewoman haltingly read the verdict. He said nothing and showed little reaction before he was led away as several of his brothers sobbed in the courtroom.

The burly truck driver had been tried on the more serious charge of manslaughter, which includes excessive use of force in self-defense. He faces up to 20 years in prison, but as a first-time offender will probably be sentenced to a much shorter term — perhaps three to five years — on Jan. 25.

After the verdict, jury forewoman Delores Feeney read a brief statement that concluded: "We feel we reached a very difficult but proper decision."

The closely watched case had become a symbol of what some say is a growing wave of parental violence at youth sporting events. The trial was carried on national cable networks and the case has dominated talk radio shows.

Junta said he killed Michael Costin, 40, in self-defense after they argued over rough play during the practice on July 5, 2000.

He said he tried to avoid coming to blows with Costin, but fought back after the smaller man threw a "sucker punch,"

jumped on him and continued to hit and kick him after the two men fell to the floor.

Junta said he landed just "three off-balance" punches, a claim backed up by witnesses that included his 12-year-old son, Quinlan.

But two witnesses testified Junta struck Costin repeatedly in the head while pinning him to the floor of the Burbank Ice Arena in Reading. The two women said Junta ignored their screams to stop and insistence that "you're going to kill him!"

Costin never regained consciousness and died a day later.

After the verdict, Costin's sister, Mary Barbuzzi, said she hoped no other family would have to endure such "senseless pain."

"Michael Costin was a loving brother, a caring son but most of all he was a dedicated father," she said, standing next to Costin's four children. "Michael Costin succeeded in the hardest job there is — he was a good father. Our family will never be complete again."

Added District Attorney Martha Coakley: "Our hope tonight is that if there is any good that comes out of this it will be that we will not see another parent on an autopsy table as a result of parental rage over children's sports."

Medical experts for both sides said Costin died of a ruptured artery in his neck. They differed sharply on how much force — in this case, how many blows — was needed to cause the injury.

The fatal confrontation began after

Family in mourning ...



Joe Barrentine/Associated Press

Widow Renae Chapman holds her daughter, Amanda, 2, on her lap, as grandmother Rosselyn Nesteby holds Chapman's son, Brandon, 1, on her lap during the funeral service for Sgt. 1st Class Nathan R. Chapman at the Four Chaplains Memorial Chapel at Fort Lewis, Wash., on Friday. Chapman was the first U.S. soldier killed by enemy fire in Afghanistan.

Junta became angry about slashing and checking at what was supposed to be a non-contact scrimmage that Costin was supervising. Junta said he saw a player elbow his son in the face.

Witnesses said Junta yelled at Costin for not controlling the play, and Costin replied: "That's hockey." The two men later got into a scuffle near the locker rooms that was quickly broken up by bystanders.

Junta went outside, but returned moments later. He said he came back to pick up his son and his friends, who were still inside, but a rink worker said he shoved her aside and headed straight for Costin.

Junta denied that claim, telling jurors that Costin jumped him and he was forced to defend himself. He said he delivered three quick blows, then stopped when he

saw Costin put his hand up over his face.

"I didn't know what that guy was doing," Junta said. "It was crazy."

The fatal brawl was witnessed by about a dozen children, including Junta's son and Costin's three sons. Junta, who shed tears during his testimony, said he left the rink without knowing how gravely he had injured Costin.

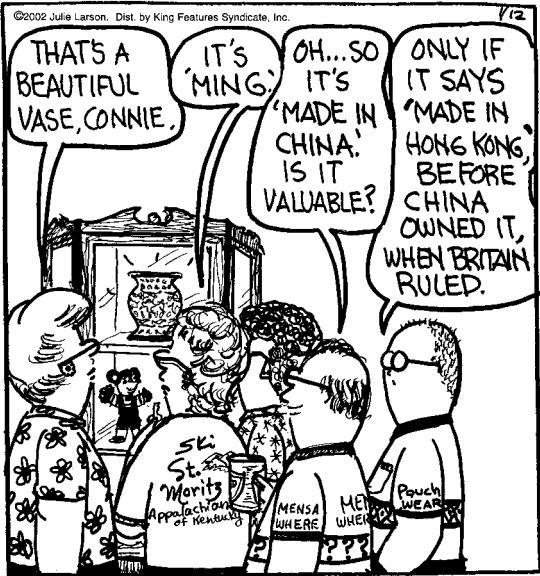
Prosecutors repeatedly called attention to the difference in size between the men. Junta is 6-foot-1 and weighed 270 pounds at the time of the fight. Costin was 6 feet and 156 pounds.

In his closing argument, Junta's lawyer called him a "gentle giant" who took a "serious thrashing" at the hands of Costin during their first scuffle. Junta had a 4-inch scratch on his face, cuts on his arms and scratches on his legs from where he said Costin kicked him with his skates.

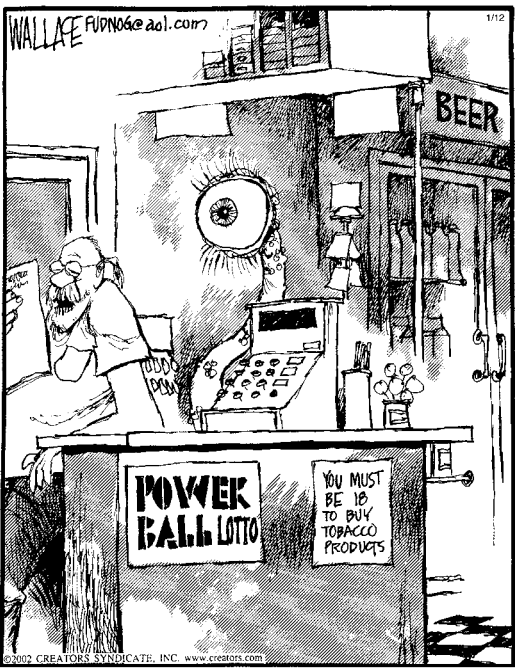


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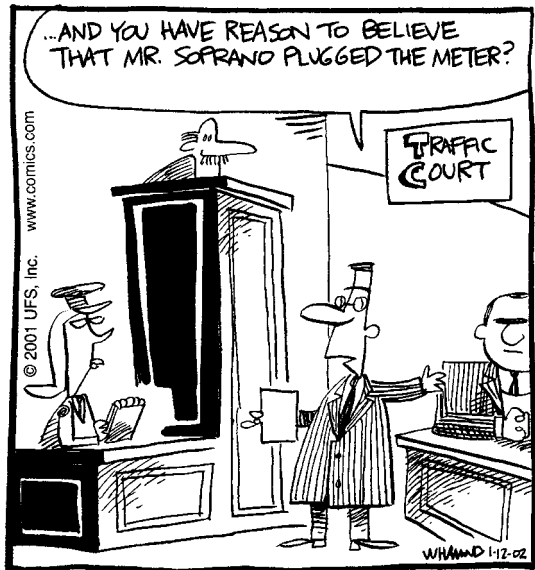
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Pentagon: 'Don't show prisoners chained and masked'

BY FRAZIER MOORE

AP Television Writer

NEW YORK — Major news organizations Friday were abiding by an order from Pentagon officials not to transmit images of masked and chained prisoners shot the previous day in Afghanistan.

"The Geneva Convention prohibits humiliating, debasing photos.

We need to be cautious in case there is a legal action somewhere downstream."

— **REAR ADM. CRAIG QUIGLEY**
Pentagon spokesperson

CBS News, which had planned to air some of the footage on Friday's "Early Show," reconsidered amid confusion over the Pentagon's conditions for shooting the scene.

"We may decide to use a couple of representative shots, and only with discretion (on Friday's 'Evening News'), and that's still being discussed," said Janet Leissner, Washington bureau chief.

Of the Pentagon's restrictions, she added, "I think that last night and yesterday we thought it was a much bigger deal than it really is."

CNN also didn't air the footage in question, though it did show images shot Wednesday of masked prisoners.

"Restrictions on the press in wartime are nothing new, and the fact is we are on their base and subject to their rules," said network spokeswoman Megan Mahoney.

Photographers and camera crews from CNN, CBS, The Army Times and other organizations were allowed to take pictures of the 20 prisoners in Kandahar as they boarded a C-17 cargo plane for Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. But the journalists had to agree not to transmit the images until military officials gave them permission.

Shortly after the plane left the airport, the organizations were told not to send the images.

A Pentagon spokesman said the decision was made because the Red Cross raised an objection, contending the images would violate international laws on the treatment of prisoners.

"The Geneva Convention prohibits humiliating, debasing photos," said Rear Adm. Craig Quigley. "We need to be cautious in case there is a legal action somewhere downstream."

Officials at the International Committee of the Red Cross in Geneva said the organization had not contacted the Pentagon about photographs taken in Afghanistan.

"They may have our stance on the issue in their files but we did not raise an objection," said Vincent Lasser, a Red Cross spokesman.

It is unclear how much authority the Pentagon has to keep news organizations from transmitting images. Rob Curtis, a photographer for The Army Times who often takes photos for The Associated Press, said the Pentagon

seemed to be breaking an agreement made with journalists early in the conflict.

"We signed papers that said we would not publish photos that endangered a military operation," Curtis said. "There are no military implications for these photos, only political."

20-pound rodent on the loose

By the Associated Press

IOWA CITY, Iowa — A quick-footed creature found running loose near a shopping mall resembles a big rabbit or a small deer, but it's actually a 20-pound rodent, animal control officers say.

The animal is a Patagonian cavy, also called a mara. It's a rodent native to the grasslands of southeastern South America — not the Coral Ridge Mall, where it was spotted Wednesday.

Animal control officers caught the cavy, which can reach speeds of 18 mph and jump as high as 7 feet, by slowly fencing it into a cage.

At the Iowa City Animal Control Shelter, workers have been feeding the cavy alfalfa.

"It's healthy," said Misha Goodman, director of animal services. "We think somebody who owns exotic pets let it get loose and couldn't catch it."

She said the cavy is native to a subarctic climate and easily could have survived an Iowa winter.

Animal Control is trying to locate a zoo willing to take the animal.

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