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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
by Chuck Shepard

■ In January, a judge at London's Old Bailey released 31-time recidivist Mark Patterson, 42, after his 32nd conviction, for burglary, because Patterson claimed that he needed drug rehabilitation so he could fulfill his calling as a poet. (His subsequent ode to the judge, in part: "I've now been set free / in a blaze of publicity / so that everyone can see / my great ability.")



THOUGHT OF THE DAY

The two hardest things to handle in life are failure and success.



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FBI alleges S.M. man is a spy for North Korea

BY CAROLYN SACKARIASON
Daily Press Staff Writer

A North Korean spy has been living in Santa Monica for more than a year, federal authorities said.

John Joungwoong Yai was a spy paid by the North Korean government to recruit other agents, according to a 76-page affidavit filed in U.S. District Court in Los Angeles that was unsealed

Wednesday.

Yai, a 59-year-old former Santa Monica business owner, was arrested by FBI special agents on Tuesday at his 909 Grant St. home in the Ocean Park neighborhood.

Yai is being detained pending a bail hearing scheduled for Friday. He appeared in federal court Wednesday dressed in a sweat suit and sandals, and told a federal court magistrate through an inter-

preter that he planned to hire a lawyer. The interpreter earlier had spent several hours translating the criminal complaint from English to Korean to Yai.

He faces a maximum 20-year sentence in federal prison, if convicted.

In the criminal complaint, Yai is accused of operating within the United States at the direction and control of North Korean officials.

Yai, a naturalized U.S. citizen

who has been living in America for more than 20 years, also was arrested on charges of failing to register as a North Korean agent as required by U.S. law. It is a felony to act as an agent of a foreign government in the United States without notifying the U.S. Attorney General.

The FBI has been operating

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Feinstein's colleagues react to Green allegations

BY ANDY FIXMER
Daily Press Staff Writer

Some are shocked, others are skeptical, but Santa Monica City Councilman Mike Feinstein's colleagues agree he needs to clear his name.

Fellow City Council members said Feinstein should address allegations he deposited more than \$30,000 of Green Party campaign contributions into a private bank account at a local credit union.

"We (Greens) truly believe in clear and transparent finances," said Mayor Pro Tem Kevin McKeown, a Green Party member. "And that is why this is so unsettling to us."

McKeown said he doubts Feinstein has done anything illegal, but he said the level of skepticism will only grow if Feinstein doesn't release the financial statements.

"I don't think Mike meant to do anything wrong," he said. "I believe



Mike Feinstein

he did all of this believing he was acting in the best interest of the Green Party,

but after two years we need to straighten it out.

"I hope Mike will explain what has gone on, provide the bank records and let this all end," he added.

Feinstein did not return calls Tuesday and Wednesday seeking comment.

For the past 18 months, Feinstein has allegedly ignored requests from local party officials to disclose financial statements showing how the money was spent, according to

Los Angeles County Green Party members.

When Feinstein allegedly began fundraising again for a Green Party convention to be held in Santa Monica later this month, the patience of state Green Party officials ran out.

Two state chairs of the California Green Party wrote a letter Jan. 10 that was sent to activists across the country, which stated Feinstein's convention and

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How much info does a patient need for penis enlargement?

Lawsuit against doctor spurred by humiliating outcome of procedure

BY CAROLYN SACKARIASON
Daily Press Staff Writer

A man's lawsuit against a Beverly Hills surgeon for a penis enlargement gone bad has raised questions about the procedure, which has grown increasingly popular behind heavy marketing.

The case, however, was dismissed last month by a Santa Monica judge because an expert witness apparently took off on a trip, leaving his lawyer to explain it away.

Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Lorna Parnell on Jan. 21 dismissed the suit against Dr. James Elist, brought by former patient Milan Martinic. She ruled that expert witness Dr. Jack McAninch's trip didn't leave the defense enough time to question him before the trial. McAninch is the chief of urology at San Francisco General Hospital.

Martinic, who is described as a 42-year-old happi-

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A community mourns



File photo

The Rev. Ronald L. Williams, who led the First African Methodist Episcopal Church By the Sea in Santa Monica for the past two years, died Tuesday of a heart attack. Civic leaders say he was a well-known and well-respected activist, who worked to build a stronger community in a troubled Santa Monica eastside neighborhood. Rev. Williams is pictured in front of the AME church on Michigan Avenue last year. See story, page 3.

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The stars show the kind of day you'll have:

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

Happy Birthday for Thursday, Feb. 6, 2003

Think before you leap this year. You could easily find yourself knee-deep in quicksand if you're not careful. You might frequently be overwhelmed with communication, or find that you are getting mixed messages. Aim for more of what you want. Review bottom lines. Stay direct. Your creativity will take you in a new direction once harnessed. If you are single, you will tumble into a major relationship this year. You might have a difficult time defining what it is you want, and somehow you could feel restricted. You recognize the depth of a commitment. If you are attached, a new commitment might develop between you, which could involve a new child, grandchild or perhaps some other delightful addition. ARIES fills in the gaps.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★★ Your popularity increases, taking you down new avenues. Carefully think through a decision that involves a neighbor or sibling. You need to say "enough is enough." Confusion surrounds communication. Clarify and straighten out a problem. Tonight: Whatever you want.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ Lie back and think about what you want. Question less about what might be going on in your life, and just keep your mind and eyes open. Much is promised. Avoid negativity about money, who you are and what you offer. Tonight: Consider keeping a sleep journal.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ Reach out for others, establishing better priorities and different options. What you believe is a gigantic misunderstanding might not be as difficult as you are making it out to be. Relax and work within the system. Others help you achieve much more of what you want. Tonight: Where the gang is.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ Keep adjusting as you strive to work through a work or day-to-day matter. How you view an authority figure could change substantially because of a conversation. You might want to deal with someone more directly. Pressure builds at work. Tonight: A must appearance.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ Keep conversations moving. If a question develops, seek out an expert. How you view someone could change because of his or her inability to move past an issue. You might want to juggle a personal matter more carefully. Be careful with a loved one's feelings. Tonight: Rent a movie on the way home.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★★ Establish more clarity about who is boss. Let someone else take that role; be the follower for now. How you view a parent or loved one might change substantially if given the opportunity. Fatigue surrounds you. Have you pushed a bit too hard? Tonight: Take care of yourself.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ Others run with the ball. You don't need to compete with an irrevocable force. Think in terms of gaining a better sense of direction. You might be unusually tired. Expect associates to knock on your door. You don't need to push so hard. Tonight: Say "yes."

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ Realize your limits within your immediate circle of friends. You could be overly tired of dealing with others. Expect greater clarity and more friendship within a certain group of associates and/or co-workers. Tonight: Work as late as need be.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ You might want to deal with someone more directly. You change pace. You head in a new direction. A partner who might be unusually stiff rethinks a decision. Separate reality from make-believe. Tonight: Start laughing and enjoying your weekend.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ You might not be comfortable with what is happening around you. You could change your perspective as a result. Listen carefully to someone's sharing. There could easily be an ambivalence between the two of you. Listen. Tonight: Happy at home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ You might want to think before you leap. Though a friend might urge you on, and might not be wrong, evaluate a decision. If you can, avoid impulsiveness. You might want to take your time with a child or loved one. Confusion surrounds a relationship. Tonight: At a favorite spot.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ A financial matter reverses your decision at work. A boss pushes you in a new direction. Listen more carefully to an authority figure you respect. Ask the right questions, and you'll get positive feedback. Tonight: Your treat.

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LOCAL



Santa Monica loses great community leader

But his work must go on, supporters say

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Santa Monica lost one of its most respected community leaders early Tuesday morning, when First AME Rev. Ronald L. Williams died of a heart attack. He was 48.

Rev. Williams came to Santa Monica barely two years ago from Oregon with his family to preach at the First African Methodist Episcopal Church at 1823 Michigan Ave.

"He used to say, 'I came from Portland to paradise,'" said Dori Williams, Rev. Williams' widow. "And he meant that. He really did."

During his short time in Santa Monica, he touched the lives of residents throughout the city.

"It's very tragic to lose anyone, but especially someone at such a young age," said Mayor Richard Bloom. "And it's tragic especially because he was becoming such a fixture in the community ... It's a really sad loss for the entire community."

Rev. Williams lent his booming voice and seemingly endless supply of energy to causes of social justice, such as the living wage movement and to support the creation of more affordable housing.

He organized walks of residents through the Pico neighborhood to take a stand against gang violence and drug activity that has long-plagued the eight-mile section of Santa Monica where he lived.

Along with other religious leaders from throughout the city and region, Rev. Williams joined hands and lead prayers to support better treatment of workers at luxury hotels and for the passage of a living wage ordinance that was defeated at the ballot box last November.

And he was a vocal supporter, along with the Martin Luther King Jr. Westside Coalition, of naming the auditorium of the new Santa Monica Main library after the celebrated civil rights leader.

"He was a very special person," said Michele Wittig, a member of the MLK Jr. Westside Coalition. "The leaders that we identify as great leaders are here in our own community, if we only recog-

nize that. Had he lived longer, his leadership would have been more widely recognized today."

Rev. Williams had suffered a stroke on Dec. 26 that left him incapacitated, and he had difficulty moving the left side of his body, according to Dori Williams and friends of the family. After two weeks in intensive care, friends say Rev. Williams was improving and had been scheduled to begin physical therapy just before he passed away Tuesday morning at about 5 a.m.

"It was a blood clot, which is a risk even though he was taking the medication," Dori Williams said. "It's one of the risks you have when you have paralysis on one side and you're not moving."

Dori Williams said the family and the congregation are taking the loss very hard.

"It's really — and it's like this for the congregation as well as me — it's devastating," she said. "I don't think that's an overstatement. It feels like we all are walking around asking 'What now?'"

Those who knew Rev. Williams and his work in Santa Monica say the seeds of his activism have been planted and residents will continue to benefit from his work for a long time to come.

"On a lot of levels he got involved in the city and the school district, trying to make change," said Darrell Goode, president of the Santa Monica-Venice chapter of the NAACP. "I really believe we are going to see a lot of good things come from his energy and activism."

Rev. Williams is survived by his wife Dori and four children: Aubrey, 14, D'Andrea, 13, Wesley, 12, and Ronald II, 11.

A musical tribute to Rev. Williams has been planned for Saturday at 7 p.m. by the First AME congregation in Santa Monica at 1823 Michigan Ave. Funeral services have been arranged on Monday at 11 a.m. at the First AME Church of Los Angeles, located at 2270 South Harvard St.

Then Rev. Williams' body will be flown to Miami, where his extended family lives, for a service on Friday, Feb. 14 at 11 a.m. at St. James Church, located at 1855 NW 65th St., Miami, Fla.

surf report

Information compiled by Jesse Haley

We're looking at very small, flat surf this morning, much like Tuesday's pitiful conditions.

However, a new northwest swell is currently heading our way, due to start showing Thursday or Friday.

Expect knee-high waves in the north, sometimes larger in the South Bay, but even the best breaks aren't likely to hit above shoulder high during the day.

Thursday the new swell should start to fill in in SoCal. Expect sets in the waist- to chest-high range at northern spots, chest- to shoulder-high farther south.

An additional, although steeper angled, northwest swell is on tap for Thursday as well, so standout spots with the most northern exposure should see a boost as that builds Thursday afternoon.



Today's Tides:

Low- 5:17 a.m. 1.87'
High- 11:06 a.m. 4.59'
Low- 5:47 p.m. 0.53'

Location	Thursday	Friday	Water Quality
County Line	2-3'/Fair	3-4'/Fair	A
Zuma	2-3'/Fair	3-4'/Fair	A
Surfrider	1-2'/Poor	1-3'/Fair	C
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There were other proposals that would have taxed people more based on the size of the buildings on their properties. For instance, one of the proposals that was shot

down was a charge of \$60 per year, plus 7 cents per square foot.

This week, Q-Line wants to know:
"What tax proposal would you support? Will you vote in favor of the flat \$225 tax scheduled for the special election?"

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OPINION

LETTERS

Commissioners not fair-minded

Editor:

In response to Landmarks Commissioner Nina Fresco's recent letter, anyone who has seen the Landmarks or Planning commissions in action has observed that the commissioners are not fair-minded or reasonable persons. That is why there is broad community support behind Proposition A.

W.T. Dorr
Santa Monica

Fresco got it wrong

Editor:

Nina Fresco asked the right question; unfortunately, she got the wrong answer. She asked, "Who will decide the destiny of our neighborhoods?" Her answer was "the community," presumably personified in the Landmarks Commission. Nowhere in her letter was there any mention of the homeowners themselves.

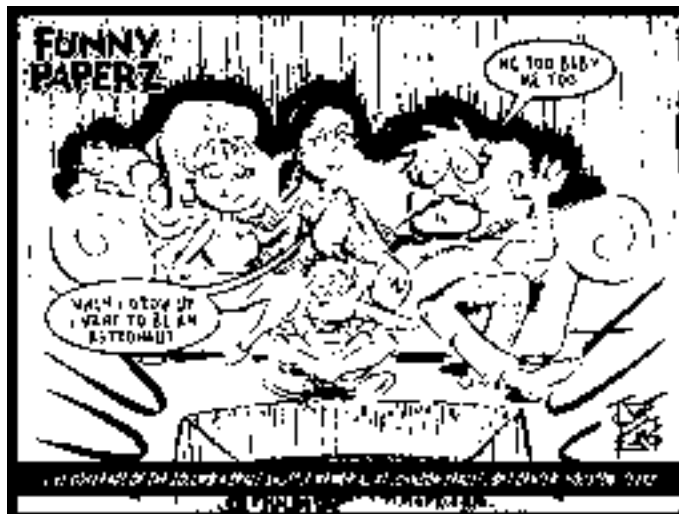
The issue underlying Proposition A is, indeed, quite simple: Who controls the power to modify, or even replace, your home? Is it you or the city bureaucracy? It is simply not fair to force homeowners to participate in an historic district, for example, and be subject to all of the accompanying restrictions if they do not wish to do so. Given the financial and emotional importance of one's home, individual homeowners should have the freedom to weigh the benefits and burdens of a historic designation and not have the decision thrust upon them by the commission, the council or anyone else.

Tom Larmore
Santa Monica

Communes don't work

Editor:

In response to Nina Fresco's 2/4/03 letter, "See through the Prop A propaganda."



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When all the people of a community make decisions on a single person's property, it is called a commune. It has been my observation that this form of government has been unsuccessful in other countries in the past.

Bill Dawson
Santa Monica

Note to self: Check the box that recycles life



TITTINGER'S TAKE

By Michael J. Tittinger

Wondering ... wondering ... wondering ...

Standing in line at Quizno's, waiting on a toasted Turkey Ranch, the sandwich maker carefully checks off each ingredient I want on it. I watch him run down the list — check, check, check. And I'm wondering whether or not he's got a sticker. He seems friendly enough, I guess, seems to care about what kind of vegetables I'm ingesting.

I'm handing my movie ticket to an artsy looking guy with creative facial hair and thinking he looks like he would have a sticker ... he looks the type, saving the world and all, until he graduates and gets a career job. So he probably has a sticker. However, he could be the withdrawn artist type, and therefore probably doesn't want anyone touching him at all. In that case, no sticker. But then I'm wondering is there a certain profile on this or does it transcend age groups? Just a few random people here and there with a sense of enlightenment, or at least are compassionate enough to put stickers on.

Now I'm reclining in my desk chair wondering if Spider-Man's got a sticker ... if he was real. I don't think he is. I have an action figure of him from when I was a kid hanging off my doorjamb. Head cocked, he's giving me a look like, "C'mon, man. Whadda' you think?" I don't know, his being a hero and all helps him make his case a lot. He's gotta have a sticker, I reason, with advice like "With great power

comes great responsibility" and all.

I've been doing a lot of wondering lately about people behind their backs. Deciphering whether or not they got stickers.

The other night at the bar, when I was checking IDs, was when I started wondering. That's when, for whatever reason, I began noticing all of the empty little dotted circles. "Hey, isn't that — that's where the stickers go!"

You know those bright little stickers that are so small you can't get them off your fingertip when to try and stick them. They're on driver's licenses, with the word DONOR across it like they're hiding it there. It's a Scarlet Letter pasted there, let's hide it with the tiniest sticker imaginable.

What's with the small stickers anyway, I'm wondering as I fill out my \$75 check to the DMV to renew my license. I wish there was a box on the form like the ones on a tax return asking if you'd like to donate to the presidential re-election fund. This one would ask me if I could check off "Would you like to donate 1 cent of your registration fee to making those stickers bigger?"

But there wasn't.

I like to check things off. I have a tablet lying next to me — well, it's not really lying next to me, that sounds a little weird. It's on the table next to my keyboard, on the table, with a list of things to do, people to write back to, calls to make and things to think about. I have a pen and I check them off one by one as each one's accomplished. I've accomplished something when I got check marks on my tablet or lines through my cryptic abbreviations.

Checking things off in life is one less thing to worry about. Decision made, move on.

I remember back at the old DMV when I was getting my first California driver's

license I checked a lot of things — the written test and enrollment forms. There were loads of boxes to check. I think one of them was asking if I'd like to be an organ donor. It didn't really faze me at the time. Pretty standard.

So then Sunday night I go back and start checking all the IDs that are coming into the bar, all the IDs confiscated or forgotten ones over the past months in a search for stickers ... for science sake. And because I wonder, "How hard was it to check that stupid box on the DMV form?" I guess it was rough, judging from the lack of people with stickers — about 5 out 50, two of those from out of state.

Maybe they couldn't get those tiny stickers off their fingers and onto the card. I'm hoping it's something like that. I'm hoping these licenses don't have stickers for a stupid reason like that, and not because their owners were too lazy to check off a box on a form that could save several lives one day. I hope they weren't so wrapped up in their own space to make a gesture less time-consuming than deciding to check off the box for pad tai on the lunch menu order.

Maybe the word "donor" has a negative connotation, I'm thinking. It's too special sounding. "Oh, look, it's the donor. Mr. Big Shot." I think they need some more positive sounding PR if they want people to stop thinking about the sun long enough to check a box. "Giver of Life" maybe. "Champion Recycler" could work. How 'bout "All That and a Bag of Chips?"

In fact, a little rewording might help groups such as the "Organ Sharing Network's" cause. The of the name that conjures up images of organs being taken out prematurely. We can't share them just yet.

I stand on my balcony at home after work, after a long day's hustle and bustle,

after all the underage drinkers have been sent home, hopefully sober. And then I look eastward towards the UCLA Medical Center on 16th Street. Beyond the courtyard, through the gently swaying palms, all I keep seeing is a wall of flickering television sets positioned high within each hospital room — no patients, no doctors, just flickering television sets. Each one a poignant reminder of patients killing time, holding on. Maybe they're some of the 100 or so added to the national organ transplant waiting list every day.

Maybe they're waiting each day, hoping all of us checked off that box on the DMV form in the same vein we check off Bean Curd with Mixed Vegetables. Frankly, I'm wondering lately if too many of us are giving more thought to Bean Curd than we are each other.

In a city like Santa Monica, where environmental advocates champion causes with a feverish drive, I'm wondering why there is a huge percentage of the population who opt not to recycle life. Who better to reap the benefits of the planet we saved than those whom we breathe life back into?

So what I'm really wondering about now is why most people aren't donating their organs after they die. Are they taking them with them somewhere? Are they gonna use them underground? Maybe they ought to leave them here for the rest of us. Let's not be taking our ball and going home. Nobody liked that kid. Let's not take our coupons and rip them up when the woman behind you in line could use them. It makes no sense.

(Mike Tittinger is a freelance writer living in Santa Monica.)

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ENTERTAINMENT

Kate Hudson makes nice for her husband

BY SEAN DALY
Special to the Daily Press

BEVERLY HILLS — There is a simple division of labor at the home of actress Kate Hudson and Black Crowes rocker Chris Robinson: she cooks, he cleans.

"The dishes will never happen for me," the slender, blonde starlet reveals with laugh. So far, their arrangement seems to be working. It's been just over two years since the couple's secret New Year's Eve wedding in Aspen, Colo. In that time, Hudson, 23, and Robinson, 12 years her senior, have managed to beat the odds despite demanding work and tour schedules and what she openly admits were a few early red flags.

"In the beginning, I definitely had some trust issues ... you know, sex, drugs and rock and roll," Hudson concedes in between puffs of an American Spirit cigarette. "But I got over that pretty fast." So quickly in fact that Hudson — who once dated actor Eli Craig (the son of Sally Field) and pro hockey star Eric Lindros — was hooked after just one date.

It was a romantic night in Manhattan that included a stroll through Central Park, a shopping spree, and dinner at the upscale department store Barney's New York.

"They're like some kind of great '70s couple," says pal Luke Wilson, Hudson's costar in the upcoming comedy "Loosely Based on A True Love Story." "They like to put music on and sing to each other. And they like drink red wine. They're a great couple and she's just got this great little spirit and I think people really respond to it."

Their courtship, Hudson recalls, was quick and to the point — "Every rule went out the window. We said 'I love you' in about four days and I moved in after a week." A risky move, as she later learned filming the new comedy "How To Lose A Guy In 10 Days," opening Friday.

KATE THE COLUMNIST

Hudson plays magazine columnist Andie Anderson, who goes undercover and dates a rising advertising executive (Matthew McConaughey) to research an article about the many ways women unconsciously drive their men away. "We're talking about things like buying him a little dog, bursting in on his poker night ... and naming his penis," she explains with a smile.

So Kate, do you have any pet names for your man's private parts?

"That puppy doesn't need a name," she announces without thinking, then immediately covers her face in embarrassment. "But I definitely have done things like calling somebody too much or writing somebody a letter telling them [too much] about how I feel."

Not that Hudson was ever much of a dater. At Crossroads High School in Santa Monica, she says, "I was somebody who actually liked NOT being in relationships. I was okay being alone." Hudson preferred to spend her time playing sports, participating in drama club activities and auditioning for movies. Among her closest friends was classmate Baron Davis, now a professional basketball player for the Charlotte Hornets. "I used to joke around and say, 'You know, B, one day you'll be out there playing pro ball and I'll be sitting on the floor,' and it actually happened. We both always knew what we wanted to do."

For Hudson, the pieces began to fall into place with a guest appearance on the TV drama "Party of Five" in 1994. Six years later, she was nominated for both Golden Globe and Academy Awards for her por-



Kate Hudson

trayal of rock and roll "band-aide" Penny Lane in director Cameron Crowe's "Almost Famous." Hudson's second-hand knowledge of the groupie lifestyle raised concerns at first when she began dating Robinson, but the actress quickly discovered "it was the other guys in the band that were into the chicks. I think Chris liked drugs better than he liked girls."

STRONG SHOWBIZ ROOTS

You could say Hudson's success in Hollywood is all in the genes. Relaxing in a beaded, vanilla-colored peasant blouse and hip-hugger Chic jeans, she is the spitting image of her mother, Oscar-winning actress Goldie Hawn. When schedules permit, mother and daughter enjoy afternoons together riding bikes, knitting and trying out new recipes. "I would love to be a grandmother," Hawn said in October. "I'm not pushing the matter, but it would be so much fun."

Hawn divorced Bill Hudson, her third husband in 1979, but was nevertheless excited when Hudson announced her intention to marry at the age of 21. "My parents are supportive of everything we want to do," Hudson says, "so I don't think they ever questioned it." Nor did Hawn's long-time companion, actor Kurt Russell, who has raised both Hudson and brother Oliver, 26, as his own children since 1983. Hudson says her "Pa" has a lot in common with her new husband: both are "opinionated, hard-working and put family first."

Hudson took a year off from work in 2001 to spend time with her husband. She plans take another extended break and join him on tour after completing the upcoming Garry Marshall comedy "Raising Helen." (Hudson says she also intends to quit smoking after the shoot.)

"I love working with people who are early in their careers, when they're still directable," says "How To Lose" director Donald Petrie. "Kate's amazing. She's extremely talented — way beyond her years in sophistication and knowledge, and she's really smart when it comes to comedy."

She is also extremely happy to be out of the dating pool.

"I love being able to be a wife and make dinners and have Chris bring his friends over and make it nice for him," she beams, flashing a simple gold wedding band. "It's a nice thing for a man to feel that ... and for me to feel that I can give him that."

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LOCAL

Local residents are shocked over spy allegations in S.M.

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counterintelligence and covert physical searches on Yai since 1995. FBI special agent James G. Chang wrote in the affidavit that between December 1997 and April 2000, Yai was a North Korean agent living in the United States. The North Korean government paid him to identify and recruit other agents to meet with North Korean officials abroad, authorities allege.

Some of the agents recruited by Yai planned to get jobs in the U.S. government. One agent was pursuing a job as a clerk in the California District Attorney's Office, and another agent was looking for work in Washington D.C. where she could be close to politicians.

Chang wrote Yai was the subject of surveillance under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act from December 1996 until June 2000. During that time, investigators bugged Yai's downtown Los Angeles office and allegedly intercepted faxes, e-mail and telephone calls between Yai and his North Korean handlers. The communications were often filled with code words, the FBI said.

"On April 8, 1998, I was among a number of FBI agents who conducted a covert physical search ... at Yai's office," Chang wrote in the affidavit. "One of the items found in that search was a five-page document in the Korean language. This document was later translated by FBI intelligence research Ko. It is entitled 'code charts' ... Among the base words or phrases listed on the code chart are 'White House,' 'the state department,' 'the Pentagon,' 'secret operation,' 'military,' 'human target,' 'secret code,' 'covert surveillance,' 'top secret,' 'secret contact,' 'recruitment,' 'CIA,' 'FBI,' 'nuclear facility,' 'military exercise,' 'Korea-US annual security meeting' and 'invasion.'"

Yai allegedly provided the North Korean government mostly with information that already was made public in the United States via newspaper articles and the Internet. However, North Korean government officials allegedly instructed Yai in 1998 to obtain classified information and under no circumstances continue to feed them information already made public.

"The information he was providing was all public information, but he was

put to task to get top secret information," said Los Angeles FBI spokeswoman Cheryl Mimuma.

In April 2000, Yai and his wife, Susan Youngja Yai, traveled to the Czech Republic and Vienna to meet with a North Korean representative, authorities said. Upon arrival at Los Angeles International Airport from Zurich, Switzerland, on April 20, 2000, Yai and his wife declared to U.S. Customs officials they were not carrying more than \$10,000 in U.S. currency.

"In fact, a search revealed that they were carrying \$18,179," the FBI said in court papers.

Yai, a South Korea native, was charged with making fraudulent and false statements to a representative of the United States Customs Service and conspiring to make such statements, a criminal affidavit said. Yai's wife was charged with making and conspiring to make fraudulent and false statements within the jurisdiction of the United States.

Yai's wife will receive a summons to appear in federal court at a later date.

The investigation is ongoing to determine whether Yai's actions posed any threat to national security, Mimuma said.

Although the State Department has listed North Korea as a sponsor of terrorism, terrorist activity was not suspected in the case, officials said.

The Yais have a son who attended UC-Berkeley and is currently studying law, and a daughter. John Yai reportedly had owned a snack shop called Bon Appetit, located at 1821 Wilshire Boulevard.

After Yai was arrested on Tuesday, FBI agents searched the house and seized computer equipment, documents, travel information and other written communications.

News crews descended upon the quiet neighborhood as FBI agents searched the home, which alerted Yai's neighbors that something had happened. When they found out agents were searching the home of a possible spy, neighbors were shocked.

"He definitely doesn't look like a spy," said Farhad Ashofteh, Yai's next door neighbor.

Another resident said of a possible spy living near him, "That would be interesting in your neighborhood, wouldn't it?"

Bigger not always better for men's health, lawyer says

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ly married Wisconsin man with children, alleged that Dr. Elist failed to tell him that scarring, disfigurement, loss of sensation and an impaired function of his penis could be results of the procedure. Although evidence showed Martinic signed a consent form on which the risks were spelled out, he claimed that didn't amount to the necessary "informed consent."

Martinic paid \$7,000 to Dr. Elist for the enlargement procedure and another \$10,000 was charged to him for a circumcision by a local hospital after Dr. Elist performed the surgery. Martinic is in the Internet marketing and gaming profession.

Martinic, who has had a host of other reconstructive surgeries in the past, had read Elist's advertisement in a local

publication while he was traveling in California that promised enhanced sexual performance would come with a larger size.

But the October 2000 procedure, which involved removing skin and fat from his buttocks and grafting it onto the side of his penis, left him disfigured and in severe pain, he said. Martinic claims he was never told that the fat from his buttocks could migrate and form hard lumps at the base of his penis, thus leaving him unable to urinate. Martinic said his penis swelled up, resulting in scarring, disfigurement, loss of sensation and impaired function.

The surgery, which lasted three hours and is medically referred to as "phalloplasty," is a type of lengthening procedure involving "surgical severance of the sus-

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LOCAL



Council members defend Mike Feinstein's integrity

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fundraising have not been condoned by the state party. The issue has drawn the party's national attention.

A leader of Santa Monicans for Renters Rights — a group that has long-dominated local politics and of which Feinstein is a member — said it would be in Feinstein's best interest to resolve the matter with the Green Party.

"Mike was elected to office not because he is a Green but because of his positions on issues," said SMRR co-chair Denny Zane. "But certainly people will be interested to see any dispute of this sort resolved. Because it certainly has an impact on people's confidence in him."

Others said the controversy with the Green Party would not likely have an impact on Feinstein's work on the Santa Monica City Council.

"What all of us do outside of City Council, what each of us does is different from each other, and I really don't see where it intersects with his council responsibilities," said Mayor Richard Bloom. "Mike is a very honorable, hard-working individual, and whatever is going on within the Green Party, I am quite certain has to do with internal Green Party politics, which I don't really pay attention to because I'm a lifelong

Democrat and much more attune to what goes on in my own party."

But others say any credible accusation of wrongdoing needs to be cleared up, though many of Feinstein's colleagues question the credibility of the Green Party's allegations.

"Anyone would have concerns if there's truth that it's a misappropriation," said Councilman Herb Katz. "There is no truth to those accusations yet."

Both Bloom and Councilwoman Pam O'Connor urge people to not have "knee-jerk" reactions, and that Feinstein is "innocent until proven otherwise."

"Is he the best detail-orientated person? Probably not," O'Connor said. "But the man has a good heart and he works hard, even though he can be ideologically naive sometimes."

Councilman Bob Holbrook said he was shocked to hear about the Green Party allegations of Feinstein's actions, and he worries about Feinstein's political survival.

"I don't know what to say really," he said. "I would imagine he's personally devastated. Mike prides himself on being a key leader of the Green Party of California, and it's his key political base."

"If they cut him off," Holbrook added. "I don't know what he's going to do."

Doctors capitalize on men's insecurities, attorney claims

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pensatory ligament which would otherwise attach the penile shaft to the pubic symphysis." The enlargement involved surgical placement of "fat harvested from the gluteal fold and surgically placed along the sides of the penile shaft."

"It doesn't really lengthen it, it makes it hang longer. So visually, it's different," said Martinic's attorney, Steven Fabbro of San Francisco. "It hangs differently between your legs."

Lawyer Staci Meinzer, representing Dr. Elist, argued that Martinic knew the risks included scarring, infection, bleeding, loss of sensation, skin discoloration and disformity.

"Our defense was our client did everything he was supposed to do," said Jeff Moffatt, a shareholder in Bonnie, Bridges, Mueller, O'Keefe and Nichols, the Los Angeles-based law firm retained by Dr. Elist.

"It's not an experimental procedure and I don't think any doctor guarantees any results from a surgery," Moffatt added. "Any time you have surgery things are going to happen. What we maintain is the outcome of the surgery is in accord with the standards of care."

Consent forms usually say that the risks have been discussed between the doctor and patient. This case was no exception, Moffatt said.

However, Martinic maintains he never gave full, informed consent and wouldn't have had the procedure if he was fully aware of the possible outcome and risks.

"They always hide behind the consent forms, but they don't say what the risks really are," Fabbro said. "It's not up to the patient to ask questions and know what the risks are. It's not the patient's duty, it's the surgeon's."

Martinic is no stranger to reconstructive

surgery. He has undergone liposculpture of his face, neck, jowls and chin at Coronado Skin Medical Center in Coronado. In 1999, Martinic had a chin liposuction.

"Dr. Elist didn't adhere to a standard of care," Fabbro said. "If a procedure is not proven to be safe and efficacious, then it should not be performed and this is not proven safe or efficacious. There is no published report that proves it's safe and efficacious."

Fabbro, who has handled dozens of similar malpractice cases, said doctors capitalize on fragile individuals by advertising that their dreams can come true with larger penises and that "bigger is better."

"These doctors run ads in Hustler, Penthouse and they are all purveyors to the sexual inadequacies of men," he said. "They prey on men's insecurities."

The case fizzled for now when Fabbro had to ask for a postponement because Martinic had to travel to Bolivia, and because Dr. McAninch had planned a trip to India and wasn't available to be "deposed" — pre-trial preparatory questioning — by attorney Meinzer.

Judge Parnell wouldn't postpone the trial because Fabbro failed to advise her that the expert witness, who is key in establishing his client's case, wouldn't be available, although Fabbro had said on Jan. 7 that he was ready to go to trial.

"I conclude that you didn't check availability of your expert," Parnell said to Fabbro, according to transcripts in court documents.

McAninch, who would be paid \$500 an hour, was to testify on a doctor's duty to establish a standard of care for patients.

Fabbro said he plans to appeal the judge's ruling.

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Profits jump at MGM on one-time gains

BY GARY GENTILE
AP Business Writer

LOS ANGELES — Profits at movie studio Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer jumped 50 percent in the fourth quarter on the strength of several one-time gains.

For the quarter ended Dec. 31, Santa Monica-based MGM reported net income of \$58.7 million, or 24 cents per share, compared to \$39 million, or 16 cents per share in the same quarter last year.

More than half of its profit was from a one-time gain of \$32.5 million, MGM's share from the sale of the Bravo cable channel to NBC. MGM had a 20 percent stake in the channel, which was owned by Cablevision. The results also included a gain of \$13.2 million from the settlement of a dispute with a vendor.

Excluding the gains, MGM's net income would have actually dropped about 66 percent to \$13 million, or 6 cents per share, a penny less than the 7 cents per share that had been expected by analysts surveyed by Thomson First Call.

Revenue soared 65 percent to \$621 million from \$376 million in the same

period last year. Revenue was helped by box office results of the James Bond film "Die Another Day," which has earned more than \$150 million domestically since it opened last November — a record for a Bond film.

For the full year, MGM reported a net loss of \$142 million, or 57 cents per share, compared to a loss of \$438 million, or \$1.89 per share, in 2001.

Revenue for the year increased 19 percent to \$1.654 billion from \$1.387 billion in 2001.

During 2002, MGM's shipments of DVDs increased 79 percent as worldwide shipments of DVD and VHS programs crossed the 100 million mark for the first time, the company said.

MGM forecast more losses in 2003. The company said it expected a loss of between 28 cents and 38 cents per share in 2003 even as revenue increases from 3 percent to 5 percent to more than \$1.7 billion.

Shares of MGM were down 3 cents to \$10 in early afternoon trading on the New York Stock Exchange.

Homeless man shot by San Diego police officer

SAN DIEGO — Police shot and killed a homeless man who they said brandished a knife as he approached them.

The man, whose identity was not immediately released, died Tuesday morning after being shot in the Ocean Beach neighborhood.

Officers said they approached the man because he was carrying a backpack that had been in the possession of a suspected drug dealer moments earlier.

Police said the man became agitated and pulled out a hunting knife. He refused their demands to drop the knife, Lt. Mike Hurley said. When he turned and advanced toward police, one officer opened fire, authorities said.

The man was shot again when he raised the knife and began advancing on officers, Hurley said.

He was shot several times in the chest and died at a hospital.

Neighborhood residents knew the man as "Danny" and described him as a harmless fixture in the area. Many held a candlelight memorial service Tuesday evening for him.

A recent report by The San Diego Union-Tribune showed that between 1990 and 2001, San Diego police shot 151 people, putting the department near the top of state and national lists of officer-involved shootings. Last year, police shot 15 people, killing six.

Circuit City to cut 2,000 jobs as sales decline

By staff and wire reports

RICHMOND, Va. — Circuit City Stores Inc. said Wednesday it will cut about 2,000 jobs, or 4.8 percent of its work force, and stop paying commissions to its sales staff to save money.

The company also said it will close more repair shops and relocate or remodel more stores this year. The chain said sales at stores open at least a year fell 2 percent in January compared with the same month last year.

Circuit City said it will stop paying commissions to salespeople and instead will pay all store employees an hourly rate.

The company said its customers are increasingly knowledgeable about elec-

tronics and technology and are less reliant on salespeople for information. The company said its beefed-up employee training program will allow hourly employees to help customers as well as commissioned salespeople could.

The chain, however, plans to open a store in downtown Santa Monica at the former branch office for U.S. Bank, located at the Fourth Street and Arizona Avenue. The \$21-million deal was not heavily scrutinized by City Hall. Circuit City officials are uncertain when the store will open, but the 30,000-square-foot space is undergoing a renovation.

The company plans to eliminate 1,800 sales jobs and another 200 when it closes at least 10 repair shops.

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NATIONAL



Federal government close to hitting ceiling on debt

BY JEANNINE AVERSA

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — The government is expected to hit the \$6.4 trillion ceiling on the national debt around Feb. 20, the Treasury Department said Wednesday, renewing its call for Congress to boost the government's borrowing authority.

Treasury asked Congress late last year to increase the government's ability to borrow, setting the stage for a political fight in Congress. Treasury, however, hasn't said exactly how much of an increase in the current statutory debt ceiling it wants.

Late last year Treasury warned Congress the government would hit the debt ceiling in late February, but didn't specify a date.

Treasury's announcement comes as the government's financial situation is deteriorating, with considerably more red ink being projected for the next few years than the \$158 billion deficit seen in the 2002 fiscal year, which ended Sept. 30.

President Bush's budget projects deficits of \$307 billion this year and \$304 billion next year — surpassing the record \$290 billion deficit of 1992 under the first President Bush.

If Congress doesn't boost the government's borrowing authority, Treasury can juggle funds for a while at least to dodge a default on the national debt. Treasury moved billions of dollars around to do just that on two occasions last year.

"If the statutory debt ceiling is not raised, the Treasury will have to begin to use a number of stopgap devices to manage debt subject to limit, which have been previously utilized under established legal authority," Treasury said Wednesday.

Such shifting of funds would allow the government to pay its bills through the beginning of April, the department said.

"Treasury will continue to work with Congress to ensure the government's ability to finance its operations," Treasury said.

Last June, Congress boosted the old debt limit by \$450 billion, from \$5.95 trillion to the current \$6.4 trillion. However, at that time, Treasury had sought a larger increase and warned that Congress would need to again increase the government's

borrowing authority.

Boosting the debt limit is more a matter of politics than economics.

Economists and others doubt that Congress will not eventually raise the limit. A federal default is considered unimaginable because it would rattle the bond markets, force interest rates higher, weaken the world economy and deliver a jarring political blow to President Bush.

Currently, national debt subject to the \$6.4 trillion debt limit stands at \$6.3 trillion.

"If the statutory debt ceiling is not raised, the Treasury will have to begin to use a number of stopgap devices to manage debt subject to limit, which have been previously utilized under established legal authority."

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Democrats said the need for the government to borrow more reflects Bush's handling of the struggling economy and underscored how the 10-year, \$1.35 trillion tax-cut that he engineered in 2001 forced the government back into the red.

Republicans blamed last year's recession and the costs of fighting terrorism for the need to extend the debt limit.

With the government squeezed for cash, Treasury said it would bring back the 3-year notes, selling them on a quarterly basis beginning in May. The last time the government sold the 3-year note was in May 1998.

Treasury also will auction \$42 billion in 5-year and 10-year notes next week.

It will sell \$24 billion worth of 5-year notes, maturing on Feb. 15, 2008, next Tuesday; and will sell \$18 billion worth of 10-year notes, maturing on Feb. 15, 2013, on Wednesday.

Man who admitted performing castration will stand trial

By The Associated Press

PONTIAC, Mich. — A man with no medical license will stand trial after all for allegedly castrating a man on his kitchen table last year.

Shuo-Shan Wang, 29, had expected to be sentenced to no more than six months in jail Tuesday after pleading guilty to practicing medicine without a license and dispensing prescription medication.

But Oakland County Circuit Judge Fred Mester said he was uncomfortable with the plea agreement and indicated he might impose a harsher sentence. At that point,

Wang's attorney asked for a jury trial.

Wang is an engineer from Taiwan who is in the United States on a student visa. He was arrested after police found the apparently willing subject, in bloody trousers, sitting outside Wang's Oak Park home.

Prosecutors say the man wanted the castration because he had a sexually transmitted disease.

Wang told police he learned the skill from his grandparents. He performed his first surgery on a dog and then on the dog's owner and three of the owner's friends in Australia, prosecutors said.

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INTERNATIONAL

North Korea will proceed with nuclear facilities operation

BY JAE-SUK YOO

Associated Press Writer

SEOUL, South Korea — North Korea said Wednesday it has reactivated its nuclear facilities, a surprise announcement that raised questions whether it was trying to take advantage of Washington's preoccupation with Iraq to ratchet up pressure in its own standoff with the United States.

In Washington, the State Department said that if the announcement was true, "this would be a very serious development." It demanded the North "reverse this action ... North Korea must visibly, verifiably and irreversibly dismantle its nuclear weapons program."

A North Korean spokesman announced the reactivation, deepening the crisis over Pyongyang's nuclear ambitions, just before Secretary of State Colin Powell spoke at the U.N. Security Council, presenting the U.S. case against Iraq.

The North said the reactivated facilities would "for the present stage" be used only to produce electricity — but the United States says the facilities can produce nuclear weapons within months.

Even as it presses toward war with Iraq over alleged hidden weapons of mass destruction, the United States has insisted it wants a peaceful solution in its standoff with North Korea.

In Washington, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld called North Korea "a terrorist regime" and said the restarting of the nuclear program would give the



Ahn Young/Associated Press

A bus coming from North Korea passes by a guarding South Korean soldier as it arrives at the demilitarized zone in Kosong, a town in South Korea's east coast, to carry South Koreans Wednesday.

nation a disturbing choice.

"They could either make additional nuclear weapons for themselves or they can sell the nuclear materials and/or the nuclear material inside a warhead to another country — any country," Rumsfeld said. "And that is something the world has to take very seriously."

White House spokesman Ari Fleischer discounted that Pyongyang was timing the issue with Iraq developments.

"North Korea has a history of doing

things like they did in the 90s, outside of the context of Iraq," he said.

The North's announcement came hours after South Korea took a new step in its policy of trying to ease tensions by pursuing reconciliation with the isolated communist regime. Earlier Wednesday, the South opened a road across the heavily fortified border for the first time in more than half a century.

Pyongyang wants direct talks with Washington. Analysts say North Korea, which often accuses the United States of plotting to invade it, fears Washington will turn up pressure on it if a war against Iraq is successful.

The North may hope that heightening the standoff at a time when Washington is trying to concentrate on Iraq could prompt the United States to make concessions.

The Pentagon is considering bolstering U.S. forces in the region to deter the North from any provocations during an Iraq war. Washington says it has no plans to invade North Korea.

The United States is pressing for the U.N. nuclear watchdog agency to refer the issue to the Security Council — which would likely impose punitive sanctions on the North. Pyongyang vehemently opposes such a move.

At the International Atomic Energy Agency, spokeswoman Melissa Fleming

had no immediate comment on the report from the North.

The Vienna-based IAEA's 35-nation board of governors will meet next Wednesday on the standoff and is almost certain to send the dispute to the Security Council.

The North froze its nuclear facilities in a 1994 agreement with the United States, but the deal unraveled following U.S. revelations in October that North Korea had embarked on a second, clandestine nuclear program.

Washington and its allies suspended oil shipments as punishment. In response, Pyongyang said in December it would revive its nuclear facilities and threw out IAEA monitors, leaving the world unable to observe how the sites are used.

The North Korean spokesman said his country had restarted the nuclear facilities and was "putting (their) operation ... for the production of electricity on a normal footing."

Activity at the facilities will be only for "peaceful purposes, including the production of electricity, at the present stage," said the unidentified spokesman in remarks carried by the official KCNA news agency.

U.S. officials say the amount of electricity that North Korea can produce at its 5-megawatt nuclear reactor is negligible.

The nuclear complex at Yongbyon, north of Pyongyang, includes a building that stores 8,000 spent fuel rods and a reprocessing laboratory, where the North Koreans can extract weapons-grade plutonium from those fuel rods.

The North Korean spokesman did not refer to specific facilities.

Last week, U.S. officials said spy satellites have detected covered trucks apparently taking on cargo at the fuel rod storage facility. Enough plutonium can be extracted from the spent rods to make four or five nuclear weapons within months, U.S. officials say.

Earlier Wednesday, South Korea opened the first cross-border land route with the North since the peninsula was divided in 1945 and called for more reconciliation efforts.

Ten buses carried 107 South Koreans on the new road to North Korea's scenic Diamond Mountain resort. The Korean border has been tightly sealed since the 1950-53 Korean War ended without a peace treaty.

U.S. must stay execution of three Mexicans on death row

BY TOBY STERLING

Associated Press Writer

THE HAGUE, Netherlands — The United States must temporarily stay the execution of three Mexican citizens on U.S. death rows, the World Court ruled Wednesday.

The ruling said the delay was needed while the court investigated whether the men and 48 other Mexicans on death row were given their right to legal help from the Mexican government.

The 15-judge World Court, officially known as the International Court of Justice, is the United Nation's body for resolving disputes between nations.

The United States has disregarded rulings in the past.

Reading Wednesday's unanimous decision, Presiding Judge Gilbert Guillaume said the court supported Mexico's argument that executing the men would cause "irreparable" damage to their rights if the court later finds in Mexico's favor.

"The United States shall take all measures necessary to ensure that (the men) are not executed pending final judgment in these proceedings," he said.

The men whose executions have temporarily been barred are Cesar Fierro, Roberto Ramos and Osvaldo Torres Aguilera — all of whom had exhausted their U.S. appeals and whose execution dates were to be scheduled.

Mexico filed its suit against the United States last month, asking the court to stay the execution of all 51 Mexicans on death row. But the court found the United States must stay death sentences in just the three most urgent cases for now.

The United States had argued that Mexico's initial request amounted to "a

sweeping prohibition of capital punishment of Mexican nationals in the United States regardless of U.S. law" and would infringe on both U.S. national sovereignty and states' rights.

The court has yet to set a date to hear oral arguments in the case and consider whether the prisoners' rights were indeed violated under the 1963 Vienna Convention on Consular Rights.

Elihu Lauterpacht, a lawyer for the United States, has labeled the Mexican case a publicity stunt, and said that staying executions in state prisons might be unenforceable for the U.S. federal government.

The Mexicans on death row in the United States are imprisoned in California, Texas, Arizona, Arkansas, Florida, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma and Oregon.

The decision followed a high-profile World Court ruling that the United States had violated international law by not informing a German citizen of his right to consular assistance in 1999.

Walter LaGrand was executed in Arizona despite the U.N. court's order to postpone his punishment until it had heard Germany's case. He had been convicted along with his brother Karl LaGrand for murdering a bank manager during a 1982 robbery.

In 1999, the court criticized the U.S. government, saying it had an obligation to enforce the ruling. In Wednesday's decision, the court ordered the United States to "inform the court of all measures taken in implementation of this order."

The death penalty has long been a source of tension between the United States and countries that oppose capital punishment. Mexico's case is the third the United States has faced in five years.

Madonna complains over pregnancy report in magazine

By The Associated Press

LONDON — Madonna has complained to Britain's press watchdog about a magazine article claiming she was pregnant, the Press Complaints Commission said Wednesday.

A commission spokeswoman said the singer-actress had contacted the organization to say a report in celebrity magazine Heat was "inaccurate."

Heat reported in its latest issue that Madonna, 44, had visited a birth specialist in London at the end of last year. The magazine noted her baggy clothes and that she'd stopped dying her hair, which some pregnant women choose to do.

Madonna's spokeswoman, Liz Rosenberg, was quoted by the British Broadcasting Corp. as saying there was no truth in the report.

"It's not true, it's not accurate. She

died her hair brown instead of blond — that does not confirm somebody's pregnant," Rosenberg said.

Heat declined to comment Wednesday. Madonna, who's married to British filmmaker Guy Ritchie, has a 6-year-old daughter, Lourdes, from her relationship with ex-boyfriend Carlos Leon, and a 2-year-old son, Rocco, with Ritchie.

The commission said it would contact Heat in an effort to settle the matter. If no agreement is reached, the commission could rule that the magazine had breached Britain's press conduct code, although it has no power to fine offenders.

Madonna and Ritchie have two homes in Britain, and she receives intense scrutiny from the tabloid press. Recent reports claimed Madonna had left the city for Los Angeles, defeated by the dreary English weather.

SPORTS

Lakers gaining ground in Western Conference playoff race

BY DAN GELSTON
Associated Press Writer

INDIANAPOLIS — Kobe Bryant rolled his eyes as he was peppered with questions about a possible fourth straight trip to the NBA Finals.

Sure, the Los Angeles Lakers are on a torrid pace, winning 12 of their last 16 games, but all that's gotten them is a 23-23 record.

"We're just trying to get into the playoffs," Bryant said. "We're taking baby steps. We wanted to get to .500 and we're here. Now we have to take another step forward. The Finals? We're not thinking about that too much."

Still, the Lakers are showing signs of playing like the team that swept the New Jersey Nets in last year's finals. That's not

good news for any team that considers itself a title contender.

Los Angeles' 97-94 victory over Eastern Conference-leading Indiana on Tuesday was the team's fourth straight, including three road games. They moved within 2 1/2 games of Houston in the race for the final playoff spot in the West.

The Lakers will need a win at New York on Thursday to avoid a sub-.500 record at the All-Star break for the first time since 1993-94, when Randy Pfund was the coach.

The Lakers reached .500 for the first time since Nov. 3, when they were 2-2 and were rallying from an 11-19 record following a Christmas Day loss to Sacramento.

With Shaquille O'Neal getting back in

shape after missing the first 12 games of the season because of toe surgery and bench players making more of a contribution, the Lakers have rolled.

Bryant is the one leading the way. He has scored 40, 38, 42 and 35 points in his last four games and ranks second in the league in scoring with a 28.2 average.

He's made it his mission to lead the Lakers, and it's being noticed.

"He's carrying that team as much as he can," Indiana's Brad Miller said. "He's got the talent to do that. He's one of the

best players in the league."

Lakers coach Phil Jackson said his team has had trouble finding the energy and desire to put games away in the third quarter, resulting in losses to Cleveland, Miami and Golden State.

Taking a lead without O'Neal and a slumping Bryant should provide a boost.

"You have to have confidence in finishing games," Jackson said. "We have not done that well in the early part of the year and that's the reason our record is what is."

Detroit Lions' coach pledges a championship team

BY LARRY LAGE
AP Sports Writer

DETROIT — At his first news conference as the Detroit Lions head coach, Steve Mariucci pledged to deliver a championship football team.

Mariucci was hired as coach of the Detroit Lions Tuesday, taking over one of the league's worst teams less than three weeks after he was fired by the San Francisco 49ers.

Mariucci, who was born and raised in the Upper Peninsula town of Iron Mountain, was introduced by Lions chief executive Matt Millen.

"We're very pleased to bring back one of Michigan's own," Millen said.

Mariucci thanked team owner William Clay Ford Jr. and said: "I couldn't be more honored to be your coach."

Mariucci said he considers Michigan his home.

"I've got a lot of friends, a lot of family right here in Michigan and certainly that was taken into account."

A source close to the situation, who spoke on the condition of anonymity, said the Lions will pay Mariucci about \$25 million over five years. That will make him one of the NFL's highest paid coaches.

After six seasons with San Francisco, Mariucci will be the Lions' fourth coach in four seasons. He replaces Marty Mornhinweg, who was fired last week after the Lions went 3-13. In two seasons, Mornhinweg was 5-27 — the worst two-year mark in team history.

Mariucci was 60-43 with the 49ers, and coached them to the playoffs four times. The Lions have just one playoff victory since winning the NFL title in 1957.

Even without Woods, Pebble Beach is something to see

BY GREG BEACHAM
AP Sports Writer

PEBBLE BEACH — For the first time since he left Stanford in 1996, Tiger Woods won't be prowling the fairways and greens of the Pebble Beach National Pro-Am's three gorgeous courses.

Woods' ailing knee kept him home this winter — and he isn't the only big name to skip the famed tournament that has thrived for decades despite bad weather, changing courses and its challenging pro-am format.

"Tiger and I, we're taking a little time off," said Clint Eastwood, a longtime participant in his local tournament and a principal owner of the Pebble Beach Company. "I thought I would give it a little rest."

Woods had surgery on his left knee on Dec. 12 to remove benign cysts that made his ligaments inflate like a balloon. He'll soon decide whether he'll play in next week's Buick Invitational, but his rehabilitation kept him away from Pebble Beach.

He won the AT&T-sponsored tournament in 2000 and contended almost every year, often with the spectacular flair he showed in a memorable duel with Mark O'Meara in 1997.

But Woods already had dropped hints that he might skip Pebble Beach before his surgery — and he's not alone. Just seven of the top 25 players in the world rankings are playing this season, continuing a perceived slope in the tournament's

prominence over the last 15 years.

Not everybody thinks Pebble Beach is on the decline, however. Phil Mickelson, Vijay Singh, David Duval and Davis Love III are on hand — and Woods isn't gone for good, just for this year.

What's more, the PGA is sure Woods' absence doesn't spell doom for any event, and Pebble Beach is another chance to prove it.

"If you look where (Woods) hasn't played in the last five years, television ratings have been up on average, charitable donations are up," tour commissioner Tim Finchem said. "It's natural that people would say, 'Well, gee whiz, there must be a big letdown.' But the reality is that the product is very, very strong, week in and week out."

The Monterey Peninsula's unpredictable weather caused the 1996 tournament's cancellation and affected countless others, but it has been wonderful so far. Clear skies, light winds and temperatures in the 80s greeted the golfers on Wednesday.

And the celebrity field, Eastwood's absence notwithstanding, is as strong as ever. Bill Murray and country musician Clay Walker won the Celebrity Challenge mini-tournament on Wednesday, beating actor James Woods and Glen Campbell.

"I know the press sometimes gets enamored with one player, and certainly Tiger Woods deserves that kind of adulation," Eastwood said.



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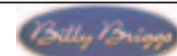
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TODAY

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1310 3rd Street
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AERO THEATER

1328 Montana Ave.
My Big Fat Greek Wedding (PG) 5:30, 7:30, 9:30.



BACK PAGE

Reviled in many places, Americans are adored in Kosovo

BY WILLIAM J. KOLE

Associated Press Writer

DJAKOVICA, Serbia-Montenegro — American flags flutter on peasants' homes. A couple grateful for U.S. help in ending Kosovo's war names a daughter in honor of Madeleine Albright.

A six-story-high poster of former President Clinton towers over the capital's main drag, renamed Bill Clinton Boulevard. And the president of Kosovo is building a new compound he calls the White House.

Americans may be reviled in many parts of the world and accused of waging a war on Muslims, but they're adored in this U.N. protectorate, where the Muslim majority sees the United States as a savior.

"When I see scenes on television of people elsewhere burning American flags, I'm deeply hurt," said Dr. Besnik Bardhi, who runs a clinic in the southwestern city of Djakovica, where 1,000 people remain missing after the 1998-99 war.

Bardhi's wife was pregnant with their first child during Slobodan Milosevic's savage crackdown on Muslim ethnic Albanians in the Serbian province. The couple promised each other that if they had a girl they'd name her Madeleine, and Bill if it was a boy.

Their daughter, now 3, danced impishly across their apartment and pointed to a framed photograph of Albright, who was U.S. secretary of state during the conflict. "This is the woman who saved us," she told a visitor brightly.

"If there is a God, his missionaries on Earth are Americans," her father responded.

Such adoration is heady stuff for Americans who live and work in Kosovo.

Reno Harnish, the top U.S. official in Kosovo and a veteran diplomat who has served in Egypt, Nigeria and

other countries, said he's astounded.

"I've never been received so well. It's kind of daunting," he said. "The Americans have an unusually strong moral authority in Kosovo. The leadership is quite eager to hear the U.S. opinion on things. I think they want the United States to continue to play a role in their lives."

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The few remaining Serbs, a minority of 100,000 Orthodox Christians in the province of 2 million, have suffered revenge attacks, and accuse the United States of siding with the secular Muslim majority.

"I don't think God ever intended to create a superior nation ... as Americans like to think they are," said Savka Dimitrijevic, 73, a retiree in the ethnically divided northern city of Kosovska Mitrovica.

Europeans, who dominate both the 30,000-strong NATO-led peacekeeping force and the U.N. effort to build a viable multiethnic society, acknowledge the Americans deserve credit for leading the coalition that pummeled Belgrade with 78 days of airstrikes in 1999 to

break Milosevic's grip on Kosovo.

Privately, though, many bridle at the attention the United States has gotten. A European official serving with the U.N. mission, who declined to give her name, said the European Union has poured millions into rebuilding Kosovo and winning hearts and minds.

But U.S. Army Brig. Gen. Daniel J. Keefe, who commands the roughly 3,000 U.S. troops still serving with NATO in Kosovo, said his forces have worked hard to earn and retain local respect.

Keefe's lieutenants meet with mayors in the American sector to discuss security, and doctors at Camp Bondsteel, the sprawling U.S. base in southern Kosovo, run treatment and training clinics to build goodwill.

"I tell my soldiers I want them to represent the best of America," Keefe said in an interview. "I tell them they're doing something bigger than themselves."

Keefe insists he has no orders to divert forces to the gulf, yet Muslims are fearful of an American pullout.

After the Sept. 11 attacks, some offered to send their own sons to fight in Afghanistan just to ensure U.S. forces stayed in Kosovo.

Two years ago, after a U.S. soldier's weapon accidentally killed a 6-year-old boy, the grieving father publicly forgave the soldier and said he considered him part of his family.

Kosovo's president, Ibrahim Rugova, credits former President Reagan and the first President Bush for policies that Clinton followed to avert genocide in Kosovo and end the war. President George W. Bush, he says, showed his commitment to Kosovo by visiting U.S. troops shortly after his inauguration.

"We like Americans because they're freedom-loving people who are pragmatic and love to help," Rugova said in an interview. "There is a great respect for America — for the ideal."

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