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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

by Chuck Shepard

■ Ayub Ali Khan, 36, who was held in a Brooklyn, N.Y., jail for 13 months after being detained as suspicious in the aftermath of Sept. 11, told a Washington Post reporter in January, "I feel I am the real victim of (Sept. 11). Just look at how much my family and I suffered." Khan was deported to Hyderabad, India, after pleading guilty to credit card fraud (using and selling fake credit cards and other bogus documents).

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

Never do today what you can put off 'til tomorrow.

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Breakwater funding may be put on hold

Money could be used to help fill city's budget deficit

BY ANDY FIXMER

Daily Press Staff Writer

Plans to bring sail boats and sport fishing back to the Santa Monica Pier may be put on hold indefinitely.

City officials had budgeted \$2.1 million to help the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers rebuild the breakwater north of the pier. However, for the project to move forward, the city would now have to allocate another \$2 million, for a total contribution of \$4.1 million. The federal government has budgeted \$4.7 million for the project.

But city officials, who are facing an \$8 million budget deficit, want to use the previously earmarked \$2.1 million to help balance the city's books.

"There are some difficult decisions to be made because of the budget shortfall," said Environmental and Public Works Director Craig Perkins. "The pier is supported by the general fund, and if this

project gets \$4 million then that takes money away from something else."

Over the past few decades, the 2,000-foot-long sea wall has slowly deteriorated to the point where only a glimpse can be seen of it at low tide. Rebuilding the breakwater would include a harbor and dock for boats.

The Army Corps plans to repair the existing breakwater, rebuild 900 feet of it and construct a small boulder field to restore the rocky habitat. Not only will it provide recreational opportunities for the pier, but it also will protect the shoreline, said Don Spencer, project manager for the Army Corps.

The Army Corps was ready to begin the project years ago, but the City of Santa Monica held off on completing a state-mandated environmental review, Spencer said.

Army Corps engineers had estimated that the environmental review would be completed by July 2002. However, it was delayed again late last year and the report may not be ready until the end of the summer, Perkins said.

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Photo courtesy Santa Monica Harbor Patrol

Sail boats dock near the Santa Monica Pier after the breakwater was first completed in 1935.



Andy Fixmer/Daily Press

Boats sail by the remains of the breakwater Thursday. Planning and funding delays could postpone completion of a new breakwater indefinitely.

FBI watched man for 8 years before arrest for spying

BY CAROLYN SACKARIASON

Daily Press Staff Writer

In building the case against an accused North Korean spy, the FBI will use nearly eight years worth of evidence it has collected against the Santa Monica man.

John Joungwoong Yai, 59, is accused of being paid by the North Korean government to recruit other agents from 1997 to 2000. Yai was arrested Tuesday at his home located at 909 Grant St. in Santa Monica. His first federal court appearance is scheduled for today in downtown Los Angeles.

On Wednesday, Yai spent hours with an interpreter who translated from English to Korean the 76-page affidavit written by FBI special agent James G. Chang.

But FBI officials say Yai understands English well, according to a statement he made when he applied to become a U.S. citizen in 1980, which says that he can read, write and speak English.

The FBI has been operating counterintelligence on

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Greens chalk-up Feinstein incident to 'growing pains'

As party centralizes, past practices no longer tolerated

BY ANDY FIXMER

Daily Press Staff Writer

The intense scrutiny of donations handled by a local City Councilman is an example of how the Green Party is trying to take control over what was once a grassroots organization.

As the Green Party has grown from small local groups scattered around the country into a federally recognized political party, centralizing its decision making process has not been easy, party officials said.

Local Green Party organizations, like the one in Santa Monica that was founded by Santa Monica City Councilman Mike Feinstein, have had to relinquish their powers to county organizations, which take direction from the party's state leaders.

Now party leaders are interested in how Santa Monica's operation is run.

Specifically, state party leaders want to know what Feinstein did with a \$10,000 donation made out to the Los Angeles County Green Party on Jan. 13, 2001.

Feinstein allegedly deposited the check into a private bank account at a local credit union, but he has ignored requests since August 2001 to disclose bank records detailing how the money was spent or if it was properly disclosed under state election laws.

The money was reportedly used to pay rent and bills for a storefront at 2809 Pico Blvd. that Feinstein uses as a Green Party headquarters. However, party leaders say the office is not recognized by the Green Party, according to minutes from meetings.

Some Green Party members say Feinstein had no right to allegedly use the funds to support a local chapter without their approval because the check was made out to the L.A. County Green Party.

"That it went for a Green Party office

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Happy Birthday for Friday, Feb. 7, 2003

Many opportunities knock on your door, especially throughout August. Your biggest job will be sorting through your options. Make weighing the pros and cons a pleasure rather than a task. You could be surprised at your choices. After summer, you deal on a one-on-one level more often in order to build the type of security you want and need. You could make a major investment this year, adding substantially to your well-being. This decision could involve a home or real estate investment. If you are single, you will run straight into a relationship this year. This person might be delightful but somehow emotionally unavailable. If you are attached, your relationship will blossom, adding to the many options you two have. Spend more time alone together. TAURUS weighs on your soul.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Move on key issues in the a.m., when you have plenty of get-up-and-go. By the afternoon, you will want to put your feet up on your desk and relax a little. You deserve some downtime. Return messages at that time. Good news circulates quickly. Tonight: Invite a friend for munchies and drinks.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ While you might still be reacting to a boss's directives, others seem to be cleaning up their acts with the weekend in mind. Come afternoon, you feel more playful, especially as you clear out additional work. Reach out for a loved one who means a lot to you. Tonight: The world is your oyster.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Evaluate what is going on with others around you. If possible, a meeting needs to be scheduled for the morning. You could be overwhelmed by what you hear and what you feel you must do. Slow down this afternoon. Allow a partner or associate to pitch in. Tonight: Where the gang is.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ A boss makes demands, and a partner has strong expectations. You could feel between and betwixt the two. Your answer comes through a conversation, which could be unusually meaningful. Don't close yourself off. Keep the dialogue going. Tonight: Find a friend.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ You choose the people in your life. Sometimes you find it difficult to deal with another's innate unpredictability. You might want to reach out to a co-worker who is not up to snuff. You have the ability to help others relax, if you so choose. Tonight: Out on the town.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ A partner seeks you out, though you might not appreciate all of his or her suggestions. Recognize your limits within your immediate surroundings. Detach and accept an overview. Listen to somewhat off-beat suggestions. Tonight: Try something different.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Others encourage you down a new path, whether you choose that path or not. Review a personal matter that might involve a key partnership. You can no longer walk away from this situation. Remain open to a loved one's or family member's efforts. Tonight: Accept an invitation.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Clear out work. You could easily be overwhelmed by what is happening between you and an associate. Revise your opinions. Reverse directions. Network in the afternoon, knowing that anything and everything is possible. Tonight: Say "yes" to an invitation.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Use the a.m. to create a think tank. Brainstorming takes an unusually productive path. Know when the answer is "no." How you reject someone's ideas could make all the difference in the outcome. When you take away, give something back. Tonight: Treat a co-worker.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Deal with family and the basics first, especially if you are uncomfortable with a personal matter. You discover that solutions head your way if you're willing to risk a little more. Do not step back from the inevitable. You have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Tonight: Reveal what is in your heart.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Return calls in the a.m. Also, have important discussions during the same period. In the p.m., clear out your work. When you leave work, you will have a lot to feel good about. Don't be coerced into doing anything you don't want to do. Tonight: Happily head home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Your financial matters need balancing. You could question someone's integrity. Do so with care. You might inadvertently hurt another's feelings. Keep communication open. You might learn a lot about yourself. Let a friendship grow. Tonight: Don't push the line.



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LOCAL



The Q-Line

Callers split almost evenly on tax question

This past week, Q-Line asked,

"What tax proposal would you support? Will you vote in favor of the flat \$225 tax scheduled for the special election?"

Here are your responses:

(Editor's note: Because of the high volume of responses to this week's question, the Daily Press will print more answers on Saturday.)

■ "It does not matter how much money we give the school district. They keep whoring themselves for more. They are like a union. It's never enough. Prop X? Prop Y? \$3 million annually from the city? It never ends. There is so much mismanagement in the school district. They deserve nothing until they clean up their act. That will happen when we stop electing SMRR-backed morons to the school board."

■ "I support the \$225 tax proposal. I think if people look at it, it might be wise to have some sort of an adjustment for the size and value of the property. If that's not possible the \$225 seems a reasonable figure. I know that because of the state cutbacks, the local district is really having some problems. We need to support them."

■ "No tax until the school districts learn fiscal responsibility. If I am expected to take a pay cut, due to over taxation, the school administrators and teachers should be willing to take a pay cut as well. Especially fat cat district superintendents who serve very little purpose other than draw enormous salaries for effort expended as noted by a failing district. Other South Bay area school districts are doing well. On the other hand the Santa Monica school district is always singing the blues. Also, if apartment building owners are allowed to pass the tax on to tenants, those tenants living in an apartment converted to condos will have to pay a full parcel tax due to a condo being considered a parcel. Other apartment building tenants will have their tax divides by the number of units in the building. Due to the apartment building being considered one parcel. The condo renter, will be paying the

same amount of tax as those who own mansions along San Vicente. This would create a terrible imbalance on who pays what amount of tax fairly."

■ "I will vote no on the new tax. Whichever they propose. Certainly the school needs the money. The folks in charge are clueless. Throwing good money after bad will not solve anything. When the EE folks surveyed the community I indicated I would support a modest school parcel tax increase. Perhaps up to 100 percent. But, in their usual SMRR-inspired arrogance, the school board decided a \$300 increase could be rammed down our throats. We need a fundamental change of philosophy in this town. Rent control is safe and will survive regardless of who controls the city council, school board, college board, or any other of the dozen commissions and boards SMRR uses to reward it's faithful devotees. Rent control is a charter amendment and can only be amended by a vote of the people. The school system needs to stop worrying about whether they are suspending enough white kids. Stop inviting children to political rallies. Stop teaching children to commune with the homeless. And for god's sake, teach our children in English. We have on the school board an individual who can't even get his voter registration right. Who could not retain his job at the high school, yet is rewarded by the city with a \$300,000 contract to preach racial hatred to teenagers in the Pico neighborhood. The superintendent wanted taxpayers to fund his house payment. Brownly at the SMRR Convention was over heard to say, 'There could never be enough money.' With fools like this in charge it's a wonder Johnny can read at all. Wake up good citizens of Santa Monica. If you continue to vote the SMRR party line you can count on our schools being in the gutter. Vote the bums out."

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surf report

Information compiled by Jesse Haley

Offshore activity was on the rise yesterday as a new northwest began to show at L.A. County breaks. The building strength of the new swell should mean marginally better size today and Saturday.

However, despite the strength of the swell, the steep northwest angle will cause many spots to stay on the small side, especially in the northern half of the county.

In the north bay, expect knee to waist high waves on average, occasional chest high on the sets.

Southside spots with more exposure see a few feet on top of that, averaging waist high, sometimes reaching chest level, possibly shoulder high at best.

Rumor of the day: Kids at Topanga said Ventura's South Jetty is going to be pounding this weekend.



Today's Tides:

High- 1:00 a.m. 4.05'
Low- 7:28 a.m. 1.90'
High- 12:43 p.m. 3.11'
Low- 6:48 p.m. 1.56'

Location	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Water Quality
County Line	1-3'/Fair	1-3'/Fair	1-3'/Fair	A
Zuma	1-3'/Fair	1-3'/Fair	1-3'/Fair	A
Surfrider	1-2'/Poor	1-2'/Poor	1-2'/Poor	C
Topanga	1-2'/Fair	1-3'/Fair	1-2'/Fair	A
Breakwater	2-3'/Fair	2-3'/Fair	2-3'/Fair	B
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OPINION

LETTERS

Street should take off

Editor:

Who the heck is this Tony Street who feels he has to vilify every citizen's right to make their own statements and feelings known? Is he a long-time Santa Monica resident who went to all of our schools, has a business, belongs to the chamber of commerce, is a member of all our service organizations and is a property owner? Somehow I doubt any of that. If he is so concerned about our residents, whatever their ethnic background, why doesn't he move somewhere else — we certainly don't need him here, particularly if he is the "dumb old cracker" he says he is! Hopefully, he won't feel it necessary to answer this as he has all the other letters to the editor who tell him off after one of his stupid tirades. I am very sure all your readers are as tired of him as I am.

Lois Miller
Santa Monica

Santa Monica another Newport Beach?

Editor:

A recent opinion piece argued that Santa Monica should not turn into Newport Beach. Let's compare, shall we: Newport Beach boasts one of the lowest crime rates in the country. Seldom do they deal with gangs, graffiti, or homeless. There are a plethora of parks and open spaces throughout the city.

Santa Monica has an increasing crime rate, an established presence of gangs and graffiti (mostly concentrated in the Pico neighborhood), and an ever-growing transient population ... not to mention a serious lack of parkland and open space.

Amidst all the city's problems, Santa Monica remains a desirable place to live. Will this trend continue in years to come? Only time will tell.

Joe Weichman
Santa Monica

Prop. A's problem

Editor:

Tom Larmore's recent guest commentary included the following distortions and omissions in his effort to justify Proposition A, a solution in search of a problem:

1. The Landmarks Ordinance does not contain "severe restrictions" on what a property owner can do. All interior remodels are solely within the property owner's control. Exterior remodels significantly expanding size and amenities of a home have routinely been approved for landmarks and homes in historic districts. If the remodels are visible from the street, they need to be compatible with the existing architecture. Compatibility is not necessary if changes are not visible. Demolitions are allowed on evidence of economic hardship.

2. The proposed garage in the Third Street Historic District was denied because a respected preservation consultant, members of the neighborhood, city staff, the landmarks commissioners and the City Council all concluded its design was incompatible



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with the district. Since the district was designated in 1990, 13 remodels/renovations, including one demolition, have been approved by the Landmarks Commission of city staff, along with one garage. The garage Mr. Larmore mentions is the ONLY proposed remodel ever denied.

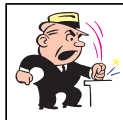
3. The list of potential contributors to an historic district mentioned by Mr. Larmore is part of an inventory of older properties in the city, which the Landmarks Commission updates every ten years. The inventory is a routine, prudent planning measure. Any member of the public can see it at any time.

4. The owner of the 18th Street house, which was designated a structure of merit, is a developer who had already torn down two other north of Montana homes and was on his third. Concerned 18th Street neighbors sought the Landmarks Commission's help.

Proposition A is a gift to real estate developers and speculators. It strips our community of its ability to protect the drastically diminishing number of homes and neighborhoods which we might want to protect for our city's and our children's future. Proposition A is a solution in search of a problem. It is bad law and should be defeated.

Beatrice H. Nemlaha
Santa Monica

City policy opens floodgates for development



**MY
WRITE**
By Bill Bauer

For decades, Santa Monicans for Renters Rights leadership has bragged about how they've kept a lid on runaway development. SMRR propaganda labels developers and real estate interests along with hotel owners and landlords as vile, evil anti-Christians and poxes on the community.

It appears that being anti-development is a big SMRR smokescreen. The truth is that the SMRR leadership and SMRR politicians have opened the door for an ever-escalating number of larger building projects.

Just a few months ago — and days after the election — the Santa Monica City Council performed a sleight of hand that would have made Houdini proud. After reducing the public review threshold on new commercial construction to 7,500 square feet, they allowed projects with affordable housing to exceed existing height and density code requirements — and public review.

Within weeks, two projects were announced to take advantage of these more liberal development standards. One

is a moderate income housing/retail project at Pico Boulevard and 14th Street. The other project is condo project with minimal retail space slated for the Castle Signs property at 19th Street and Broadway. (Castle Signs? There's a landmark Santa Monica business. So, where's the Landmarks Commission?)

Because these projects meet the minimum "mixed use" standards, they benefit from the 50 percent reduction in square footage and can build an extra floor. They qualify for recent setback and side yard exclusions. Landscaping is virtually nonexistent.

My friends, this is just the beginning of the flood.

In spite of community concern about growth and development, SMRR leaders and SMRR politicians are obsessed with more and more development, especially with a housing component. Even SMRR co-chair Patricia Hoffman was spotted wearing a big, yellow "Housing" button at a recent Bayside board meeting. Too bad it didn't say, "Schools."

How tight is the SMRR leadership with developers and real-estate interests? Eyebrows were raised recently when SMRR co-chair Denny Zane wrote to the planning commission on his Urban Dimensions company letterhead asking them to set aside a condition imposed on 808 Wilshire Boulevard in the early 1990s.

The condition was that a new gas station be built into 808 Wilshire Boulevard to replace the neighborhood gas station originally on the site.

Douglas Emmett and Company, one of the area's largest realty and property management firms, recently acquired 808 Wilshire. Because the gas station had never opened for business, Douglas Emmett wanted to convert the space to offices.

Zane was mayor in 1990 when he voted for that very same condition — which was ultimately approved by the City Council. Zane now says that he has changed his mind about the condition and that he was asked, asked by Douglas Emmett to write a letter stating his opposition to the requirement for an on-site gas station. Despite Zane's request, the Planning Commission upheld the condition.

I find it interesting that Zane, who opposed the construction of a Target store on 5th Street and Santa Monica Boulevard because of traffic concerns, but supports a 500-seat community theater proposal by Santa Monica College for its Madison Campus on Santa Monica Boulevard and 14th Street — in the middle of a quiet residential neighborhood.

According to SMC sources, Zane had been receiving a \$3,000 monthly retainer from SMC to coordinate their Madison Theater project and is currently working

with the SMC Foundation for an undisclosed retainer to solicit donors for the project.

And aren't Mayor Pro-tem Kevin McKeown and his fellow affordable housing advocates trying to commandeer public acreage in the new Civic Center for an affordable housing project, ostensibly to house hotel workers?

Mega developer, Community Corporation of Santa Monica, a city-affiliated provider of affordable housing, states in its 2003 Strategic Plan that CCSM "advocates for" 600 units of affordable housing in the Civic Center instead of the 325 units recommended in the current plan.

There's a long list of properties slated for development by CCSM in the next year or two. All contain the pre-requisite affordable housing, mixed-use element so they can "max-out" in regard to size and mass.

Will the public be heard on these issues?

Forged about it. You've been taken out of the picture by an affordable housing lobby which is made up of a small, but well organized cadre of our most politically influential citizens. And, their agenda takes precedent over everyone else's.

(Bill Bauer is a freelance writer and a longtime Santa Monica resident.)

OPINION



The Q Line

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■ "I live in Santa Monica and pay my taxes in Santa Monica. I definitely do not approve of the \$225 tax. Personally, I will order against it."

■ "I'm not going to support or vote for the \$225 tax. It's the responsibility of the parents to pay for their spawn. As far children being our future, it's a future of more thuggery with uncontrolled breeding that more responsible people have to pay for."

■ "No, I am not going to support the parcel tax. The SMRR's let their buddies off cheap. They bought off the business community by not doing the square footage. The renters don't have to pay as much as the homeowners. So, I'm not voting for it."

■ "For the school board I would vote for a tax proposal that was more equitable. I don't think that the Watergarden should be counted should be counted as one parcel and a condo owner in Santa Monica should be counted as on parcel. I don't think 18 acres should be counted the same as a 25 ft. lot in Ocean Park. I will vote no on the parcel tax."

■ "I teach in the school district so you know how I will vote. I remind you that the parcel tax was supported by a majority of the voters last time. The main problem remains. The two thirds requirement for passage dictated by

Prop 13. Proposition 13 was passed ages before these kids were born. This is absurd and outrageous. Overturn the two thirds requirement."

■ "I ABSOLUTELY support the parcel tax to help the schools in Santa Monica and Malibu."

■ "I strongly support the school board's proposal. I don't think the community begins to understand the threat that they comprise. I would favor both this proposal or other proposals, and indeed the previous proposal. I strongly believe it will benefit the community in many, many, many ways."

■ "I fully support this measure because our schools are in a crisis at the moment. Unless there is some additional funding measure passed, there will be HUGE cuts in the schools, which are such an intricate part of our community. The degradation of our schools will be the leader of the degradation in our community. The schools and the community are linked so closely that they need to be funded to continue the incredible, superb education that we have. I will vote in favor of it."

■ "I wholeheartedly support the flat \$225 tax proposal to support the Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District. Our students are our future and they are important to invest in now. Please count my vote to support the tax. I believe that the school district needs every dollar possible."

Green Party learns lesson from Feinstein incident

FEINSTEIN, from page 1

is well and good, but nobody made that decision except for Mike," said Ginny Marie Case, a local Green Party delegate. "That decision should have been made by the county council."

Feinstein has not returned messages seeking comment.

When Ralph Nader ran for president, the Green Party reported a 40 percent jump in the number of voters who registered as Greens. Suddenly party leaders found themselves needing a more structured organization.

"We're new at this," said Bill Meyers, a Mendocino County Green Party delegate. "We're at the point of having a national committee like the Democrats and Republicans, so we're going through growing pains, and learning how to function at a national level."

Green Party officials became concerned in December when they learned Feinstein sent an e-mail to his colleagues saying he was organizing and raising money for a convention of elected Greens from across the nation in Santa Monica later this month.

State party leaders feel Feinstein should consult with the L.A. County Green Party or higher ranking officials when organizing or fundraising for the party.

In response, a letter was sent out to Greens nationwide stating that Feinstein does not speak for the Green Party and that he is not allowed to raise funds. The letter also states the convention is not rec-

ognized by the party.

The Green Party also changed its policies so that no one is allowed to act on its behalf or use its name without having consent from state officials.

After the policy was enacted at a Jan. 10 meeting, party officials instructed Feinstein to remove Green Party logos from a Web site he set up for the convention, several L.A. County Green Party members said.

"It used to be very informal," Meyers said. "Someone would speak for the party even though they may not have had a vote to say they could speak on behalf of the organization. But those days are over, and we have to distinguish between what the party is doing and what an individual is doing."

Party officials say they also are using the situation with Feinstein to emphasize the need for more accurate handling of party funds and more transparent accounting of donations.

"I think that every person I have talked to is using this situation to the extent that it's an example," Meyers said. "The party feels, for those people fundraising for the party, all transactions should be transparent. We follow the campaign finance laws and we feel they should be even stricter. So there is a strong interest to move beyond all of this."

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LOCAL

Breakwater could spark new tourist attractions

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If Santa Monica doesn't complete the report, certify it and come up with the necessary funding within the next two years, it's likely the Army Corps of Engineers will torpedo the project and use the funds elsewhere, he said.

"The Corps of Engineers is basically getting a little bit impatient at this point," Perkins said. "They have been ready to go with this project for about two years and it kept being delayed. And now that it's nearly complete, the city might take the funding away."

"It becomes hard for Army Corps of Engineers to keep this on the books when it's taken so long to get it going."

The City Council is scheduled to decide the fate of the breakwater project when it begins budget deliberations in May.

If installed, the breakwater would have 12 moorings where recreational boats could dock temporarily. It would also allow some fishing boats or party fishing boats to take people out during the summer.

Others envision small ferries that could take people from the pier to Marina Del Rey or even out to Catalina Island.

Environmental impacts could be significant. The purpose of the breakwater is to minimize the wave energy before it hits the shore, but that also means the shoreline could be affected.

Studies have shown that bacteria levels are higher in areas with breakwaters because the man-made barriers prevent the ocean's waves from washing unhealthy waste out to sea. The result is that swimming can become unhealthy in those areas.

Travel and conversations link Yai to North Korea, FBI says

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Yai and performing covert searches of his property since 1995. Yai was the subject of surveillance under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act from December 1996 until June 2000, Chang wrote.

During that time, investigators bugged Yai's downtown Los Angeles office and allegedly intercepted faxes, e-mail and telephone calls between Yai and North Korean officials. The communications were often loaded with code words, the FBI said.

"During the period of the FISA surveillance, the FBI found no evidence that Yai was employed by any entity other than the North Korean government," Chang wrote in the affidavit. "...The FBI determined that Yai was involved in sending reports to North Korea (via the People's Republic of China) of information he obtained from publicly available sources in the United States."

The affidavit highlights years of e-mail messages, faxes and telephone conversations between Yai, an agent he recruited and high ranking officials in the People's Republic of China and North Korea.

"I believe, based on my experience with this case, the reason Yai's e-mail correspondence was with an e-mail address in Beijing, PRC, rather than an e-mail address in North Korea, was due to the extremely limited availability of e-mail access in North Korea," Chang wrote.

Chang went on to explain that only some high ranking officials in Pyongyang, North Korea, were believed to have limited Internet access through a communication network connected to China, according to the affidavit.

"A story in the Washington Times dated February 12, 2001, attributes to a senior U.S. military official the statement that the North Korean leader has access to the Internet, 'but he's the only one,'" according to the affidavit.

Special agents during their investigation made contact with Yai and one day last August, an agent struck up a conversation with Yai at his snack shop, Bon Appetit, on Wilshire Boulevard.

Yai told the agent in Korean that his real profession is a writer and that he was a reporter for two major newspaper compa-

nies in South Korea before moving to the United States, according to the affidavit.

Some of the agents recruited by Yai planned to get jobs in the U.S. government. Chang wrote that one fax sent from Yai on March 16, 1998, detailed information about a new recruit and how he was eager to work toward the "revolutionary cause."

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"I believe Person C can be a good candidate since our future workers should be able to speak English well, use computers efficiently, be young and their ideology is beneficial and reliable to our causes," according to the affidavit.

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.

Yai explained to the agent working with him that the Korean government expected 100 to 150 reports a year and about 40 of them get submitted to top-ranking officials.

And further evidence showing Yai's ties to the North Korean government tracks his travels to the country, which is nearly impossible for U.S. citizens to enter.

"Tourism in North Korea is permitted only in officially organized groups authorized by the government of North Korea. Independent tourism is not permitted," the affidavit said. "The Internet site www.lonelyplanet.com states in connection with visas to North Korea: 'If you're from the U.S. or South Korea you can pretty much forget about it.'"

ENTERTAINMENT



Michael Clarke Duncan was bullied as a child

BY SEAN DALY
Special to the Daily Press

It's hard to picture Michael Clarke Duncan being the victim of a school yard bully. But that's precisely what the 6'5", 330-pound actor says happened while he was growing up on the south side of Chicago.

"I was bullied my whole life because I didn't fight back," says Duncan, 45, who appears this week in the new action movie "Daredevil."

"My mother always told me 'Don't fight ... only fight if you believe you are gonna fight for a purpose, but don't just fight to be fighting,'" he said. That all changed one afternoon in 1966 when Duncan was followed home from school by a local thug named Roscoe.

"I was 9 and he was 10," the former bodyguard to Will Smith and Queen Latifah remembers. "He always chased me. So on this day I looked up on the stairs of my house and there was my mother standing there and she said: 'Today you stop running. Today you need to learn to fight back.' I had two choices: Either fight this guy who is known for fighting or let my mother whoop me with the belt. So I took on Roscoe and it wasn't that hard." Sadly, Roscoe the bully passed away six months ago. "He was trying to become a singer and he had a heart attack," Duncan explained. "That part of my life is over now."

The skinny on Colin and Britney

So what's really going on between Colin Farrell and Britney Spears? According to the hunky Irish actor — and co-star of "Daredevil" (opening this weekend) — "we're just mates." Yes, rumors did begin to fly when Farrell, 26, brought Spears, 21, as his date to the Los Angeles premiere of his new movie "The Recruit" two weeks ago. And yes, Farrell is the same guy who told Details magazine that he has a sort of revolving door policy in the bedroom.

("Can you imagine a 26-year-old man who is single being a big fan of casual sex?" he gasps ...) But Farrell, who also calls his alleged liaison with Demi Moore "bullshit," insists there is nothing going on with America's pop princess: "She's still single," he says. The two stars apparently met when Spears dropped by the set of Farrell's upcoming movie, "SWAT." "She was with her brother and Big Rob, her bodyguard," Farrell remembers. "It

wasn't exactly a candlelit event." As for future intentions, Farrell concedes, "She's a gorgeous girl. She's really a sweetheart and she's not exactly hard on the eyes, either. A man can't have enough friends in the world like her."

Getting to know A.J. Cook

By now you probably know that A.J. Cook stars in the second biggest movie of the week, the new teen thriller "Final Destination 2." But here's a few things you might not know about the Whitby, Ontario native: she's 24, married her college sweetheart in September, 2001, and is a devout Mormon. So religious, in fact that Cook, who recently moved to a small beach community south of Los Angeles, refuses to take any roles that go against her faith.

"I will not do nudity and I will not do a sex scene," she tells us. "There are just certain things I will not do. I have certain morals." Otherwise, Cook says, "I am just your everyday, average girl. I live by the beach. I wear flip-flops. I don't wear makeup. My husband (college student Nathan Anderson) and I are just really laid back people. We hang out on the beach and go to the gym. It's like me and my husband are in our little world."

Luke Wilson keeps it cool with exes

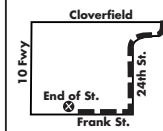
"I couldn't ever go out with somebody I couldn't be friends with," says actor Luke Wilson. Maybe that's why the star of Dreamworks Pictures' "Old School" likes to remain pals with his exes. Wilson, who declined to discuss his current romantic status during an interview to promote the new campus comedy, did indicate that he is still close with former girlfriends Gwyneth Paltrow (he attended memorial services for her father in October) and Drew Barrymore. In fact, says Wilson, he is so close with his "Home Fries" co-star that she offered him small roles in both "Charlie's Angels" movies.

"The fact that she hired me when we were no longer dating and were not even necessarily getting along that well says a lot to me," he boasts. "I wouldn't want to hire somebody I had been going out with. I would just as soon not see them for a while."

Now Wilson says, "If I've got something bothering me, Drew is one of the first people I go to just to talk about it. She is one of my best friends."

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STATE

Nudists resort to 'bridge of thighs' in Palm Springs

BY CHELSEA J. CARTER
Associated Press Writer

PALM SPRINGS — Venice, Italy, has the Bridge of Sighs. Now Palm Springs has the "bridge of thighs."

A pedestrian bridge that will connect two parts of a nudist resort — while crossing over a busy public street — has drawn national attention since construction began last month.

"I've heard it all: bridge of thighs, naked bridge, nudist bridge, you name it. I'm sure I'm going to hear more of it before it's over," said Stephen Payne, co-owner of the Desert Shadows Inn Resort and Villas, considered one of the world's most upscale nudist resorts.

"I really don't understand all the attention. It's just a bridge, isn't it?"

The 110-foot span, set to open later this month, has become an instant landmark in a city known as a playground for the rich and famous, with its expansive resorts, high-end boutiques and laissez-faire attitude.

Jay Leno has made near-weekly jokes about it, and television shows, including "Access Hollywood," have featured the resort, its residents and the bridge.

Despite the jokes, city officials and residents say the bridge is a welcome attraction.

Although it is being built to shield those using it from prying eyes below, city officials are touting it as a work of art.

"We have always welcomed that which we think is interesting and unique," Mayor William Kleindienst said. "We think it will become much more than just a bridge to people."

Still, those who flock to the resort — which opened in 1992 as an 11-room hotel and now includes 59 villas, 17 condominiums and 33 rooms and suites —

welcome its utilitarian aspect.

"It's important if we want to go to the resort. The gym is there. The spa is there. Now I won't have to get dressed to go there. I can just walk across," said Rosianne Kurtz, 66, of Beverly Hills.

"We have always welcomed that which we think is interesting and unique. We think it will become much more than just a bridge to people."

— WILLIAM KLEINDIENST
Palm Springs mayor

Architect Christopher Mills said one issue in building the bridge was how to give nudists protection from scrutiny as they approached the span.

"The challenge was shielding the people going up and down the steps. How do you shield them and keep it an open structure?" Mills said.

The result: a \$500,000 steel-and-canvas structure that features intersecting triangles and planes that restricts the view of those crossing the bridge from those passing underneath.

The bridge is officially named the Lee R. Baxandall Bridge, after the 68-year-old founder of the Naturist Society and 30-year advocate of nude recreation.

Father of boy who brought pot to school sentenced

By The Associated Press

JOSHUA TREE — The father of a 6-year-old boy who brought marijuana and a pipe to school for a show-and-tell session has pleaded no contest to child endangerment and will be sentenced to four years and eight months in prison.

Douglas Ballard, 41, of Yucca Valley entered his plea Wednesday as part of a deal he reached with prosecutors. In exchange for the no contest pleas to child endangerment and being a felon in possession of a firearm, prosecutors dropped a felony charge and two misdemeanor charges.

If Ballard had gone to trial and been convicted of all the charges, he could have been imprisoned for up to 15 years.

Ballard was arrested last month after his son brought marijuana, a pipe and a butane lighter to Yucca Elementary School. The boy had about a tenth of an

ounce of marijuana and he apparently knew what people did with it and wanted to show his classmates. Teachers notified authorities about the items and Ballard was arrested.

By avoiding a trial, prosecutors are relieved they won't have to call the boy to testify against his father.

"That would be fairly traumatizing," said San Bernardino County Deputy District Attorney Laura Ozols.

At the time of Ballard's arrest, sheriff's investigators also arrested Heather Peterson, who officials initially described as Ballard's live-in girlfriend.

Peterson later denied living with Ballard, but pleaded no-contest Tuesday to three misdemeanors. She was ordered to serve 80 days of community service and attend a drug rehabilitation program.

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NATIONAL



Hard time gets harder in New York City jails

BY MADISON J. GRAY
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK — Lighting up a cigarette — one of the few privileges for inmates at Rikers Island — is about to become a thing of the past as the city joins a national trend to restrict smoking behind bars.

The new city ordinance, which goes into effect March 30, is best known for banning smoking in restaurants and bars, but it applies to virtually all workplaces. That includes the city's 14 jails, with an estimated 14,000 prisoners and 10,000 correction officers.

Already, 17 states ban smoking in prison and another 31 have introduced smoking restrictions. While officials say it will reduce health problems, some fear it will heighten tensions in already tense places.

"There will be a great deal of resistance and anger," said Fletcher Alston, a former Rikers inmate who now counsels offenders.

Cigarettes not only relieve stress, he said, they are a common form of currency inside.

"We see this as another form of punishment, perhaps taking away one of the last personal kinds of pleasure prisoners have."

— ALICE GREEN
Executive director of the Center for Law and Justice

"We see this as another form of punishment, perhaps taking away one of the last personal kinds of pleasure prisoners have," added Alice Green, executive director of the Center for Law and Justice, a prisoner's rights group in Albany, N.Y.

Others see it as part of a trend to eliminate amenities behind bars. Prisoners in some parts of the country have lost access to weight rooms, television and education programs, said Drew Leder, a philosophy professor at Loyola College in Maryland

and author of "The Soul Knows No Bars: Inmates Reflect on Life, Death and Hope."

R. Scott Chavez, vice president of the National Commission on Correctional Health Care, said the experience of states with bans shows that medical staff will need to help inmates through nicotine withdrawal, and correction officers will have to step up efforts to seize contraband cigarettes.

"But the positive thing is that there are fewer respiratory problems" requiring medical treatment in prison, he said.

Kansas gave inmates a year's notice and in March will enforce a ban on tobacco use. Quit-smoking classes and methods will be offered to ease the transition.

A ban in New York state's prisons went into effect over an 18-month period beginning in 1999. Limits on smoking were gradually extended from general areas to sleeping areas and eventually to entire facilities.

The union representing New York City's correction officers has asked for a gradual ban. Corrections Department spokesman Tom Antenen said the agency intends to go "smoke-free" when the law takes effect.

He said the department is discussing the possibility of holding classes for inmates who want to kick the habit and, perhaps, of making nicotine patches available.

"It will be hard to go cold turkey, so the city will have to be supportive," said Robert Gangi, executive director of the Correctional Association of New York, a prisoner advocacy group.

Minneapolis police need OK before talking to reporters

By The Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Mayor R.T. Rybak has ordered police officers to seek permission from city hall before talking to reporters, prompting the police department spokeswoman to resign.

"I'm not gagging the Police Department at all," said Rybak, a former newspaper reporter who had pledged to throw open the doors of city hall. "I'm saying we will have unified communications in the city."

His memo to Police Chief Robert Olson said he was "centralizing all strategic decisions about how — and when — the Police Department communicates with the public via the media."

Olson said he couldn't comment on the order,

issued Wednesday. He put out a memo directing department employees not comment to the media.

The mayor's office did not immediately return a call Thursday seeking further comment.

Police Department spokeswoman Cyndi Barrington resigned after Rybak issued his memo, which said her job would be folded into the communications department, where she would report to

city spokeswoman Gail Plewacki, a former police officer and television reporter.

Plewacki's hiring was one of several moves by Rybak to take control over who is allowed to speak for the city.

Several high-ranking police officers expressed concern over the policy, with Lt. Mike Sauro, head of the sex crimes unit, saying, "It's censorship. End of discussion."

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INTERNATIONAL

International pressure builds on Iraq following presentation

BY PAMELA SAMPSON

Associated Press Writer

PARIS — President Jacques Chirac said Thursday the U.S. case against Iraq wasn't enough to change France's anti-war stance. But there were other indications of a shift in Europe toward Washington.

In a subtle change in diplomatic tone, French Foreign Minister Dominique de Villepin told Europe-1 radio that Iraq must cooperate immediately with U.N. weapons inspectors — suggesting that his nation, too, was running out of patience.

Later in the day, however, Chirac issued a statement saying the evidence presented by Secretary of State Colin Powell wasn't enough for France to abandon the pursuit of a diplomatic solution.

"We refuse to think that war is inevitable," Chirac said.

On Wednesday, following Powell's speech to the Security Council, de Villepin told the world body that France would not rule out any option in disarming Baghdad, including the use of force as a last resort. The remark resonated at home to such an extent that the French daily *Le Parisien* declared Thursday in a front-page headline — "France: One Step Toward War."

Powell's detailed presentation appeared to do little to win outright support from countries like Russia that have expressed doubts about any urgent need to force Iraq to disarm.

The Bush administration, however, pointed to a statement of support by 10 eastern European nations as evidence that the United States had proven its case.

"The world is increasingly seeing this from the United States' point of view — that Saddam Hussein must disarm, if he does not disarm a coalition will be assembled to disarm him," White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said. "That's increasingly the point of view of leaders throughout the world."

Also Thursday, NATO stepped up pressure on France, Germany and Belgium to approve a plan to protect Turkey in case of war with Iraq. Luxembourg, which had opposed the plan as a premature gesture toward war, switched sides this week and joined 15 other NATO allies that support



Richard Lewis/Associated Press

British Prime Minister Tony Blair, right, and U.N. chief weapons inspector Hans Blix stand outside 10 Downing Street in London on Thursday following a meeting at which Blix briefed Blair on the progress of Iraqi weapons inspections.

the proposal. Turkey, the only NATO member bordering Iraq, had appealed to the alliance for protection against any Iraqi counterstrike.

Turkey made its own preparations for possible conflict Thursday, when its parliament voted to allow U.S. soldiers to renovate Turkish bases for use in an Iraq war.

Turks overwhelmingly oppose a war with Iraq, and the government fears a conflict would bring instability on the border and cause billions of dollars in losses amid the worst recession in decades. But Turkey is reluctant to displease the United States, its most crucial ally.

Among Washington's other staunch allies, the response to Powell's presentation was quick and supportive. Britain called the evidence "powerful" and announced Thursday that it would send more combat aircraft to the Gulf.

Spain, considered a likely member of a coalition should the United States go to war, said Powell's presentation was "compelling." Australia's foreign minister, not-

ing that his country had provided some of the evidence Powell used, said the speech showed a "deeply disturbing pattern of deceit" by Saddam.

Portugal, one of the eight signatories of a letter last week backing the U.S. position, said Iraq's disrespect for the United Nations was "especially serious." In Lisbon, Portuguese Prime Minister Jose Durao Barroso said Iraq faced its "last chance."

Italy also lauded Powell, although leftist opposition members booed Premier Silvio Berlusconi during an address to parliament on Iraq and disrupted his speech by shouting anti-war slogans. The session was briefly halted and a parliament member was expelled.

Critics said Powell's speech failed to make an airtight case for military action against Saddam.

"The dangers of a military action and its consequences are plain to see," said German Foreign Minister Joschka Fischer, whose country holds the rotating Security Council presidency. "We must continue to seek a peaceful solution to this crisis."

Powell also failed to sway Russia from its support of the need for more inspections.

"The information ... once again convincingly indicates the fact that the activities of the international inspectors in Iraq must be continued," Russian Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov said.

Chinese Foreign Minister Tang Jiaxuan said that military action against Iraq should be avoided "as long as there still is the slightest hope for a political settlement."

Reaction in the Muslim world ranged from scorn and skepticism to claims that the Powell speech was a prelude to fighting.

Although Iran fought a war with Iraq in 1980-88, and deeply distrusts Saddam, it fears that a U.S.-led conflict could lead to chaos in the region and undermine its economy. It opposes any attack without U.N. approval.

"I think that more time should be given to the (U.N.) inspectors to complete their jobs, and Saddam's regime should be urged more fully to comply with the resolutions," said Iranian Foreign Minister Kamal Kharrazi said in London.

Jackson says he felt betrayed by television documentary

BY MICHAEL McDONOUGH

Associated Press Writer

LONDON — Michael Jackson said Thursday a TV documentary about him was unfair and he felt "more betrayed than perhaps ever before" by the program, in which the King of Pop revealed he sometimes lets children sleep in his bed.

In a statement issued by his London representative, Jackson said British journalist Martin Bashir broke the trust placed in him.

Bashir spent eight months making the 90-minute program, which will be shown in the United States at 8 p.m. EST Thursday on ABC's "20/20."

"I trusted Martin Bashir to come into my life and that of my family because I wanted the truth to be told," Jackson said in the statement, released by his London representative Stephen Lock.

"Martin Bashir persuaded me to trust him, that his would be an honest and fair portrayal of my life and told me that he was 'the man that turned Diana's life around.'"

Bashir is well known for an interview with Princess Diana, during which she admitted being unfaithful to Prince Charles.

"Today I feel more betrayed than perhaps ever before; that someone who had got to know my children, my staff and me, whom I let into my heart and told the truth, could then sacrifice the trust I placed in him and produce this terrible and unfair program," Jackson said.

"Everyone who knows me will know the truth which is that my children come first in my life and that I would never harm any child."

Granada, the television company behind the documentary, said the program was "a truthful, open and intimate portrayal of many aspects of Michael Jackson's extraordinary life."

"There has been no distortion, misrepresentation or breach of trust. Martin Bashir agreed with Michael that we'd make an honest film about his life and we've fulfilled that promise," Granada said in a statement.

Jackson said he had received many

messages of support from fans in Britain since the documentary was aired on Monday night.

But Britain's tabloid press pounced on the man they call "Wacko Jacko." The Sun said the "shocking confession" Jackson sometimes slept in the same bed with children would end Jackson's career, while the Daily Express said Jackson "faces a wave of revulsion."

In California's Santa Barbara County, where Jackson's Neverland ranch is located, District Attorney Thomas W. Sneddon, Jr., dismissed the matter as "much ado about nothing."

"Sleeping in bed with a kid is not a crime that I know of," Sneddon told the Santa Barbara News-Press.

Record stores in Britain reported a surge in sales of Jackson's records. Virgin Megastores said sales of his 1982 "Thriller" album were up 473 percent from last week, while the greatest hits package "HIStory" was up 383 percent — sending both albums into the lower reaches of the chain's Top 100 chart.

"It shows that exposure may not be particularly favorable, but it will always add to some degree of sales increase," said Gennaro Castaldo, a spokesman at HMV, where sales of "HIStory" increased tenfold.

In 1993, Jackson was accused of molesting a boy who had stayed at his home. He denied the allegations, and no charges were filed.

When Bashir asked Jackson about his friendships with children, Jackson said: "I have slept in a bed with many children," including actor Macaulay Culkin and his brother Kieran.

"When you say 'bed,' you're thinking sexual," Jackson said. "It's not sexual, we're going to sleep. I tuck them in. ... It's very charming, it's very sweet."

The singer has a 5-year-old son, Prince Michael I, and 4-year-old daughter, Paris, born during his marriage to nurse Debbie Rowe, which ended in 1999. He also has an infant son, Prince Michael II, whose mother has not been identified.

Fixin' for war



Adam Butler/Associated Press

US Navy sailor Christopher Byrd from Houston, Texas, carries out maintenance work on an S-3 Viking plane on board the USS Constellation as it approached Manama Port, Bahrain on Thursday. The Constellation is part of the U.S. military buildup in the Gulf region in preparation for a possible attack on Iraq.

SPORTS

Woods to end two-month recovery

BY DOUG FERGUSON
AP Golf Writer

It's time for Tiger Woods to get back to work.

Woods, who spent the last two months recovering from knee surgery, will end the longest lay-off of his career next week when he returns to the PGA Tour in San Diego.

"Things are progressing nicely, and I will officially enter the Buick Invitational on Thursday," Woods said on his Web site.

In a conference call last week, Woods reported no pain in his left knee. He played 18 holes for the first time Tuesday with his father and shot 66.

"The real test comes next week at Torrey Pines," he said.

"That's when I will find out how the knee holds up in competition and what, if any, effect walking the course has on it."

The Buick Invitational is a good spot for him to return.

Along with having an endorsement deal with Buick, Woods won the tournament in 1999 and has never finished worse than fifth.

Plus, it will give him a chance to visit with Phil Mickelson, one of his chief rivals who caused a buzz this week by saying Woods has "inferior" clubs and is the only player "good enough to overcome the equipment he's stuck with."

Mickelson later said his comments to Golf Magazine were taken out of context and that he

meant to explain Woods' talent.

"I heard it was said in fun and jest, but until I talk to him, I really don't know," Woods said. "Quite frankly, questioning my equipment is foolish. I'm not going to play with anything that is going to hold me back. My career will be judged on how much I've won."

No one has won more than Woods among active players. He has 34 victories on the PGA Tour, and has an 8-0 margin on Mickelson in the majors.

"I really don't worry about other players or what they think," Woods said. "The real measuring stick on the PGA Tour is how much you win, and that is what drives me to compete at such a high level."

Woods has never missed more than five weeks since turning pro, but recurring pain in his left knee forced him to have arthroscopic surgery Dec. 12 to remove fluid and benign cysts that caused his ligaments to swell.

Doctors cleared him to practice without restriction on Jan. 25, and he reported no pain. Woods said his knee hurt so much at times last year that he felt sick to his stomach and sometimes took painkilling injections.

He still won six times around the world, including two majors.

"I haven't been my best for a couple of years now, so that part I'm really excited about — not waking up every day ... having to look forward to the day of walking and playing because my knee's hurting so bad," he said.

Woods has hardly been idle. He has

Pebble Beach begins



Eric Risberg/Associated Press

Mike Weir follows his shot from the fairway on the first hole of the Spyglass Hill Golf Course during first round play of the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am in Pebble Beach, Calif., on Thursday.

been riding exercise bikes, running and lifting weights during his rehabilitation, and said his stamina is good.

The only question mark is rust, although Woods historically has played well following four and five-week layoffs.

Local Sports

Samohi soccer team gets another win

By Daily Press staff

The Santa Monica High school Vikings' boys soccer team had a strong week by beating Peninsula 4-1 on Wednesday.

The Vikings came out strong from the start. With strong and physical play the first two goals came from junior Ryan Natale. His first came in the 28th minute when he dribbled a ball into the Panther 18-yard box. The Peninsula goalkeeper tried to clear the ball out, but kicked directly at Natale and then the ball rebounded off Natale in the air and towards the back of the net.

His second goal came in the 40th minute of the first half, a shot that deflected off a Peninsula defender and into the goal.

In the second half, Samohi added to their lead on a corner kick sent in by senior Marco Sumale and senior Corey Prost headed the ball past the Peninsula keeper. Then in the

62nd minute, the Vikings took advantage of the Panthers over commitment on an attack. The Samohi counter attack began with senior defender Cem Mangir clearing a ball to sophomore Omid Shokoufandeh who then passed it on to junior Barry Jackson. Jackson took the pass, and placed the ball over the Peninsula goalkeeper to give the Vikings a 4-0 lead.

Peninsula would score with five minutes remaining in the game.

The win puts Samohi in second place in front of Leuzinger and could make for an interesting final week of league play.

Next week the Vikings will travel to West Torrance for a 3 p.m. kickoff on Monday and they will host their final scheduled game for the 2002-03 season against Leuzinger at John Adams Middle School at 3 p.m.

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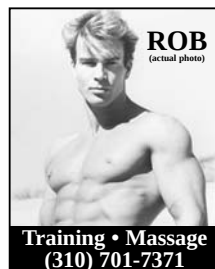
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BACK PAGE

Could 100 fewer calories a day hold the line on weight?

BY LAURAN NEERGAARD
AP Medical Writer

WASHINGTON — Could eating a mere 100 fewer calories a day improve Americans' health by fighting the weight creep that adds up to, on average, 2 pounds a year?

That's the argument of a well-known obesity researcher. A few pounds each year eventually means big trouble, says Dr. James Hill of the University of Colorado. He says fending off those pounds simply by cutting back on a cookie or taking three fewer bites of a fast-food hamburger each day may be easier than losing weight later.

Hill acknowledges he has not proved yet that such a simple step works.

But scientists are searching for different approaches to what is fast becoming a national epidemic. Sixty percent of U.S. adults are overweight, and the government blames 300,000 deaths a year on weight-related diseases.

"The biggest problem we face in America is not terrorism. The biggest health problem we're facing is obesity," Dr. Julie Gerberding, head of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, told The Associated Press last week.

Fixing the problem will require changing societal norms starting with children, she said, such as doing more and eating less in a society that encourages more driving than walking and provides unfettered access to calorie-laden foods.

To focus attention on the problem, the journal Science, in Friday's edition, turned to obesity researchers for opinions

on what it will take to lower the scales.

Hill's response was to examine government figures showing about 40 million adults are obese and documenting Americans' steady weight gain in recent years.

"The future is not hopeful unless we act now," he concluded. If current trends continue, he estimated that 39 percent of adults will be obese by 2008, compared with 31 percent in 2000.

Losing weight and keeping it off can be hard. So Hill and colleagues calculated what he calls the energy gap — how many calories are consumed but not burned off.

Using that same government data, he estimated that, on average, people gain 2 pounds a year, which equals 50 extra calories stored each day. Because the body can store half of calories consumed, he said preventing that 2-pound weight gain might simply require eating 100 fewer calories a day.

There are problems with that simple approach, says Dr. Jeffrey Friedman of Rockefeller University, who discovered the obesity hormone leptin in 1995. Some people gain 10 pounds in a year while others gain none. Also, few people actually know how many calories they consume.

"We don't simply need to reiterate the old nostrums. We need to develop a fuller understanding of how to deal with" obesity, he said.

In his own Science article, Friedman writes that the overweight are fighting "a battle against biology" because obesity arises from a complex interplay of genetics and the environment.

Scientists have discovered a number of

hormones and genes that generate a basic biological drive to eat that can be difficult to fight, he explains.

Scientists also know that the more volume and variety of food that people are offered — think super-sized restaurant portions and buffets — the more they will overeat, says CDC nutrition chief Dr. William Dietz.

"Portion size is an issue. How one goes about controlling it is not so simple," he cautions.

For people reluctant to eat less, Colorado's Hill points to a current experiment in which Colorado is encouraging people to buy \$20 battery-operated step-counters and take an extra 2,000 steps a day, enough to walk a mile and burn 100 calories.

Hill is studying 500 participants to see if that extra little bit helps their weight; results are not due for another year or two. He plans to add his theory on eating 100 fewer calories to the study, too.

Strange note brings plane back to gate in Washington

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A bizarre note a passenger gave to a flight attendant forced a plane to return to the gate at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport on Thursday.

ATA Flight 295 to Chicago's Midway Airport had just pushed back and was taxiing toward the runway when a man passed the note — written on a napkin — which contained three words: fast, neat, average.

ATA spokeswoman Angela Thomas said the man asked that the note be given to the pilot, and it was. But the pilot had no idea what it meant, and a decision was made to return the plane with its 90 passengers and crew of six to the gate.

Police were waiting and took the unidentified man into custody. He was still being questioned by local and federal authorities several hours after the incident.

According to Thomas, the man claims to be an Air Force Academy cadet, and said the message on his note would have been understood by an Air Force pilot. The ATA pilot does not have military experience.

The flight eventually left one hour 15 minutes late, and arrived in Chicago without further incident.

Because of its proximity to the nation's capital, National was the last major airport to reopen following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Although commercial service was gradually restored, general aviation remains suspended.

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