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Hozumi, foreground, and his co-worker Jun, make rolls Tuesday evening for patrons at Sushi Mon on Wilshire Boulevard.

City recognizes it went back on its promise

Construction schedule snafu frustrates businesses

BY CAROLYN SACKARIASON
Daily Press Staff Writer

City officials may have gone back on their word in keeping construction light downtown this winter, but scheduling two projects at once saved the city \$395,000.

Assistant City Attorney Gordon Anderson said while he may have told downtown business owners that no other municipal construc-

tion projects would be started while the transit mall was being built, officials realized it was more cost efficient and less impactful in the long run to repave Fourth Street now rather than later.

Where the city failed, however, was telling business owners that.

"We were told there would be no concurrent city projects and then Fourth Street came out of left field," said Bayside District Corp. board member John Warfel. "In the midst of this well planned and well done transit mall, Fourth Street just popped up."

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'Sweet 16 party' turns sour; refund granted

BY DAVE DANFORTH
Daily Press Staff Writer

The owners of Santa Monica's Lush nightclub have been ordered to pay \$2,000 over a "Sweet 16" party that event planners claimed was understaffed.

But one Lush owner, Chris Swadling, claims the case was about an event planner who wants to profit by chipping away at the \$6,000 party fee without returning any to the client.

Benita Karroll and Wendi Mirabella, who

operate Moondance Events & Entertainment of Culver City, declined comment on the arrangement with their client. The customer, a Paramount senior executive, contracted Moondance to arrange the party at Lush, located on Wilshire Boulevard, for his daughter's 16th birthday last May.

Karroll said when the 16-year-old complained at the start of the party about the presentation of food and understaffing, she was offered \$3,500 by a Lush partner

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Online to Santa Monica City Hall

Public meetings available live via Internet

BY ANDREW H. FIXMER
Daily Press Staff Writer

E-government may sound like a dot-com concept gone bust, but the idea is running strong in Santa Monica.

In addition to already broadcasting city council meetings electronically over the Internet, the city last week began broadcasting all planning commission meetings via the Internet.

"The planning commission and

the council are the two bodies that are required to meet on a regular basis," said city spokeswoman Judy Rambeau. "So it made sense to add planning to our efforts of making all city meetings more accessible to people in the community."

However, Rambeau said there were no current plans to begin broadcasting any of the other 28 city boards and commissions.

"The problem is that we can easily do the meetings that are held in the council's chambers," she said. "But the others would be more difficult."

The city began broadcasting council meetings over the Web about two years ago, shortly after a high-speed Internet connection was

installed, officials said.

Since the city had already purchased the equipment needed to run the new City Hall Internet network, the costs were minimal for broadcasting meetings live over the Web, said city network administrators.

"We looked at it and found there was really no extra cost," said Keith Kurtz, the city's Internet systems coordinator. "Or at least the costs were not too significant."

Under the current system, 40 residents can simultaneously watch meetings over the Internet, though officials say there has never been that many logged on at once.

Officials say about 350 people are

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State needs an 'office of homelessness'

BY DON THOMPSON
Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO — Homelessness in California is so bad the state needs a new office to coordinate a response, Senate President Pro Tem John Burton said Tuesday.

He intends to seek legislation creating a statewide Office of Homelessness, and requiring counties to compile statistics on how many homeless die in the streets to demonstrate the scope of the problem.

Last year, 235 people died in San Francisco, Santa

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★ What you thought was a given could change before you can snap your fingers. Don't count on anything for the long term. New beginnings happen if you listen to a friend and discuss alternatives. Relax and share. A friend spouts his or her view. Tonight: Relax and dream.



TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ Aim for more of what you want. Unexpected developments toss another perspective into a work-related matter. You could be overwhelmed at first. Carefully review a decision that involves a friendship. Tonight: Continue an important discussion.



GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ Take charge while others stew about what to do. Think in terms of gain and growth. Unexpected developments surround news from a distance. Your sense of responsibility comes through. Just go off and do, for now. Reserve important calls until the evening. Tonight: Take your bow in the limelight.



CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Be careful when dealing with an associate. This person obviously wants what he or she wants. Ease up and remain direct in your dealings, even if someone throws a tantrum or tries a multitude of different tactics. Others quickly discover that you're too smart for any of this. Tonight: Read between the lines.



LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Smile at someone's behavior as you learn how to deal with this person. Your fun-loving personality likes excitement. Feedback from a friend or associate casts a new light on a pending agreement. Flow with information. You actually might need to take notes when someone shares. Tonight: A discussion over dinner.



VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Others want you to hear them. Your focus zeroes in on a minicrisis or problem that appears out of the blue. Discussions with those around you shed new information. Never doubt your abilities to find solutions, as long as you remain calm. Talk about ways of increasing efficiency. Tonight: Where your friends are.



LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Dig into work and get the job done. Stay upbeat when dealing with those around you. Unexpected developments take you in a new direction. Conversations revolve around a child or a creative endeavor. Let opportunity in. Let a child free-associate. You could hear some very interesting information. Tonight: Clear off your desk at home.



SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ What remains good news is how much bounce you have. Don't settle right now. Rather, try another approach or look at the situation from a totally different perspective. Lighten up when dealing with change. Everything changes. Tighten up message-taking procedures at home. Tonight: A midweek romp!



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ Create your plans around your personal life right now. A sudden flux or change takes you in a new direction. Your humor and sense of fun helps others lighten up. You could get into the excitement of the moment. Friends amuse you with their ideas. Tonight: Out and about.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ You feel lucky. However, don't push, especially when finances are involved. You might not be too comfortable with someone and his or her point of view. Keep researching and asking questions of those you trust. Tonight: At a favorite spot.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Expenses could become excessive, unless you rein yourself in. Impulsiveness follows you left and right. Hold down any financial agreements. Stay even with others and opt to be non-reactive. Express your ideas in discussions. Tonight: Pay bills.



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ Much is happening behind the scenes. What you see happening could jolt you. Examine your interests, and you might make a decision to head in another direction. Use your charisma and personality to maximize an opportunity. Tonight: Whatever makes you happy!



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QUOTE of the DAY

“There is so little difference between husbands you might as well keep the first.”

— Adela Rogers St. Johns

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Downtown construction will ease this summer

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Downtown Santa Monica is under siege with backhoes and bulldozers which has angered business owners who say the construction has put a strain on their sales. Not only is the transit mall along Broadway Avenue being built, but Fourth Street is torn up, making it difficult to get around.

The Bayside District Corp., which represents downtown business owners, wrote

a letter to the city asking for an explanation on why construction has become so heavy in the past few months.

Gordon said because the city hired the same contractor to do Fourth Street as it did the transit mall, it made economical sense to have the company do both projects simultaneously. Fourth Street will cost the city \$1 million, but it will save close to \$400,000 on "mobilization, yard office rental, increased operational effi-

ciency and productivity."

Fourth Street originally was scheduled to be ripped up later this year, but city officials decided to get both projects done in one fell swoop so this summer would be free of construction headaches for businesses and visitors.

"That change wasn't made clear," Anderson said. "I had been telling them that Fourth Street would be after the transit mall but we have been able to escalate the work with one company.

"That was not communicated to the business community," he added. "It's unfortunate because we are trying to build trust and credibility for the city with this project."

The parking structure located at Second Street and Colorado Avenue will be retrofitted this summer, so repaving Fourth Street now seemed like a better option to city officials.

In 1997, the city developed a plan, now known as the transit mall, to make downtown Santa Monica more pedestrian friendly, while attempting to streamline

traffic and create separate bus lanes on certain streets. The multi-million project started last April and will end by this summer.

Bayside officials say they wouldn't have given their blessing on the construction schedule for the transit mall if they knew Fourth Street was going to be ripped up at the same time.

Anderson said while the city is concerned about downtown businesses, it is not up to the Bayside District to approve when municipal projects will be done.

"There was no other time to do this," he said. "We could have done it better but let's not beat our head against the wall. This was a hiccup and the city has done the best that it can."

Bayside officials disagree. They argue the city has done an inadequate job making it clear to motorists how to drive in the disfigured downtown area and how to get there from the Santa Monica Freeway.

Anderson said he is drafting a response letter to Bayside and the city plans to install more signs that make it clear how to get around downtown.

Teenager claims birthday party was a 'disaster'

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towards a future event. Instead, Karroll elected to ask for a \$2,000 refund. But she testified in court last week that Lush demanded payment in full on her credit card and threatened to shut down the party if she refused.

Moondance was originally awarded the \$2,000 in December when Lush's ownership, the Harbert Entertainment Group, didn't appear in small claims court. Lush representatives protested and the appeal was heard by Superior Court Judge Julius Title, whose ruling was mailed Monday.

Both sides gave sharply conflicting testimony in the case. While the Moondance partners said only three staff members were on hand to handle a party at which 200 teens were expected, Swadling said the staff included four bartenders, three kitchen staff, two waitresses, and two security people.

Swadling immediately attacked Karroll's credibility and noted that he had been at the party. The Moondance partners said they never saw him, and that the partner with whom they made the agreement didn't show up in court.

"I know my employees don't give away my money," Swadling said of the refund claim.

The Moondance complaints covered everything from \$500 worth of missing sushi to wilted food, some served late, and insufficient security.

"So the party was a disaster?" asked Judge Title.

"You could say that," Karroll responded, noting the customer had written a letter complaining about it.

Swadling, however, said the customer had beamed his approval when Swadling asked him how he felt two hours into the event.

The judge affirmed the \$2,000 award but didn't issue an opinion detailing his reasons.

Web-casted meetings useful for residents outside city limits

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logging onto the service each month, or 3,632 people have tried to use the service over the past 11 months.

"You can see this service is being used," said Kurtz. "But I'm willing to speculate only someone with a strong interest in Santa Monica affairs will want to watch an entire Santa Monica Council meeting."

When the idea first came up Kurtz said city officials wanted to know who would possibly use such a service and was it worth the cost.

"Before I got out of that meeting, I had received two unsolicited e-mails asking if we had considered web casting the meetings," said Kurtz. "I think

it's probably useful for people who don't have cable TV or who live outside the city limits."

During last year's elections, the city decided to web cast interviews with candidates. After the interviews were finished, residents could return and have the sessions replayed on their computer screens at a later time.

"There was very heavy traffic volume from that," said Kurtz. "In fact, it was so successful that now from time to time we will capture some video and make that available online as well."

When a recent council meeting ran until the early morning hours, many residents missed a city presentation on the Civic Center Redevelopment Plan. More than 150 people had

asked to speak on the issue, but when their time came to speak most had gone home.

To compensate, the city posted the 45-minute presentation on its Web site so residents were able to have the session rebroadcast at their convenience.

"I'm sure there are people that will take advantage of this," said planning commission chair Kelley Olsen, whose group is now being web cast. "Once it begins to be advertised, I really think many more people will watch."

To get connected, log onto the city's Web site, www.santa-monica.org, click on "government" and then select the city council or the planning commission link.

Recalled furnace causes fire

By Daily Press staff

Investigators say a faulty furnace, which had been recalled by the manufacturer, caused a Santa Monica home to burn late last month.

The fire department responded to a 9-1-1 call on Jan. 28 at a two-story home in the 900 block of Kensington Road where a fire had erupted in an attic crawl space.

The blaze was quickly extinguished, preventing major damage to the home, officials said.

During the investigation, fire officials found that the furnace had been recalled because of a significant risk associated

with the heating unit.

The furnace, which is manufactured by Consolidated Industries, has caused 50 fires, according to reports made to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission.

More than 140,000 of the faulty furnaces were sold in California under several different trade names and fire department officials are strongly encouraging residents to check if their furnace has been recalled.

For a specific list of recalled brands and models, residents can go to www.cpsc.gov or call (877) 347-6456.



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Santa Monica, San Francisco are magnets for homeless

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Cruz and Santa Clara County, he said.

"If you extrapolate that statewide, that's a hell of a lot of people dying basically of exposure," Burton said. "This is not some bleeding-heart deal. This is about people living and people dying."

Burton also wants the state to borrow \$2 billion to build new affordable housing. Voters would consider the bond measure in November if the Senate-approved measure clears the Assembly this spring.

The issue has become a big one in Santa Monica and San Francisco. Both cities have become nationwide magnets for homeless people drawn by their mild weather and tolerant attitude — but some are saying it's time for a crackdown similar to the one in New York City.

Gov. Gray Davis, meanwhile, is planning his own summit on homelessness next month.

Burton said he will seek little new money as the state faces a budget crunch this year — though he said the problem deserves attention akin to the nation's war on terrorism because it, too, "is a threat to the internal fabric of this nation."

But he said there needs to be better coordination of existing homeless programs, both between state agencies and between state and local programs.

"Right now our state has absolutely no overall homeless strategy," said Burton, D-San Francisco. "I don't even know if they speak to each other."

Though Davis spokesman Steve Maviglio said the agencies work well together, Davis last month ordered the various agencies to develop a plan to combat homelessness. That plan is expected by month's end, in time for review at the March summit, Maviglio said.

"What we're trying to do is build a partnership not only with state agencies, but with federal and local governments," Maviglio said.

Law enforcement, human services, mental health, parks and recreation, housing, and transportation all deal with the

homeless, he said.

"They've all been working furiously the last few weeks to put together a plan," Maviglio said.

California cities may take their lead from cities like Shreveport, La., where case workers use a computerized tracking system linking nearly 1,900 government and nonprofit agencies to see where homeless people have previously obtained help.

Advocates say the system makes agencies more efficient and prevents duplication while cutting red tape for the homeless.

Though the Bay Area is a high-tech nexus, it is far behind cities such as New York and Shreveport and states such as Wisconsin and Massachusetts in using technology to help with one of its most ironic problems.

Closer to home, San Diego bought into the same secure Internet system used in Shreveport for \$50,000. It charges agencies \$75 a year to participate.

Congress is requiring all local governments to have a tracking system in place by 2004.

San Francisco Mayor Willie Brown's office began seeking bids last week for a computerized record-keeping system, despite critics like the Coalition on Homelessness in San Francisco who say it would waste money or invade homeless people's privacy.

Santa Clara and Contra Costa counties also are considering systems, while Alameda County has an experimental program linking 14 of its more than 100 service agencies.

Regional networks like one used in northeastern Florida could help determine if San Francisco has a disproportionate number of homeless who migrate from nearby communities that offer fewer services, as Brown's administration contends.

However, neighboring jurisdictions contend that as many as two-thirds of the Bay Area's homeless live outside San Francisco, skipping from one community to another in search of food, shelter, treatment or jobs.

Rodman refuses to stand trial over alleged rape attack

By The Associated Press

SANTA ANA — Dennis Rodman must stand trial for the alleged sex attack of a model who accused the former NBA basketball star of drugging and raping her in 1999.

A court-appointed arbitrator suggested a \$225,000 settlement, but Rodman refused to pay Playboy model Tina New and a judge on Monday ordered a Sept. 23 civil trial. New filed a \$10 million civil suit last year against Rodman, who said he's never met the woman.

"I'm angry," she said Monday. "He thinks he can get away with it because of who he is."

Rodman attorney Christopher Branch said his client wants a trial.

"The arbitrator's award was excessive and does not reflect the evidence," Branch said.

Orange County Superior Court Judge David C. Velasquez appointed the arbitra-

tor, who said New should get \$225,000.

New, the ex-girlfriend of a man convicted of murdering his wife, claims she met Rodman in August 1999 at a Newport Beach bar, and that she turned down an invitation to a party by a man who said he was Rodman's bodyguard.

According to New's lawsuit, after she left the bar, she was kidnapped by an unknown assailant and taken to Rodman's Newport Beach home, where she was forced to drink an unknown liquid that caused her to fall asleep.

New claims that when she awoke, Rodman ripped off her clothing and raped her.

She went to Newport Beach police 10 days after the alleged rape, but detectives were unable to find any physical evidence, the woman said. A district attorney's spokeswoman said no charges would be filed unless evidence of a crime was brought to prosecutors.

BUSINESS



Senate committee will pursue charges against Enron

BY JENNIFER COLEMAN

Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO — A California Senate committee, convinced that bankrupt energy giant Enron has destroyed financial documents under legislative subpoena, voted Tuesday to seek criminal charges against the company for concealing evidence and conspiracy.

Committee members also voted to ask the full Senate to find Enron in contempt of two legislative subpoenas — one issued in June seeking documents related to California's energy market and the other for testimony about destruction of documents.

The committee voted 5-0 to ask the district attorney from either Sacramento or Orange County to investigate whether Enron intentionally withheld documents from investigators or destroyed any relevant papers.

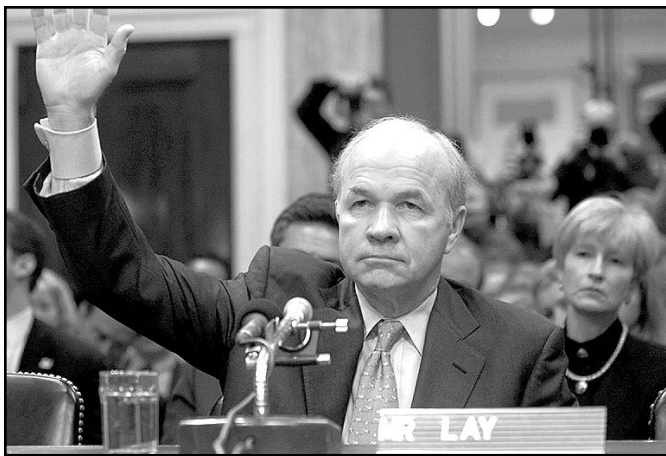
Lawmakers investigating California's power crisis asked Enron for thousands of documents in June, but the company's destruction of documents and shredding done by its accountants may have violated that order, Sen. Joe Dunn, D-Santa Ana, said.

Last month, Enron officials ignored a committee request to testify about which documents may have been destroyed.

Enron officials didn't attend Tuesday's hearing of the Senate Select Committee to Investigate Price Manipulation in the Wholesale Energy Market. Calls for comment were not immediately returned.

Last week, Enron Vice President Richard B. Sanders wrote Dunn to say there was no reason for company officials to testify because Enron wasn't "aware of anyone from Enron who made inquiries to Arthur Andersen regarding what documents were destroyed."

Andersen was the major accounting firm that audited



Ron Edmonds/Associated Press

Former Enron CEO Kenneth Lay is sworn in at a Senate Commerce Committee hearing on Capitol Hill Tuesday in Washington. Lay took the Fifth Amendment and refused to testify to the committee.

Enron's books; Andersen officials have said their accountants shredded some Enron-related documents.

Larry Drivon, an attorney for the committee, recommended that prosecutors also investigate whether company employees conspired to withhold or destroy documents, which would elevate the crime from a misdemeanor to a felony.

Enron has now invited investigators to search the company's document repositories in Portland, Ore. and Houston, Texas, for trading and policy documents they subpoenaed last year, Dunn said.

The committee also is preparing subpoenas for testimony from Andersen regarding destruction of some Enron documents.

"I seriously doubt that Enron will ever send us anything more significant than a picture postcard from the Cayman Islands while I'm alive, much less any of the financial documents we are seeking," said Sen. Debra Bowen, D-Marina del Rey.

The committee has subpoenaed documents from a half-dozen energy companies as part of the investigation into the state's power crisis last year, when energy prices soared.

No company has complied fully with the subpoenas, Dunn said, but some have cooperated more than others. All have done more than Enron.

The committee has reviewed millions of documents turned over by the energy suppliers, but hasn't yet been given key internal documents, such as companies' forecasts for power prices in California, he said.

In the early 1990s, the energy industry touted deregulation as a way to cut consumer prices by increasing competition, Dunn said. But the committee investigators believe that energy companies' internal price forecasts will show they were predicting huge revenue increases as California's power market was deregulated.

Last summer, the committee asked the Senate to find Enron in contempt for not providing documents. That request was withdrawn after Enron and Dunn reached an agreement to keep the documents confidential.

If the full Senate votes this time to find Enron in contempt, sanctions could include fines, or stripping the company's authority to do business in California, Dunn said.

If the full Senate imposes sanctions against Enron, it will be the first time since 1929, when the Senate voted to jail reluctant witnesses during a committee investigation of price fixing and price gouging allegations involving cement sales to the state.

Enron director wins reappointment to Qualcomm board

BY BEN FOX

Associated Press Writer

SAN DIEGO — A director of Enron was reappointed Tuesday to Qualcomm Inc.'s board over the objections of labor groups and some shareholder activists.

At the company's annual meeting, shareholders voted to appoint Frank Savage to another three-year term as a member of the board of directors of the

San Diego-based wireless technology firm. Savage, 63, has served on the Qualcomm board since 1996.

Qualcomm had been under pressure from shareholder activists not to reappoint Savage from the company's board. He and other members of Enron's board have been sharply criticized for failing to provide sufficient oversight to prevent the collapse of the energy

trading company.

Two Enron directors, Robert K. Jaedicke and Wendy L. Gramm, the wife of Texas Sen. Phil Gramm, recently resigned from the boards of other companies.

Savage was elected along with five other nominees, including Brent Scowcroft, who served as a national security adviser in the administrations of presidents George Bush and Gerald Ford.

Irwin Jacobs, Qualcomm's chairman and chief executive officer, told shareholders he was aware of the opposition to Savage, but that he has been "an excellent and hardworking board member" and that company officials continue to support him.

"I do have complete confidence in his integrity," Jacobs said.

Savage was not at the shareholder meeting where the vote was announced because of a previous commitment, Jacobs said. The other four nominees all attended the meeting.

Several shareholders and representatives of labor organizations, whose members hold Qualcomm stock in their retirement plans, rose to challenge the appointment.

"Do you want to be in bed with skunks like that?" one shareholder told Jacobs during the comment period.

Eric Grant, 72, a Qualcomm shareholder and retired attorney from Jamul, said Savage and the other Enron directors failed to protect the interests of investors.

"I don't think they should put a man who is tainted on the board of directors of Qualcomm," Grant said. "I think shareholders have a right to say we could do better with somebody else."

The exact vote tally will not be announced until Qualcomm's next quarterly report to the Securities and

Exchange Commission. The newly appointed board members will serve until 2005.

Two top executives defend their positions to employees

By The Associated Press

BEVERLY HILLS — Top executives of troubled fiber optics firm Global Crossing Ltd. defended their position in letters to employees.

Co-chairman Gary Winnick told employees the company had no alternative but to file for bankruptcy protection, the Los Angeles Times reported Tuesday.

"We recognize that many of you have been hurt by the collapse of our company's stock," Winnick wrote last week in a letter with Lodwick Cook, the company's other co-chairman.

"There are no words to explain how deeply we wish there had been a solution to our current situation that could have been different."

In a separate letter to the company's 8,000 employees, chief executive officer John Legere defended his multimillion-dollar compensation package. Critics of the company have faulted executives for taking millions out of the company at a

time when it was struggling.

Legere also said he welcomed an investigation of the company's accounting practices by the Securities and Exchange Commission. The SEC launched its probe after allegations of questionable accounting practices were raised by Global Crossing's former vice president of finance.

Legere wrote that a \$15 million loan he received that was later forgiven was intended to compensate him for giving up stock and options in Dell Computer Corp., where he was a high-ranking executive before leaving to join Asia Global Crossing, of which Global Crossing owns 59 percent.

He also wrote that the \$1.5 million salary and \$3.5 million signing bonus he received when he joined Global Crossing as chief executive in October, 2000, was considered reasonable by the company's board of directors.

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NATIONAL

Woman charged in driver's license scheme dies

BY BILL POOVEY

Associated Press Writer

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — A driver's license examiner charged in a scheme with some Middle Eastern men to sell fraudulent licenses died the day before her first court appearance in a fiery car wreck prosecutors called "most unusual and suspicious."

Forensics tests were being performed on Katherine Smith's car to determine what caused the fire, FBI spokesman George Bolds said Tuesday.

"We're looking at everything ... whether it was an accident, whether it was a suicide or whether it was something else," said Bolds, who would not specifically discuss the possibility of explosives.

The FBI also said it is investigating whether Smith's five co-defendants have connections to the Sept. 11 attacks or other terrorist ties.

Smith, 49, was killed early Sunday. The 1992 Acura Legend she was driving ran off the road and struck a utility pole just north of the Mississippi state line, Highway Patrol Lt. Col. Mark Fagan said.

Smith's car "was immediately engulfed in flames," but authorities do not know whether the fire started before or after the crash, Fagan said. The body was so badly burned it took authorities until Tuesday to confirm Smith's identity.

The cause of death remains under investigation.

FBI agent J. Suzanne Nash said the gas tank did not explode and the car was only slightly dented from the crash.

Prosecutor Tim DiScenza called the crash "most unusual and suspicious."

Smith was one of six people charged last week by federal officials with conspiracy to get Tennessee driver's licenses under false pretenses. She had been scheduled for arraignment on Monday.

Also charged were Khaled Odtllah, 31, Sakhera Hammad, 24, Mohammed Fares, Mostafa Said Abou-

Shahin and Abdelmuhsen Mahmid Hammad. Authorities did not give ages for the last three and said they admitted being in the country illegally.

The case broke last week when authorities staked out the driver's license office where Smith worked on a tip from the FBI in New York that several illegal immigrants from the Middle East were traveling to Memphis to illegally obtain state IDs, Nash said.

Smith, an examiner for nine years, told authorities that Odtllah was a friend who had asked her to help him obtain driver's licenses six or seven times, Nash said.

Nash said that when Sakhera Hammad was arrested, investigators found a visitor's pass for the World Trade Center, dated Sept. 5, 2001, in his wallet. He told authorities he was a plumber who worked on the center's sprinkler system. He said Abdelmuhsen Mahmid Hammad was a cousin who worked with him, Nash said.

Federal authorities learned that Odtllah drove to Memphis from New York City on Sept. 11, Nash said.

Doctor awarded \$4.2 million against newspaper, hospital

BY GREG SUKIENNIK

Associated Press Writer

BOSTON — The Boston Globe, a former reporter, the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and a former administrator were ordered Tuesday to pay \$4.2 million to a doctor who said she was libeled by a story about the death of a Globe health columnist.

Dr. Lois Ayash claimed in her libel and defamation lawsuit that she had been scapegoated for the death of Betsy Lehman, who died of an overdose of experimental cancer drugs.

Ayash alleged she was libeled by a 1995 Globe story that said she had coun-

tersigned an erroneous medical order that resulted in Lehman's death. The article described her as "leader of the team" of doctors at Dana-Farber responsible for Lehman's care.

The Globe published a correction saying Ayash had not countersigned the order, but it stood by its claim that she was the head of the treatment team that was using the experimental chemotherapy regimen.

A judge last year issued a default judgment in favor of Ayash after the Globe and reporter Richard Knox refused to reveal confidential sources. So the only question for the jury with regard to the Globe and the reporter was how much they would

have to pay in damages.

The Circuit Court jury, after deliberating into a third day, agreed with most of Ayash's claims and assessed penalties against all four defendants, who also included the former chief of staff, David M. Livingston.

"Dana Farber disagrees with the jury's decision in this case and we will review our legal options," Dana-Farber spokesman Steven R. Singer said.

The Globe did not immediately return a call for comment.

Ayash designed and ran the experimental breast cancer treatment in which Lehman and another female patient were enrolled. Another doctor accidentally

ordered the overdoses, which were not discovered for 10 weeks.

Following an investigation, the hospital reprimanded Ayash for not finding the overdoses sooner. A year later, she was laid off.

For the emotional distress, the jurors ordered the Globe to pay \$1.4 million to Ayash and Dana-Farber to pay more than \$1 million.

Jurors also said Knox owed Ayash \$360,000 for emotional distress and \$60,000 in lost wages and injury to her reputation. The Globe also was ordered to pay \$240,000 for lost pay and damaged reputation, while Dana-Farber was ordered to pay \$180,000.

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Milosevic accused of thousands of murders

BY ANTHONY DEUTSCH
Associated Press Writer

THE HAGUE, Netherlands — Slobodan Milosevic orchestrated the murders of thousands of people in a campaign of “savagery” with the sole goal of satisfying his all-consuming thirst for power, a prosecutor said Tuesday, opening the former Yugoslav president’s trial for war crimes.

Milosevic, the first head of state to face an international tribunal, listened impassively, occasionally jotting notes, as United Nations attorneys sketched a complex case spanning nearly a decade of horror in three Balkan countries.

The prosecution gave a first glimpse of a litany of agony — rape, torture, looting, expulsion and almost gleeful killing — that survivors will recount during a trial expected to last two years.

The trial is the biggest war

crimes case since Hitler’s henchmen were brought before a military tribunal after World War II.

Milosevic, 60, faces a total of 66 counts of genocide and other war crimes in Croatia, Bosnia and Kosovo that killed thousands of people and displaced more than a million others. Each count carries a maximum sentence of life in prison.

In one massacre in Bosnia, said prosecutor Geoffrey Nice, Serb forces promised safety to 45 family members in a Red Cross vehicle, and instead locked them in a house and set it ablaze. “They were burnt alive, and the baby’s screams were heard for two hours before it, too, succumbed,” he said.

Milosevic is expected to give a spirited response Wednesday to the prosecution’s six-hour statement. He has refused to recognize the tribunal or appoint a lawyer, and has launched sepa-

rate proceedings to fight his detention.

Millions of people across the Balkans watched the opening day on television. For some, like Munira Subasic, 63, in the Bosnian town of Srebrenica, a trial in the immaculate confines of the U.N. war crimes tribunal in the Netherlands fell short of expectations. “The Hague is too good for him,” said Subasic, who lost her only son, her husband and several other relatives in the 1995 Srebrenica massacre.

Opening a case that took years to prepare, chief prosecutor Carla Del Ponte said Milosevic was consumed by his thirst for power.

“An excellent tactician, a mediocre strategist, Milosevic did nothing but pursue his ambition at the cost of unspeakable suffering inflicted on those who opposed him or represented a threat for his personal strategy of

power,” she told the three robed judges.

All his actions were “in the service of his quest for power,” the Swiss prosecutor said, speaking a combination of French and English. Now and then Milosevic glanced and nodded at supporters among the packed public gallery behind a wall of bulletproof glass.

In previous court appearances, he refused to wear headphones providing him with the translation of proceedings into his native Serbian language. On Tuesday, a loudspeaker set up in front of his desk gave him no choice but to listen.

Milosevic’s actions introduced the phrase “ethnic cleansing” into common use. “Some of the incidents reveal an almost medieval savagery and a calculated cruelty that went far beyond the bounds of legitimate warfare,” she said in a 30-minute

opening statement.

Using charts, maps and archive video clips, deputy prosecutor Nice recapped Milosevic’s rise to power in the late 1980 and early 1990s. The ousted leader, he said, manipulated an upsurge of Serb nationalism “to get as much as he could get away with and as much as he could keep.”

Nice said Milosevic “did not confront his victims. He was able to view what was happening from his high-profile office. If the prosecution case is right, he had these crimes committed for him.”

Zdenko Tomanovic, a Belgrade lawyer and spokesman for Milosevic, dismissed the prosecution’s opening statement as “political concoctions.” He complained that the court had wronged Milosevic by not allowing him sufficient time to prepare his defense.

Officials suspect al-Qaida links to latest terrorism threat

BY TED BRIDIS
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Attorney General John Ashcroft urged Americans to adopt “the highest state of alert” in the search for 16 men possibly linked to Osama bin Laden’s terrorist network and believed to have planned an attack against the United States or its people in Yemen.

The FBI said Tuesday it based an unusually detailed public warning on information from interviews by U.S. officials with detainees in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and in Afghanistan. Three earlier

alerts were vague as to the date of any potential attack.

The latest, listing names of possible terrorists and warning of an attack “on or around” Tuesday, did not specify any possible targets.

The warning identified the possible ringleader as Fawaz Yahya al-Rabeei, a Yemeni citizen born in 1979 in Saudi Arabia. A U.S. official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said al-Rabeei is believed to have links to al-Qaida but is not believed to have been involved in the attack against the USS Cole in the Yemeni port of Aden in 2000.

Ashcroft, in San Antonio for a speech, described al-Rabeei and the 15 others in the warning as “individuals who may be associated with Osama bin Laden and the al-Qaida network.” He did not elaborate.

The FBI published photos of al-Rabeei and 12 of the others on its Web site, www.fbi.gov. The FBI asked police “to stop and detain” any of those in the alert and said they should be considered extremely dangerous.

Officials acknowledged they did not know whether al-Rabeei was in the United States and could not be sure even that he was alive. A hurried review of immigration records showed no indication he had ever been in the United States, a Justice Department official said.

Internationally, allies were trying to determine where al-Rabeei and his associates had traveled recently, but those efforts were being hampered by the numerous aliases the men might be using. The FBI listed at least 14 for al-Rabeei alone, including “Furqan The Chechen.”

“I want to encourage all law enforcement officials, and, frankly, all Americans everywhere to be on the highest state of alert in regard to these individuals,” Ashcroft said. “I encourage individuals to

report anything that they consider to be suspicious.”

One law enforcement official said the threat information was corroborated to an extent by multiple sources in Cuba, Afghanistan and in allied governments.

“We’re being careful — with the Winter Olympics in the United States — that things be as safe as possible,” Justice spokeswoman Susan Dryden said. “We’d rather err on the side of caution.”

Homeland Security Director Tom Ridge noted the alert in a speech to college presidents, saying, “If we can interdict those who would do us harm and bring havoc and war and destruction and death to this country before they cross our borders ... that’s the best homeland security.”

The head of the International Association of Chiefs of Police said the level of detail in the latest warning was more helpful than earlier FBI alerts. “But people are still saying, what does this mean?” said Bill Berger, chief of the North Miami Beach, Fla., Police Department. “Police departments can be on the lookout for these people, but unless somebody calls up, I don’t know what else we can do.”

Christian group to show Gay Days video at Disney meeting

BY MIKE SCHNEIDER
Associated Press Writer

ORLANDO, Fla. — Members of a Christian activist group will try to show shareholders at The Walt Disney Co.’s annual meeting next week a video of gays and lesbians at Walt Disney World during Gay Days.

The goal is to show shareholders footage of members of the same sex holding hands, kissing and cuddling during the annual festivities, said Phillip Vaught, executive director of the Forest, Va.-based Christian Action Network.

Walt Disney World doesn’t sponsor Gay Days, although many of its events are held on its property.

“I don’t think shareholders realize what goes on down there at that time,” Vaught said Tuesday.

Disney’s shareholders’ meeting is scheduled for next Tuesday at the

Hartford Civic Center in Connecticut. Members of the Christian Action Network have rented a room at an adjacent hotel and plan to show the 10-minute video to anyone who wants to see it.

Disney spokesman John Dreyer couldn’t be reached immediately for comment at his Los Angeles office.

Gay Days founder Doug Swallow, a software developer in Long Branch, N.J., said he welcomed shareholders’ viewing the video.

“If shareholders saw the video, I would hope they would see thousands of people in the parks having a good time, spending money and increasing the value of their shares,” Swallow said.

Gay Days started more than 11 years ago when Swallow and his friends from a gay computer bulletin board service decided to get together informally

at the Magic Kingdom. They agreed to wear red shirts so they would be easily identifiable. Since then, Gay Days has swelled to a multi-day event that attracts more than 100,000 gays and lesbians to Orlando’s theme parks and nightclubs during the first weekend in June.

Last year, Christian Action Network president Martin Mawyer and Vaught went undercover and used hidden cameras to film Gay Days events at the theme parks and at nightclubs.

Vaught said they wanted to make sure no Disney employees were engaging in homoerotic behavior. They didn’t find any.

They did encounter Interstate 4 motorists who saw gay pornography being played on a rental bus driving to Disney for a party, and that will be featured in the video, Vaught said.

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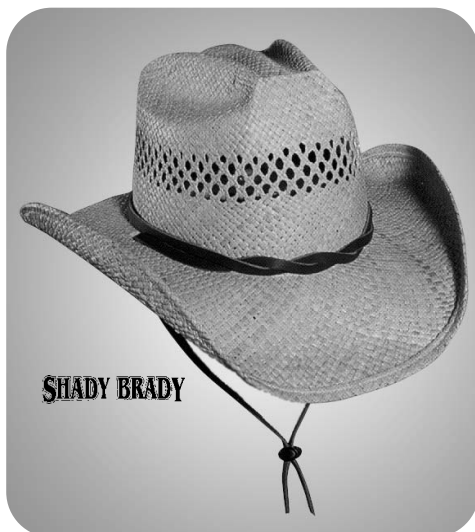
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INTERNATIONAL

Chief suspect detained in reporter's abduction

BY KATHY GANNON

Associated Press Writer

KARACHI, Pakistan — Police arrested a British-born Islamic militant Tuesday they say masterminded the kidnapping of Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl — the biggest break yet in the quest to free him. An official close to the investigation said the suspect told police Pearl is alive.

Ahmad Omar Saeed Sheikh, 27, was arrested Tuesday afternoon in the eastern city of Lahore, according to Tasneem Noorani, a senior official of Pakistan's Interior Ministry. Saeed was expected to be transferred to Karachi for further questioning.

Following the arrest, police fanned out across this city of 14 million people, raiding homes of suspected Islamic extremists and searching settlements along the bleak and thinly populated Pakistani coast. Police cautioned that rescuing Pearl could still take time.

Saeed "is one who is highly educated and one who I would feel is a hard nut to crack," Karachi Police Chief Kamal Shah said. "I don't think it would be very easy to break him straight away. It would take time I feel before we get all the details about Daniel from his interrogation."

Saeed's capture followed an intensive, nationwide manhunt and was announced ahead of Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf's meeting Wednesday with President Bush in Washington. Musharraf is expected to seek U.S. economic and political support to help combat Muslim extremism in this predominantly Islamic country of 147 million people.

The Pearl kidnapping has been an embarrassment for Musharraf, who's been trying to dispel Pakistan's image as a hotbed of Islamic fundamentalism. Saeed's arrest is a boost for the Pakistani leader as he meets Bush.

Pearl, 38, the Journal's South Asia bureau chief, disappeared Jan. 23 on his way to meet with Islamic extremist contacts. He was believed working on a story

about links between Pakistani militants and Richard C. Reid, the man accused of trying to detonate explosives hidden in his sneakers on a Paris-to-Miami flight in December.

In Washington, White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said he could not confirm any details about Saeed's arrest or Pearl's reported condition. However, he said that cooperation by Pakistani authorities "has been very strong and very helpful" in the Pearl case.

Saeed was arrested in India in 1994 in connection with the kidnapping of three British backpackers in Kashmir. The kidnappers demanded the release of Islamic militants fighting to end Indian rule in the contested Himalayan region. Saeed was shot and wounded by police and the hostages were freed unharmed.

He spent the next five years in jail — although never brought to trial — and was freed in December 1999 after gunmen hijacked an Indian Airlines jet to Kandahar, Afghanistan, and demanded the release of Saeed and other figures.

Police identified Saeed as the prime suspect in the case after arresting three men suspected of sending e-mails that announced Pearl's kidnapping.

One of the three men who was found to have the e-mails on his laptop computer told investigators that he got them from Saeed, police said. The other two said they had met Saeed in Afghanistan, police said.

The three suspected e-mailers were formally charged with kidnapping Tuesday and ordered jailed for two more weeks by a special anti-terrorism court in Karachi.

Those suspects were brought to Sindh province's High Court in an armored personnel carrier surrounded by 20 machine-gun toting policemen wearing helmets and bulletproof vests. They were chained together at the waist, their heads and faces covered by shawls and bath towels. They were led into a second-story courtroom but presiding Judge Shabir Ahmed decided to hear their case in his chambers.



Zia Mazhar/Associated Press

Police escort three accused persons out of the High Court on Tuesday in Karachi, Pakistan. Three men, accused by police of sending e-mails that announced the abduction of Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl, appeared before a special anti-terrorism court that will decide whether police have enough evidence to continue to detain them.

SPORTS

FitzRandolph wins 500m speedskating

Moseley and Street fail to add to medal collection

BY JAIME ARON
AP Sports Writer

SALT LAKE CITY — Not even a wobbly orange cone accidentally kicked into his path by a teammate could keep Casey FitzRandolph from a speedskating gold medal.

FitzRandolph won the Olympic 500 meters on Tuesday, becoming the event's first American champion since Eric Heiden in 1980.

Hiroyasu Shimizu of Japan took the silver and American Kip Carpenter, who nearly caused FitzRandolph to fall, got the bronze.

"It's as good as I've got. I thought I had a gold-medal run."

— JONNY MOSELEY
Men's moguls

Jonny Moseley and Picabo Street, meanwhile, were unable to repeat their Olympic feats from 1998 in Nagano.

Moseley pulled off his Dinner Roll jump to perfection but wound up fourth in the moguls. The 1998 Olympic champion lost his spot on the medals stand when teammate Travis Mayer finished second.

Janne Lahtela of Finland won the gold and Richard Gay of France got the bronze.

Street failed in her bid to become the first American woman to win three Olympic skiing medals, finishing 16th in the last event of her Olympic career.

Carole Montillet of France, who's never won a World Cup event, won the gold, followed by Isolde Kostner of Italy and Renate Goetschl of Austria.

At least the reigning Olympic champion U.S. women's hockey team lived up to expectations, defeated Germany 10-0 in its opener.

Also, Andrus Veerpalu of Estonia won the men's 15-kilometer classic style cross-country race, topping Frode Estil of Norway. Jaak Mae of Estonia took the bronze.

The women's 10-kilometer classical cross-country race went to Bente Skari of Norway, followed by Russians Olga Danilova and Julija Tchepalova.

Still brewing Tuesday was the figure skating controversy involving the pairs victory Monday night by Elena Berezhnaya and Anton Sikharulidze of Russia. Many felt silver medalists Jamie Sale and David Pelletier of Canada were better.

"When Jamie and David finished skating I thought, 'That was easy, they made it easy,'" Sally Rehorick, head of the Canadian delegation and former Olympic skating judge, said at a news conference. "So I certainly think it's bad for judging."

Earlier Monday, U.S. snowboarders continued thrusting themselves and their radical sport to the forefront of these games as Ross Powers, Danny Kass and J.J. Thomas took gold, silver and bronze

in the halfpipe.

The sweep in the halfpipe marked the first time Americans took all three medals in an event since men's figure skating in 1956.

The United States leads the Olympic medal count with nine, including three golds. Austria was next with seven and Norway third with six.

• **MOGULS:** Mayer is a latecomer, having competed in just two World Cup events before the Salt Lake City Games. He thought so little of his Olympic chances that late last year he told his family not to buy tickets.

"I thought if I skied my best for a couple runs, that would be a great day," Mayer said. "To end up second behind one of the greatest moguls skiers ever, it's the ultimate Olympic experience, pretty much."

Moseley was disappointed by the scoring of his signature move, saying "it's not even in the same league" as what it's compared to.

"It's as good as I've got," he said. "I thought I had a gold-medal run."

• **WOMEN'S DOWNHILL:** Street had the best time at the top of the mountain but lost speed in the middle of the course as she fought to control her skis.

"It was a wonderful last day of my career," said Street, who overcame severe injuries. "In my eyes and in my heart, qualifying for the Olympics felt like winning a gold medal."

Montillet's victory was salve for a French squad that has been in mourning since the October death of team leader Regine Cavagnoud, killed in a training accident.

Street finished behind compatriots Jonna Mendes, who was 11th, and Kirsten Clark, who was 12th.

The fourth U.S. skier, Caroline Lalive, missed a gate near the bottom of the course and did not finish.

• **WOMEN'S HOCKEY:** Natalie Darwitz, one of six first-time Olympians on the U.S. team, scored twice and fellow newcomer Julie Chu had a goal and an assist against Germany.

Karyn Bye, the team's leading goal scorer four years ago 1998, had two goals and two assists.

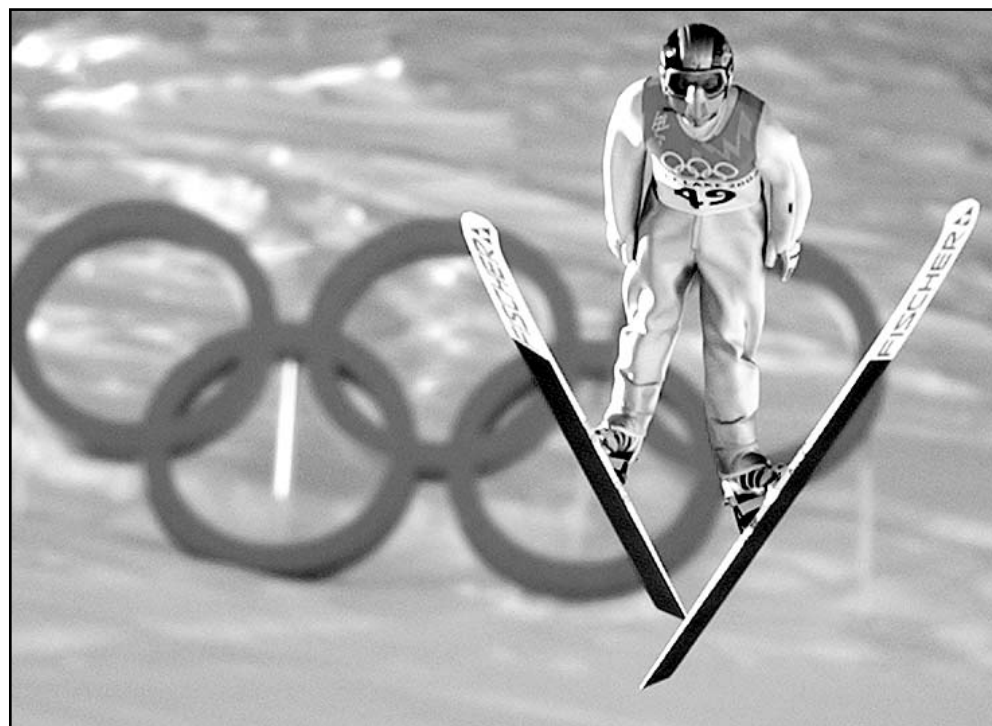
Canada, the defending silver medalist, beat Kazakhstan 7-0, and Sweden beat Russia 3-2. The Russians must beat or tie the Canadians on Wednesday to advance to the medal round.

• **FIGURE SKATING:** Sale and Pelletier were so good that fans serenaded them with chants of "Six! Six!" — begging the judges to give them a perfect score. Pelletier even kissed the ice before leaving to celebrate.

Instead, they got four 5.9s for artistry. Russia got seven, with the 5.9 from the Chinese judge making the difference, giving the country its 11th straight title in the event.

China's Shen Xue and Zhao Hongbo won the bronze medal. Americans Kyoko Ina and John Zimmerman finished fifth but called their performance "the greatest thing we've ever done."

• **SNOWBOARDING:** The power of the U.S. sweep was best illustrated at the medals ceremony late Monday, when three U.S. flags were raised side-by-side.



Joe Cavaretta/Associated Press

Alan Albourn of the United States competes during the Individual K120 Ski Jump at the 2002 Salt Lake City Winter Olympics in Park City, Utah on Tuesday.

"It was pretty cool," said Kass, the 19-year-old poster boy for this X-Games crossover sport. "Everybody was psyched."

The trio left the medals podium to chants of "USA!" then stirred up the crowd by tossing out their baseball caps.

And what about their bouquets of yellow roses?

"I saved them for my mom," said Powers, smiling.

• **LUGE:** Germany's Georg Hackl settled for the silver medal after three straight Olympic golds. He missed becoming the first winter athlete to win the same event four times, but set a record with a medal at five straight Winter games.

Armin Zoeggeler of Italy won gold and Markus Prock of Austria got bronze. Adam Heidt was fourth, just missing America's first luge medal in 38 years. It was still the best singles finish in U.S. team history.

• **MEN'S HOCKEY:** Latvia and

Germany play Tuesday night with the winner joining Belarus in taking on the six giants of international hockey.

Belarus (2-0-0) beat France 3-1 Monday night to clinch a second straight trip to the eight-team medal round. Ukraine (1-1-0) beat Switzerland 5-2 Monday, but was eliminated because of its 1-0 loss to Belarus on Saturday.

• **BIATHLON:** Magdalena Forsberg of Sweden, already considered the most successful female biathlete, bronze in the 15-kilometer event, finishing third to Andrea Henkel of Germany and Liv Grete Poiree of Norway.

Ole Einar Bjoerndalen of Norway won the men's 20-kilometer, followed by Frank Luck of Germany and Victor Maigourov of Russia.

• **CURLING:** The U.S. men's curling team upset defending world champion Sweden 10-5 in the opener, then lost to 2000 world champion Canada.

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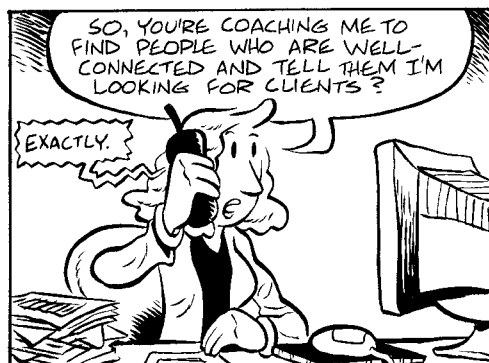
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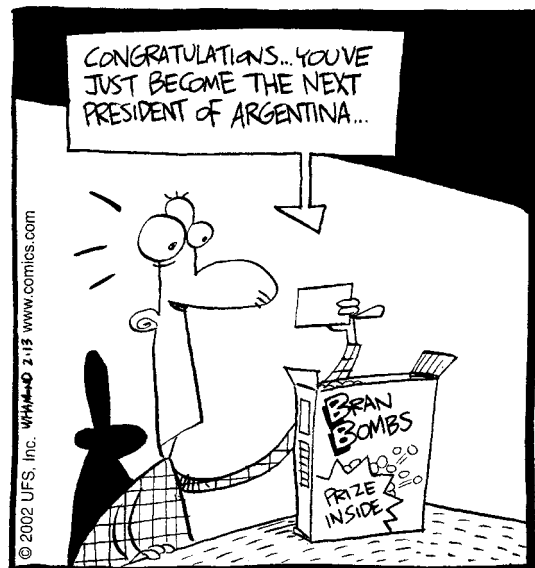
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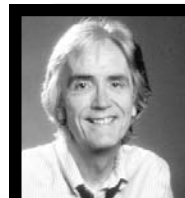
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by Chuck Shepard

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Woman fights government over jailed husband's sperm

BY MARC LEVY
Associated Press Writer

HARRISBURG, Pa. — The sperm of a New York mobster is the subject of a court battle between the government and his wife, who helped bribe a guard to smuggle the fluid out of the prison where her husband is doing time.

"It's fruits of the crime. It's contraband."

— WAYNE P. SAMUELSON
Federal prosecutor

The government impounded the frozen sperm in 2000 at the office of Maria Parlavecchio's gynecologist in New York City and has refused to release it.

"It's fruits of the crime," federal prosecutor Wayne P. Samuelson said Monday. "It's contraband."

Ms. Parlavecchio contends that the sperm is not an illegal substance and that it is not against the law to possess it, despite the illegal methods used to remove it from the minimum-security Allenwood Federal Prison in Pennsylvania. She is demanding the government release it.

If the government gets its way, the sperm will probably be destroyed.

Ms. Parlavecchio's husband, Antonino, was sentenced in 1992 to 14 years in prison for racketeering and other charges. His 38-year-old wife, who is childless, wants to use his sperm to get pregnant.

Both pleaded guilty in the sperm-smuggling case. He got an additional six months; she received a year of probation.

The dispute comes as federal prosecutors continue to unravel a slew of smuggling operations at Allenwood. At least 11 guards, prisoners, former inmates and others have been charged.

While Genoa salami, romano cheese and other creature comforts were smuggled into the prison, Samuelson

would not comment on whether the Parlavecchios were the only ones to take sperm out.

The sperm was smuggled out more than three times over a two-year period beginning in 1998, with a guard getting about \$200 to \$300 per trip, prosecutors said.

In court papers, the Parlavecchios' attorney, Eugene P. Tinari, argued: "While it can be said that the money used to bribe the correctional officer is derivative contraband ... the same cannot be said of the seminal fluids."

He asked the court to allow Ms. Parlavecchio "the chance to conceive a child, to create a life, to become a mother, and to have and enjoy the companionship and love of a son or daughter."

Man sues over marriage breakup

By The Associated Press

SIoux FALLS, S.D. — A federal jury here found a Las Vegas doctor civilly liable for seducing a Sioux Falls man's wife and awarded the husband \$950,000.

The case was brought to court under a seldom-used law — alienation of affection — found in South Dakota and eight other states.

Richard M. Jones sued Dr. Todd Swanson in federal court for alienating the affections of his wife, Donna Jones.

The jury deliberated for 3 1/2 hours Friday before awarding Jones \$450,000 in damages and \$500,000 in punitive damages.

Russ Janklow, Swanson's lawyer, said his client may appeal.

"He's very disappointed and shocked by the amount of the verdict," Janklow said. "He's certainly looking at all options."

According to court documents, Donna Jones and Swanson dated in 1977 and 1978. She married Richard Jones in 1981.

In late 1998, Donna Jones and Swanson began seeing each other again and took trips together, according to court papers. Donna Jones was served divorce papers in August 2000. She and Richard Jones are divorced.

The South Dakota House recently passed legislation that would allow wives to sue women who seduce their husbands. In doing so, lawmakers rejected an attempt to repeal the alienation-of-affection law that now applies only to men.

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