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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

by Chuck Shepard

Two women were arrested in February and two men were being sought by police in a failed counterfeit-check scheme in Hickory, N.C.; they were busted because, despite using elaborate computer software to publish bogus checks, none of the four noticed that they had spelled the payer Broyhill Furniture's name as "Boryhill Furniture." And according to authorities in Winona, Minn., in February, Carl Fratzke defrauded seven people of a total of \$200,000 in a bogus investment in gloves; Fratzke (not a very sophisticated investor, himself) then immediately fell for one of the myriad Nigerian scams, blowing the entire \$200,000 (plus \$550,000 of his own money).



THOUGHT OF THE DAY

Logic is in the eye of the logician.



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Local school victim of alleged fraud scheme

Beverly Hills fundraiser sued by attorney general

BY JOHN WOOD

Daily Press Staff Writer

Officials from a private Santa Monica elementary school that was bilked out of more than \$500,000 applauded a state lawsuit Friday that accuses fundraiser Aaron Tonken of fraud.

The Westside Waldorf School on Fourth Street was forced into an economic crisis two years ago after Tonken allegedly arranged for a major donation from the Cynthia Gershman Foundation that never came through, school officials said.

In a lawsuit filed this week by the state attorney general, Tonken and his associates are accused of defrauding former President Bill Clinton and several celebrities out of more than \$1.5 million by organizing fundraisers and allegedly pocketing the money.

The Waldorf School was one of more than a half dozen organizations that was allegedly defrauded.

The lawsuit alleges Tonken put donations intended for charities

into his own bank account and then allegedly refused to give the charities an explanation of where the money went.

"Everything he said he was going to do, he hasn't done. The children of the school have really suffered because of him. It's unconscionable."

— WENDY SALZ

Parent and former event coordinator

Waldorf parents, teachers and administrators expressed hope Friday that the lawsuit will prevent other organizations from falling victim to Tonken's alleged scheme.

"Everything he said he was going to do, he hasn't done," said Waldorf parent and former event coordinator Wendy Salz, who worked with Tonken in the past. "The children of the school have

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Del Pastrana/Daily Press

The Westside Waldorf School is in economic turmoil after it fell victim to an alleged fraud scheme by a Beverly Hills fundraiser.

Sweeping 'living wage' law causes an uproar

BY SUSAN MONTOYA BRYAN

Associated Press Writer

SANTA FE, N.M. — For more than two decades, artist Lynda Feman has watched locals struggle to make ends meet while money rolled into this picturesque resort that caters to the champagne tastes of tourists.

"Santa Fe is impossible," said Feman, peddling her ceramic artwork on Santa Fe Plaza. "I've lived here for 25 years and I'm maxed out. It needs to change."

The frustration has led to a fight pitting some of Santa Fe's biggest employers against its poorest residents over the nation's most sweeping "living wage" ordinance.

Approved last month during a heated meeting of the City Council, the law raises hourly pay for thousands of workers to at least \$8.50 in January, more than \$3 above the federal minimum of \$5.15. The minimum is supposed to rise even more, to \$10.50, by 2008.

The council's action makes Santa Fe the only municipality in the country extending a mandatory minimum wage to all businesses with at

least 25 employees. Tourist hotels, trendy shops and high-end restaurants will be affected, as will fast-food joints and discount stores.

Many U.S. cities have living-wage laws, but they apply only to municipal workers or employees at businesses that contract with a city or county.

This high-desert town sits at the foot of the

Sangre de Cristo Mountains. Its twisting, narrow streets, dotted with pinon trees, are lined with quaint adobe homes and shops. At the heart of town is the bustling plaza, where Indians and others sell turquoise jewelry and pottery. Nearby are several old churches, galleries and museums.

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Judge strikes down 'horse's ass'

BY DAVID AMMONS

Associated Press Writer

OLYMPIA, Wash. — A state judge on Friday blocked a tongue-in-cheek initiative that would have allowed voters to criticize — or support — Tim Eyman, the state's foremost tax rebel, by voting on whether he is legally "a horse's ass."

Eyman is a prominent supporter of anti-tax initiatives in Washington state. They have

included a rollback of affirmative action, \$30 car license tabs, property tax limits and more.

His critics say his initiatives have gutted crucial state and local services by cynically appealing to voters' desire for lower taxes regardless of cost.

One of those critics is David Goldstein, a Seattle small business owner who drafted Initiative 831. It would allow voters to declare

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★★-So-so ★-Difficult

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, March 15, 2003:

Deal with others directly this year. You have an inordinate amount of energy that helps you get your job done and keeps you going. Often, others hold you back from what you might be able to achieve. Stay centered. Acknowledging your limits helps you both professionally and emotionally. You are anchored far more than you realize. You gain if you use your sound judgment. You career blossoms with the possibility of a pay raise or promotion. If you are single, someone special enters your life around your birthday. You could have your socks knocked off! If you are attached, become more of a team, and you'll gain both professionally and emotionally. LEO understands you.



ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★★ It might take you a while to recuperate from being overloaded and having as much on your plate as you do right now. You could change your mind about a trip, even if it is simply a day excursion. Your laughter can make a big difference in a serious talk. Tonight: Light and easy works.



TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ Think through a decision that involves a personal or difficult situation. You might just like hanging out at the house doing nothing particularly special. You find that spending time with your loved ones takes you in a new direction. Tonight: Invite your friends over.



GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ Considering it all, you might be much happier and together than you realize. Go out and see your many friends. You will enjoy visualizing and sharing more of yourself. Visit favorite people; pursue favorite activities. Someone lets you know just how good he or she feels about you. Tonight: Out at a favorite spot.



CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★★ Don't allow yourself to be pushed by someone else. Take your time deciding about a money expenditure. Schedule quality time with a loved one or friend who means a lot to you. Treat this person to dinner or a favorite pastime. Tonight: Just enjoy the moment.



LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ Observe a tendency to go to extremes without even meaning to. Still, you might not be in the mood to curb yourself, and why should you? Laugh and play along with a loved one you care about. Help an overly serious friend lighten up. Tonight: Put on your dancing shoes.



VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★★ You might want to chill out some, as you could easily go on overload. Knowing your limits might be more important than you realize. Don't push someone you care about too hard. Listen to a friend who often shares his or her secrets with you. Tonight: Get some extra zzz's, if you can.



LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ Aim for more of what you want in the next few days. If you would like to share more with friends, do so. You have been reining yourself in, trying not to go overboard. Worry less about others' opinions, understanding what you would like or want. Tonight: Where your friends are.



SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ Realize how often others look to you for leadership and direction. Your sense of humor takes you a long way toward enjoying yourself. Take charge, listening to feedback from someone you ultimately trust. Not everything is as you see it. Tonight: A must appearance.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ Take your time visualizing more of what you need and want. Others are highly responsive to your ideas. If you want to take off, do so, not letting someone hold you back. A different setting gives you a whole new perspective. Tonight: Off to the movies.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★★ Someone cannot do enough for you to make you happy. You also need to be concerned with just how much energy you can afford to expend. Listen well to a child or loved one you care about. This person needs your ear. Tonight: Togetherness works.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ Others come toward you, making that additional effort. A loved one understands much more than you realize about what you are going through. This person could be hardheaded, but he or she is there for you. Do more sharing. Tonight: Let the good feelings flow.



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★★ You have an inordinate amount of energy that allows you to get much more done than you thought possible. Go off and exercise or take a brisk walk. Others could be overwhelmed by all your get-up-and-go. Know when you've had enough. Tonight: Wear off your energy in a fun manner.

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LOCAL



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Sustainable city plan updated, expanded

By Daily Press staff

The Santa Monica City Council approved an updated and expanded sustainable city plan last month.

The document sets long-term policy goals to harness the power of local government, business and individuals to address many of the economic, environmental and societal problems cities face across the world. The program is easy to understand and has saved the city money, while producing multiple benefits for the community and reducing its burden on the environment, officials say.

Although the original scope of the program as adopted in 1994 focused primarily on environmental issues, the program has been expanded to include housing, education, civic participation, and human dignity. The program, even before the modification, placed Santa Monica into a leadership position in the world-wide sustainability movement, officials say.

Since 1994 Santa Monica's sustainability efforts have helped the city add parks and trees, increase the number of affordable housing units, improve neighborhood quality and safety, cut energy costs while reducing air pollutants and dramatically reduced the amount of pollution entering Santa Monica Bay, officials say.

"Sustainability doesn't mean making do with less," said Dean Kubani, sustainable program coordinator. "On the contrary, it means using our resources — natural, human and social — in better and more efficient ways to maximize the benefits of all that we do."

The newly updated and expanded sustainable city plan includes new community goals for the next decade in the following areas: resource management, environmental and public health, transportation, economic development, open space and land use, housing, community education and civic participation and human dignity.

Some of the specific accomplishments of the sustainable city plan:

- In 1999 Santa Monica became the first city in the U.S. to power all of its facilities with renewable electricity, prompting several other cities to follow suit.

- The city's groundbreaking environmental purchasing and toxics reduction policies are being replicated throughout the U.S. and as far away as Europe, Japan and the Philippines.

- The recently completed Santa Monica Urban Runoff Recycling Facility — the first of its kind in the world — will result in a healthier bay and lower water bills for the city.

The full plan is available in PDF on the city's Web site at <http://www.santa-monica.org/environment/policy/SCP2003.pdf>.

Library architect on hand this weekend

By Daily Press staff

Pamela Burton, a Santa Monica landscape architect, will present a slide lecture entitled "Mid-Century Gardens in Southern California," at the Santa Monica Public Library on Sunday, March 16 at 2 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium, 1343 Sixth Street.

She also will sign copies of her recent book, "Private Landscapes: Modernist Gardens in Southern California" that she co-authored with Marie Botnick.

Burton will focus her talk on one of the great garden traditions of Southern California — the garden as an outdoor extension of the space of houses designed by masters of mid-century modern architecture such as Richard Neutra, Rudolph Schindler, Gregory Ain, Raphael Soriano, Harwell Hamilton Harris, and John Lautner. These gardens made use of low-maintenance, drought-resistant plants, and provided a space for informal outdoor living for children and adults. Private Landscapes, profiling 19 significant modern gardens and their accompanying houses by these celebrated architects, will be available for sale by Form Zero Books and for signing by co-authors Burton and Botnick.

Internationally known for her civic, university, and residential landscape projects, Burton is the landscape architect for the new Main Library designed by Moore, Ruble, Yudell, also of Santa Monica. She is a noted teacher and lecturer specializing



Information compiled by Jamie Seborer

Saturday will see 5-8' waves with occasional overheads at the best breaks. The swell is coming in from the Northwest so breaks open to the West should see some big waves. The conditions will be poor to fair because of an approaching storm.

Sunday is much of the same as the swell begins to decrease and a new swell builds that should bring big waves to the well-exposed breaks.

Expect rain throughout the entire weekend as a storm blows through southern California. High winds, in the 10-15 knot range are to be expected as well as rain run-off which will raise bacteria levels. Once again, area beaches will probably be on a 72-hour advisory.



Today's Tides:

Low	12:43AM	2.0'
High	6:44AM	5.6'
Low	1:44PM	-0.9'
High	8:10PM	4.3'

Location	Saturday	Sunday	Water Quality
County Line	6-8' fair	5-7' poor	NA
Zuma	4-6' fair	3-4' poor	NA
Surfrider	4-6' fair	3-4' poor	NA
Topanga	4-5' fair	4-5' poor	NA
Breakwater	4-6' fair	3-4' poor	NA
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in integrating the disciplines of art, architecture, and landscape.

Burton's talk is free and open to the public. For more information, the public can call library general information (310) 458-8600.

Historical Society celebrates Lawrence Welk

By Daily Press staff

An exhibition will commemorate the 100th Anniversary of Lawrence Welk's birth presented by the Santa Monica Historical Society Museum.

The exhibit includes memorabilia, photographs, and film of Lawrence Welk and His Musical Family. It will be on display now through Aug. 15. The museum is located at 1539 Euclid Street, Santa Monica. Museum hours are Tuesdays through Fridays 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., the second and fourth Sundays of each month from 1 p.m.-4 p.m. General admission is \$5; seniors and students are \$2 and children 12 and under are free. For more information, call (310) 395-2290.

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OPINION

LETTERS

Plenty of homeowners against Prop. A

Editor:

The advertisement in your March 12, 2003 newspaper paid for by Prop. A organizers titled "We're In This Together" tries to blame opponents of Prop. A for dividing homeowners from renters. Sheer nonsense.

Opponents of Prop. A are also homeowners. We oppose Prop. A's attack on our community's ability to protect its character and quality of life. So do renters. We oppose Prop. A's cynical claims that it is about nothing more than personal housing choices. So do renters. Prop. A's property owner supporters are focused on their private gain. Prop. A's opponents, both renters and homeowners, are focused on the public interest.

Renters and homeowners who care about our city are indeed "in this together" in opposing Prop. A. There are many, many of us. Those below are just some of our most active homeowners.

Richard Bloom, homeowner, Sunset Park, Mayor of Santa Monica
 Karen and Corey Blechman, homeowners, Ocean Park
 Ken Breisch, North of Wilshire
 Tom Cleys, homeowner, Sunset Park, President, Santa Monica Conservancy
 Sid Fleischman, homeowner, North of Montana
 Nina Fresco, homeowner, Ocean Park, Landmarks Commissioner
 Victor Fresco, homeowner, North of Montana
 Sherrill Kushner, homeowner, North of Montana
 RuthAnn Lehrer, homeowner, Wilshire-Montana, Landmarks Commissioner
 Lori Nafshun and Mike Bone, homeowners, Ocean Park
 Bea Nemlaha, homeowner, Ocean Park, Save Our Neighborhoods Spokesperson
 Barbara Schnitzler, homeowner, North of Montana, Landmarks Commissioner
 Doris Sosin, homeowner, North of Montana
 Peter Spelman and Stephanie Tainsky, homeowners, Ocean Park

Bea Nemlaha
 Santa Monica

Insure the workers

Editor:

More than 80 percent of Americans lacking health coverage live in households with either a full-time or part-time worker. But the cost of insurance is making it increasingly difficult for employers, particularly small employers, to fund coverage. And even when the company does offer a health plan, lower wage employees cannot always afford their share of premiums. With "Cover the Uninsured Week" getting a lot of attention, it is about time for employers to re-think how they provide and fund coverage.

First, rather than selecting a specific health plan for their workers, employers can switch to a defined-contribution model where they simply determine how much they wish to spend on health insurance and then provide those dollars to each employee as a sort of voucher. Such a system provides employees with access to coverage while allowing the employer to stay within his or her budget.

Second, employers should make it as easy as possible for employees to secure cov-

erage by providing them access to health purchasing alliances wherein employees choose a health plan that is right for them. Experience has shown that employees are more willing to pay their fair share so long as they are given the opportunity to make their own choices.

Finally, employers should look for financial incentives for their employees to fund health coverage. Some new consumer-directed healthcare products qualify for a tax-deferred Archer Medical Savings Account (MSA). This is attractive to employees and provides further encouragement to sign up.

It is inexcusable that 41 million of our fellow citizens lack basic health coverage. These are the orphans of America's greatness. It is time for all of us to do all that we can to foster awareness, encourage dialogue and find solutions to one of our nation's greatest tragedies.

John Word
 Orange, Calif.

Being fair is not debatable

Editor:

"Fair," unlike beauty, is not in the eyes of the beholder
 Tom Larmore's letter on March 10 about the constitutionality of Landmarks ordi-

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Cut those billionaires some slack, they're not all bad



MODERN TIMES

By Lloyd Garver

Forbes Magazine came out with its annual list of billionaires this month and I'm not on it. Again. You probably aren't either. I'm not sure how they figure out who all these billionaires are. No annoying telemarketer called me during dinner to ask if we had any billionaires living in our house. But I guess they have their methods.

A billion dollars is so huge that it's hard to conceive of. To help us picture that amount, some people say that if you have a billion \$1 bills, and place them on the ground end to end, they will go around the world four times. I don't think so. I'm sure after you put a few bills on the ground, the wind would blow them away. Or if it didn't, other people would scoop

them up and stuff them in their pockets. No, the definition that works best for me is a billion dollars is the amount of money that will make people hate the owner of that money no matter what he or she does.

Why should we assume that just because somebody is super-rich he or she is a bad person? When was the last time you met a billionaire you didn't like?

Bill Gates is listed as the richest person in the world again, and lots of people hate him. It's not because of how he deals with competition, it's not because of the nerdy glasses or the whiny voice. It's because he committed the Great American Sin — he made too much money. People are jealous, pure and simple. In our culture, we celebrate those who are successful, but we don't like it when they get too successful. When friends of yours buy a nice house, you're happy for them. But when people you know buy a really, really nice house, they're "show-offs" who have become "too fancy."

Some people are so upset about Bill Gates' money that they frequent a Web site that reports exactly how much he's

worth at that particular moment. If these people spent a little less time on the Web site and a little more time working, they might narrow the gap a little between Bill and them.

Bill Gates is the most philanthropic person in the world, giving away more than a \$1 billion a year. Instead of praising his generosity, the general reaction is "Big deal. He can afford it." Of course he can afford it. But many of us can afford to give a similar percentage of our incomes to charity each year, but we don't. If Bill Gates' contributions would put an end to all the diseases in the world, people would say, "OK, but why does his browser have to be on my desktop?" If Ted Turner cleaned up the environment and brought about world peace, people would say, "That's nice, but the Braves have done a lot better since he hasn't been involved with the team."

Now that Oprah Winfrey made the billionaire list for the first time, people are probably going to stop liking her. Her television audience will feel distanced from her

as they ask, "How can she relate to me now? She's a billionaire, and I'm only a thousandaire." Everybody who was thrilled to get a Christmas card from her last year, upon receiving one this year will complain, "She has a billion dollars, and all she sends is a card?" Old friends will start whispering things behind her back like, "Have you noticed she's a lot snootier now than when she was just a multi-millionaire?"

I like having friends, but I'm not going to rid myself of all my ambition because of billionaire-phobia. I've got a plan. I'll keep working with the same drive, but when I get to \$990 million, I'll stop. That way, I'll be rich, but people will still like me.

(Lloyd Garver has written for many television shows, ranging from "Sesame Street" to "Family Ties" to "Frasier." He has also read many books, some of them in hardcover. He writes the "Modern Times" column for CBSnews.com's opinion page and can be reached at smdp@lloydgarvermoderntimes.com).

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LOCAL



LETTERS

nances like Santa Monica's basically says, "Who cares what the U.S. Supreme Court says about historic preservation being good for communities. The Santa Monica Landmarks ordinance is unfair because I, some developers and real estate interests, and some Santa Monica property owners think it is."

Silly me. I always thought that the court system in this country was there to resolve differences in opinion on subjects like "fairness." But I'm not a Santa Monica real estate attorney like Mr. Larmore.

Pam Vavra

Former Santa Monica resident and community activist

Bauer got it wrong with neighborhood group

Editor:

A March 7 Bill Bauer column about neighborhood groups contained a few errors concerning Friends of Sunset Park.

1. "Most associations co-mingle grant money and membership dues in one bank account." FOSP recently applied, for the first time, for a city matching grant. The grant money was deposited into a separate bank account, not co-mingled, specifically so that we could easily track compliance with the city guidelines.

2. "They are in violation of the conditions of the grant." According to Judy Rambeau, city matching funds CAN be used to publish newsletters with "pro" and "con" statements on ballot measures. Our February newsletter, mailed to members and sent as flyers to 7,000 households in Sunset Park, contained 500-word statements written by proponents and opponents of Prop. A.

A subsequent FOSP flyer, opposing Prop. A, explained how our board had reached that decision after three years of publishing newsletter articles about historic preservation, holding community meetings on historic preservation and land-marking, and soliciting input at annual meetings and in survey questions on our membership forms. It also included the CityTV schedule of Prop. A debates, as well as information about the Prop. A Forum at the Ken Edwards Center. City funds were not used to pay for this flyer.

3. "The practice of neighborhood organizations holding board of directors meetings with little or not public notice and in private, as well as conducting business without the polling or participation of members and neighbors, is reprehensible." FOSP membership/board meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month at Mt. Olive Church. Reminder cards are mailed to all FOSP members and notices are included in newsletters flyered to the entire neighborhood. Those who cannot attend the meetings can access the FOSP Web site, www.friendsofsunsetpark.org, or contact us by voice mail and e-mail.

4. Contrary to Mr. Bauer's statement, FOSP Vice President Tom Cleys is not a Landmarks Commissioner.

Cathy Larson

Friends of Sunset Park, treasurer

Who's the idiot?

Editor:

I wonder who is the biggest idiot in Santa Monica. Could be the one who decided to tear down the Main Library, which is fine the way it is. It could be the idiot in charge of traffic engineering. Or maybe it is the idiot who wants to order his troops to attack Iraq instead of fixing his own country first. Oh wait, wrong city for that last one, but who am I to pass up on a chance to point out the stupidity of "Dubya"

Mike Kirwan

Venice

Big money behind election

Editor:

Still haven't decided on how to vote on Proposition A? Consider this: The initiative that put Prop. A on the ballot forced the city to hold a special election for just this one issue, which cost our financially strapped city over \$100,000. The big money interests that sponsored Prop. A hoped that by having a special election voter turn out would be low, which would benefit their side. If Prop. A passes, you can bet this type of expensive one-issue election will become more frequent as big money will see this as a way to pass all kinds of potentially unpopular initiatives which require low voter turn out to push through.

Victor Fresco

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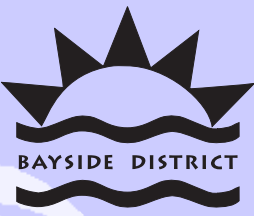
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LOCAL

Waldorf school dragged into state's lawsuit

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really suffered because of him. It's unconscionable."

Tonken, whose fundraising and consulting business is based in Beverly Hills, couldn't be reached for comment.

Waldorf officials said Tonken brought two donors to the school in January of 2001. Cynthia Gershman, trustee of the Cynthia Gershman Foundation, signed a pledge to Waldorf for \$650,000. Another donor, Loren Arbus, agreed to put on four annual fundraisers for the school, officials said.

Waldorf then paid Tonken \$25,000 for "consultation services," and began expansion and relocation plans for the private school, which must move out of its current location at St. Augustine Church by the Sea by July 1 because its lease expires, school officials said.

When Gershman's first \$120,000 check came through, the school hired more teachers and an administrator who was paid \$80,000 a year to help find a new home for the school and oversee its move.

Tonken's reliability came into question shortly after when the first annual fundraiser failed to generate any revenue, school officials said.

Waldorf put up \$65,000 as a "good faith" deposit which Tonken was supposed to return after the event, along with any additional revenue generated by the fundraiser, school officials said. But officials said Tonken was slow to return their deposit. Vendors from the event soon began calling the school, saying they had not been paid for their services by Tonken or Arbus.

"From then on, it kind of became an adversarial relationship," said Jeffrey Graham, former board president and co-chair of Waldorf's finance committee.

Waldorf officials said Tonken eventually returned the school's \$65,000 by depositing money into its bank account from a separate donor. But no extra revenue was ever brought in by the event, they said.

"We don't know exactly what happened," said Christiaan Wagener, a Waldorf parent and secretary to the board. "He kept moving the money around like a little pansy scheme."

Shortly after the first fundraiser, Gershman withdrew her pledge, which sent the school into further economic tailspin. Graham said Gershman didn't provide any reason for the change of heart.

With the money suddenly gone, Wagener said the school had to lay-off

temporary workers, cut back on services, ask vendors for grace periods and seek loans just to avoid bankruptcy.

"We tried to keep the children from being effected," he said. "The teachers took on an enormous amount of work and we had parents come in and volunteer."

Wagener estimates it will take three years for the 165-student private school to recover from the alleged fraud. The school charges an annual tuition of about \$11,000 per student.

Parents and teachers said they are relieved that the lawsuit may hold Tonken accountable for his alleged improper actions.

"He is beyond rude," said Salz, who worked as a coordinator directly with Tonken. "He's self-centered. He was money thirsty in his motives — it didn't matter who got hurt or what he had to do, he did it anyway."

Attorney General Bill Lockyer, who filed the lawsuit, said his first priority is to "shut down Tonken's operation."

"The lawsuit details a sordid scheme to steal money from worthy charities, use it for improper purposes, and refuse to account for the donations," Lockyer said in a press release Thursday. "Allowing egregious misconduct like this to go unchecked can chill charitable donations and harm the organizations they support."

The lawsuit, which seeks a permanent injunction barring Tonken and the other defendants from fundraising or disbursing donations, is for \$1.7 million in general damages, civil penalties of at least \$350,000 and unspecified punitive damages.

Named as defendants in the case are Tonken, Aaron Tonken & Associates, Cynthia Gershman, lawyer Kevin Clarke and Los Angeles resident Robert Freedman.

The charities allegedly defrauded by Tonken include the Kids Campaign, the Joan English Fund for Women's Cancer Research, the Michael J. Fox Foundation, the Betty Ford Center, City of Hope, Inner-City Games Foundation, Waldorf, the Isabelle and Leonard Goldenson Association and the Robert H. Lorsch Foundation Trust.

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ENTERTAINMENT



Inside the minds of the actors and actresses

BY SEAN DALY
Special to the Daily press

Top celebrity news
■ **HALLE BERRY MAY RETURN**
AS "JINX"... in a sequel to the mega-James Bond hit "Die Another Day." Backstage at the NAACP Image Awards on March 8 (she won Outstanding Supporting Actress for the role), Berry said a script is already in the works. "They are in the process of working on it right now," she told us. "So if it is any good, hopefully we can make a decent movie out of it."



HALLE BERRY

■ **SPIKE LEE WAS HONORED** ... with a lifetime achievement award at the NAACP ceremony, but reportedly left the event at LA's Universal Amphitheater early to catch a red-eye back to New York for Michael Jordan's final game at Madison Square Garden. During the tribute, NBA star John Sally told the filmmaker, "I have a championship cigar for you, but since the Knicks are never gonna win one, I'll just hang on to it."

■ **FRANKIE MUNIZ SAID NO TO MICHAEL JACKSON** ... a few years go when the Gloved One invited him for a sleepover. "Michael is a huge fan

of 'Malcolm In The Middle' which is kind of creepy," the 16 year-old star revealed while promoting his new movie, "Agent Cody Banks," which opened Friday. "I have been invited over (to the Neverland Ranch in Encino), but I didn't stay with him."

■ **STOCKARD CHANNING IS NOT A FAN OF AWARD SHOWS** ... "I have been fortunate enough to win at the last couple I was at." The "West Wing" star told reporters after claiming Outstanding Supporting Actress honors at last week's Screen Actors Guild Awards. "Generally as I move toward the stage, I start falling, my eyes start running ... it totally brings back every nightmare I ever had in high school."



STOCKARD CHANNING

■ **WHO INSPIRES AMY BRASSETT** ... of "Cedric The Entertainer Presents?" Turns out it's none other than drag queen RuPaul. "My whole bathroom is done in Barbie and RuPaul," the actress revealed. As for the rest of the house? "It's mostly Indonesian art and Earthtones," she says. "The bathroom is my opportunity to be with RuPaul and Barbie."

■ **RENEE ZELLWEGER WILL KEEP BUSY** ... in the days leading up to the Academy Awards. The nominated Best Actress will be attending her best friend's wedding shower, helping her get fitted for a wedding dress, and shooting some last minute scenes for her new movie "Down With Love." "My entire family is also coming in from Australia," he says. Meanwhile, her nominated co-star QUEEN LATIFAH plans to spend the time relaxing: "I am just gonna kick back for a day or two, let the wardrobe people worry about my wardrobe, and get a massage."

The list: "What in your day to day life are you really good at and really bad at?"

■ **JAMIE LYNN SIGLER** ("The Sopranos"): "I'm really good at sports like softball and tennis. I'm getting good at golf. I took up golf for AJ because he's a good golfer and he thought it would be something good for me to do. Actually I thought it was boring and you have one good swing and you're hooked. It's pretty bad. I had a couple great swings my first lesson and now I'm begging him to play. Something I'm really bad at would be lying. I'm a horrible liar."

■ **JENNIFER LOVE HEWITT** ("The Tuxedo"): "I hook up electronics really well. Like home stereos. I play the guitar really badly. Right now I am officially the world's suckiest guitar player."

■ **SHERYL CROW** (Singer): "Running hurdles. I'm a good hurdler. I used to run in high school and at the time could almost beat anybody, but not now."

■ **SOLEIL MOON FRYE** ("Sabrina The Teenage Witch"): "I love boxing. My father was a six-time golden glove. I'm not going to compete for the Golden Glove, but it's so much fun."

■ **RYAN PHILLIPPE** ("Igby Goes Down"): "I sing really badly. And something I do really well would be Martial Arts, I guess. I have a black belt in Tae Kwon Do."

■ **VIN DIESEL WANTS TO SING** ... in an upcoming big screen version on "Guys and Dolls." The "XXX" action hero has yet to officially sign on for the project, but said last week that he is ready to try a musical — especially if it were to co-star NICOLE KIDMAN. "The idea of me singing ... I'm scared shitless of singing," he said. "But Tom Hanks always told me, 'Do what you are afraid of.'" Diesel's current movie, "A Man Apart," opens April 4.



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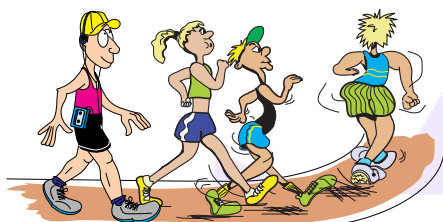
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NATIONAL

Businesses lash out at city leaders for wage law

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It is also New Mexico's capital and home to the Palace of the Governors, once the seat of the Mexican territorial government and now a history museum.

Nearly a quarter of the city's 26,000 nongovernment workers make less than \$10.50 an hour, and supporters of the ordinance insist a higher minimum is desperately needed to help a work force trapped in low-paying hospitality industry jobs.

"People who live in Santa Fe these days work two or three jobs to make ends meet," said Frank Montano, a former city councilman who has been pushing for the wage increase.

Santa Fe business owners, however, have filed a lawsuit claiming the living-wage ordinance violates state law and the city code.

Joe Hoback, owner of the Pink Adobe restaurant, predicted higher prices and cutbacks in employee perks.

"I'm going to have to spread the pain around," he said. "The majority of my staff is very much against this because they want to have a choice on how they

are going to receive their compensation."

Michael Chaplin, owner of a construction business, argued that city leaders have no right to tell him how much to pay his workers.

Other business leaders predict job losses, and some see companies folding or moving elsewhere, especially in an already tight tourist economy.

"We're going to have to consider all the possibilities to maintain a competitive advantage," said Jim Weyhrauch, chief executive of Nambe Mills, which sells handmade metal bowls and candleholders.

Last year, New Orleans and Santa Monica enacted living-wage laws nearly identical to Santa Fe's, but both were overturned — by the state Supreme Court in Louisiana and by a narrow margin of voters in Santa Monica.

In Santa Fe, "the fact that it passed reinforces this continued movement to raise wages when Congress does nothing," said Jen Kern of the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now, which has promoted many living-wage campaigns, starting with the first one, in Baltimore, in 1994.

Golstein wants 'horse's ass' day dedicated by state

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Eyman "a horse's ass." Copies of the initiative would be sent to Eyman, his wife and mother if it passed.

Goldstein insisted his initiative had a serious goal of prompting a broad discussion of how Eyman and others may be abusing the initiative process.

But James Pharris, the senior assistant attorney general who argued the case against the initiative, called it "a verbal whoopee cushion," not the stuff of legislation or initiatives.

Superior Court Judge Gary Tabor agreed, ruling Goldstein's measure isn't the proper subject matter for an initiative.

"I believe this proposed initiative is outside the power given the people," the judge said in a ruling from the bench after listening to straight-faced oral arguments. "This proposed initiative is not legislative in nature."

Tabor also said the proposal amounts to an illegal "bill of attainder" that punishes an individual without a trial. The measure is "clearly an attempt to degrade

or punish" by public humiliation or shame, he said.

Goldstein promised an appeal.

Eyman said he finds it "richly ironic" that Goldstein wants to weed out frivolous initiatives and then complains when a judge does so.

"Welcome to the party, buddy," Eyman said from his Mukilteo home. "The court is hostile when it comes to the initiative process. This is a rough and tumble business we're in."

Goldstein said he has drafted an alternative that declares every Feb. 4 to be "Tim Eyman is a Horse's Ass Day" to satisfy the state's objections. But he said he probably won't file it, relying instead on an appeal.

Feb. 4, 2002, is the day newspapers published Eyman's confession to The Associated Press that he shifted about \$200,000 from campaign contributions into a salary fund for himself. It's legal for a campaign consultant to take a salary, if properly reported. But Eyman had insisted he wasn't profiting from his initiatives.

Worker too fat for uniform pleads guilty to stealing cash

By The Associated Press

DENVER — A casino worker named Crapps, too fat to fit into his company-issued pocketless uniform, stole hundreds of thousands of dollars from the slot machines by stuffing the bills into his sweatpants.

Leonard Crapps, who is 5-foot-6 and 280 pounds, pleaded guilty last month to stealing the cash from the Gilpin Hotel Casino in Blackhawk.

He was put on 12 years' probation and ordered to repay nearly \$200,000.

Crapps, 35, was assigned to help empty the slot machines after closing time by pulling full money canisters out and replacing them with empty ones.

He figured out how to open the tamper-proof canisters, and with his back to security cameras, stuffed the money in his pants.

His co-workers were required to wear pocketless jumpsuits that buttoned down the front. Crapps was granted an exemption.

"He couldn't wear a jumpsuit because he was too big," said Steve Roark, head of Jacobs Entertainment, which owns the hotel.

NATIONAL



Atlantis grounded



Peter Cosgrove/Associated Press

The orbiter Atlantis is towed out of the vehicle assembly building on Friday at the Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Fla. Atlantis has been separated from the external fuel tank and the solid rocket boosters. It will be moved to the orbiter processing facility. Atlantis was to be the launch after Columbia taking a replacement crew to the international space station. The mission is on hold in the wake of the Columbia accident.

Officials say life reaches all-time high of 77.2 years

BY DANIEL YEE
Associated Press Writer

ATLANTA — Life expectancy for Americans reached an all-time high of 77.2 years in 2001, federal officials said Friday.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said life expectancy increased by two-tenths of a year from 2000. A drop in major causes of deaths such as heart disease, cancer and stroke contributed to the increase.

For men, life expectancy rose from 74.3 years in 2000 to 74.4 years in 2001. For women, it went from 79.7 years to 79.8 years for the same period. The CDC analyzed more than 97 percent of all state death certificates issued in 2001.

"For the individual, it's good news to know that diseases of the heart are declining, that cancer is declining and stroke is declining," said Elizabeth Arias, statistician for the CDC's National Center for Health Statistics, which conducted the study.

"All of these have a lot to do with behavior, something that individuals have a direct say in their own lives in terms of diet and smoking and risk-taking behavior," she said.

The national death rate dropped slightly from 869 deaths per 100,000 people in 2000 to 855 deaths per 100,000 in 2001. The 2001 infant mortality rate remained the same from 2000 at 6.9 infant deaths per 1,000 live births.

Deaths from HIV and AIDS dropped nearly 4 percent between 2000 and 2001, a downward trend since 1995.

Deaths from heart disease and cancer dropped by 4 percent and 2 percent, respectively. Stroke deaths dropped by 5 percent. The biggest drop was 7 percent for flu and pneumonia deaths, the CDC said.

"Heart disease and cancer account for over 50 percent of all deaths," Arias

said. "As they decline, they have the greatest impact on life expectancy as opposed" to diseases that aren't as common among Americans.

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— ELIZABETH ARIAS
Statistician for the CDC's National Center for Health Statistics

Kenneth Thorpe, chairman of Emory University's department of health policy and management, said further research should be done to see what exactly has created the life expectancy increases.

"How much are due to changes in behavior and lifestyle or interventions in spending in health care?" Thorpe said. "Those are the types of analogies we need to do next to see what's driving improvement."

The report said there were more deaths from kidney disease, high blood pressure and Alzheimer's disease, increases that range between 3 percent and 5 percent. Arias said the higher numbers of deaths from the diseases, which are common among the elderly, were expected because of the country's aging population.

Homicides also increased by 17 percent, something that federal officials attributed to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Without the attacks, the homicide rate would have declined by 1.7 percent, Arias said.

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INTERNATIONAL

In Iraq debate of war, history is a weapon of choice

BY BARRY RENFREW

Associated Press Writer

LONDON — In the long, acrimonious duels over Iraq, a favored weapon has been history, with the pro- and anti-war camps both reaching back decades to show that they are right and their opponents deluded.

The two sides have hurled the past at each other in huge, often ill-digested chunks, rehashing and re-fighting the history of America, Europe and the Middle East, with side-trips to Ethiopia and Argentina. Politicians have peppered each other with the names of obscure tyrants and forgotten battles to make their historical analogies.

Advocates of removing Saddam Hussein conjure up images of Hitler and say a peace-at-any-cost mentality in the 1930s made World War II inevitable. Opponents thunder back that the United States is repeating the errors of Indochina and Latin America.

History as insult is also in vogue, with the hawks sneering at France's — and later America's — humiliation in Vietnam.

There seems to be an analogy, however obscure, for anything and everything: the League of Nations' failure to deter Italy's invasion of Ethiopia in 1936 becomes the forerunner of the United Nations' perceived weakness on Iraq. The fiasco of the 1956 Anglo-French invasion of the Suez Canal is resurrected as a warning to America about the perils of occupying an Arab country and flouting international opinion.

Paul B. Goodwin, a U.S. history professor at the University of Connecticut, draws a parallel between the U.S. effort to smear Argentina's Juan Peron as a Nazi, and the latter-day effort to portray Saddam Hussein as a modern Adolf Hitler.

"Our rhetoric of evil in Argentina in 1945 blinded us to other options. It seems as if our current policy toward Iraq is equally blind and prevents us from embracing choices favored by much of the rest of the world," he wrote in *The Hartford Courant*.

Historians, dragged from classrooms and studies to appear on TV shows and give instant insight, tend to say history is rarely on anyone's side. On Iraq, it will be years before they finally decide who, if anyone, was right. So does history offer insight or comfort?

A key question is whether an attack on Iraq is justified or an act of aggression.

Advocates of war point to the rise of Hitler to justify removing Saddam. The European democracies tried to appease or buy off the Nazis, when they could have stopped them and avoided world war, they argue.

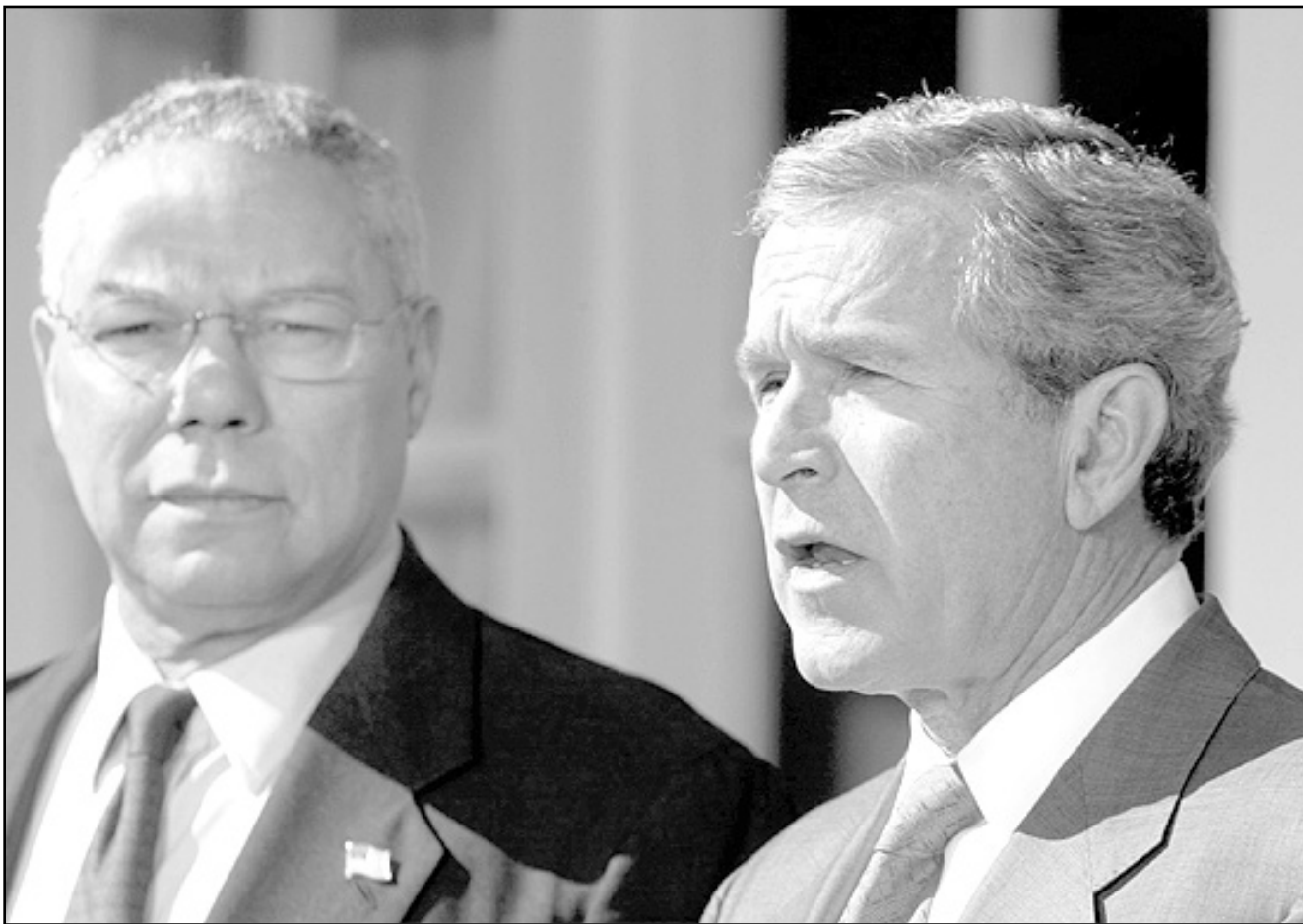
But those who reject the comparison say Hitler was at the height of his power in 1939, while Saddam's army is falling apart and Iraq has never been a global force.

"Saddam is not Hitler ... He is not threatening to take over the world," said Richard Evans, a history professor at Cambridge University.

Historians agree Hitler might have been stopped early — in 1936, for instance, when he reoccupied the Rhineland. The German forces had orders to withdraw if neighboring France resisted, but Paris did nothing.

Alistair Cooke, the venerable 94-year-old BBC radio broadcaster, recently recalled the British crowds cheering their prime minister, Neville Chamberlain, when he claimed in 1938 to have secured "peace in our time" with Hitler.

At that time, Cooke said, "a majority of Britons would do anything, absolutely anything, to get rid of Hitler



Ron Edmonds/Associated Press

President Bush said Friday that he'll submit a long-sought "road map" for Middle East peace once a Palestinian prime minister takes office. Bush along with Secretary of State Coline Powell, left, made the statements in the Rose Garden of the White House.

except fight him." As for the French, "The French especially urged, after every Hitler invasion, 'negotiation, negotiation.' They negotiated so successfully as to have their whole country defeated and occupied."

But is that any guide out of the Iraq quandary? "Most historical analogies are false," Cooke cautioned. "All I know is that all the voices of the '30s are echoing through 2003."

Few historians are willing to say Saddam poses no threat; he has convulsed his region, launching war against Iran and Kuwait.

"Were the West not to act and Saddam eventually to build nuclear bombs, he would have more destruction capacity even than did Hitler," said British historian Andrew Roberts.

Many experts, including opponents of war, agree Saddam has chemical and biological weapons; the disagreements begin over the likelihood of him providing them to terrorists. "Possessing weapons of mass destruction is one thing, intending to use them quite another," argued Evans.

Governments throughout history have aided terrorists against rival governments, usually to minor effect. On the other hand, when the Germans were fighting czarist Russia in World War I, they sent Lenin there to stir things up.

"In the past, terrorists killed hundreds at most. Now we know they can kill thousands and that they may in the future kill millions. Whether invading Iraq will make this more or less likely is the question that really divides us, and to which we possess no answer," said Linda Colley,

a historian at the London School of Economics.

Opponents of war accuse the West of hypocrisy, saying that when it needed Saddam to counter Iran, it armed him. The pro-war camp replies that Stalin, the murderous Soviet dictator, was also armed by the Allies when they needed his help in defeating Hitler.

It's "a war for oil," say opponents of invasion, to which defenders reply that if oil were the sole objective, it would be simpler to end sanctions on Iraq and resume business as usual with Saddam.

Some historians and military analysts expect a swift, relatively low-casualty war. The Iraqi army is short of everything from weapons to morale and is not expected to fight to save a dictatorial regime many of its troops detest.

But French Foreign Minister Dominique de Villepin, on ABC TV, sounded skeptical — and also history-minded. "How many boys, American boys, are going to die in Iraq? Is it worth it? Have we tried everything before going to war?" As Europeans, he added, "we've known war for centuries on our ground — religious wars, civil wars, world wars."

Warnings of prolonged war and massive destruction also were made before U.S. and allied forces intervened in Kosovo and Afghanistan, and turned out to be wrong, analysts add. But many predictions of swift ends have proved disastrously wrong: When World War I broke out in August 1914, it was commonly thought it would all be over by Christmas. And then there is the post-Saddam era and what history can tell us.

Bush has spoken about rebuilding Iraq after Saddam, comparing it to the postwar reconstruction of Germany and Japan into great, stable democracies. Doing the same for Iraq could be a turning point for the Middle East, ending generations of struggle and poverty.

"After defeating enemies, we did not leave behind occupying armies, we left constitutions and parliaments," Bush said in a speech Feb. 26. "There was a time when many said that the cultures of Japan and Germany were incapable of sustaining democratic values."

Historians shy away from the comparison, saying Germany, unlike Iraq, already had a strong democratic tradition and both Germany and Japan were grateful for the chance to rebuild. U.S. troops are still there 60 years later; will the Iraqi people tolerate such a long stay?

The politicians and the historians tend to agree that if there is a war to remove Saddam, it may be one of those moments in history that are a turning point, when things change forever.

Key developments concerning Iraq

By The Associated Press

Developments in the Iraq crisis:

■ President Bush, British Prime Minister Tony Blair and Spanish Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar will meet Sunday in what the White House called "an effort to pursue every last bit of diplomacy." The leaders will confer on an island in the mid-Atlantic to search for a way to win U.N. backing for using force to disarm Iraq, officials said. Spokesman Ari Fleischer said Washington was still seeking a

Security Council vote next week.

■ Blair spoke by telephone with French President Jacques Chirac, but the 10-minute conversation apparently did little to ease the bitterness between the two. Chirac said he would not accept an ultimatum to Saddam Hussein, Blair's spokesman said.

■ A majority of Security Council members openly acknowledged they wouldn't support a U.S.-backed measure authorizing war.

■ German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder said he is convinced the crisis can still be resolved by peaceful

means, insisting that U.N. weapons inspections can produce "sustainable and verifiable disarmament."

■ An editorial published in the newspaper of Saddam's Baath Party, called on nations opposed to military action to strengthen their "rejection of aggression."

■ Signaling impatience with the Turkish government, the Pentagon was moving about 10 Navy ships out of the Mediterranean to the Red Sea, where they could launch missiles on a path to Iraq that would not go over Turkey.

SPORTS



Brehaut scrambles for share of lead at Honda Classic

BY MARK LONG

AP Sports Writer

PALM BEACH GARDENS, Fla. — Jeff Brehaut spent three frantic days trying to replace his stolen golf clubs before the Honda Classic. He didn't have to scramble nearly as much in the first round of the tournament.

Brehaut shot a 9-under 63 at The Country Club at Mirasol on Thursday, giving him a share of the lead with Justin Leonard and Notah Begay III.

"I guess it would be hard to complain," said Brehaut, a 39-year-old father of two who retained his tour card by winning the qualifying tournament in December.

Brehaut might need three similar rounds to win his first PGA Tour title.

The leaders were on pace to break the tour scoring record for 72 holes, which is 31 under, set by Ernie Els this year in the season-opening Mercedes Championships. Esteban Toledo, John Senden and Jim Furyk were one stroke back.

Playing a relatively short course that measures 7,157 yards and has fast fairways, well-manicured greens and little wind — the course's only defense — more than 30 players were at least 5 under when the first round was completed Friday morning.

Play was halted Thursday afternoon because of lightning. More than 2 inches of rain fell Thursday

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— JEFF BREHAUT
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night, making the course even better for scoring.

"This is going to be one of those weeks where if you are not making birdies, guys are going to be running over your back with spikes," said Begay, whose nine birdies came during a 10-hole stretch.

Brehaut's bogey-free round came after a frustrating week of preparation.

He had just finished watching a movie with his wife and kids Saturday night at their Sunnyvale, Calif., home when he realized his clubs — about two dozen in all — were missing from the garage. The garage door had been left open with the light on earlier that evening, and he figured someone must have driven by, noticed his golf bag, sneaked in and took them.

"That's a big deal," said Brehaut, whose best finish this year is a tie for 13th at the Chrysler Classic two weeks ago. "The last three days I've been running around here really trying to get those issues settled."

Brehaut got to the course early

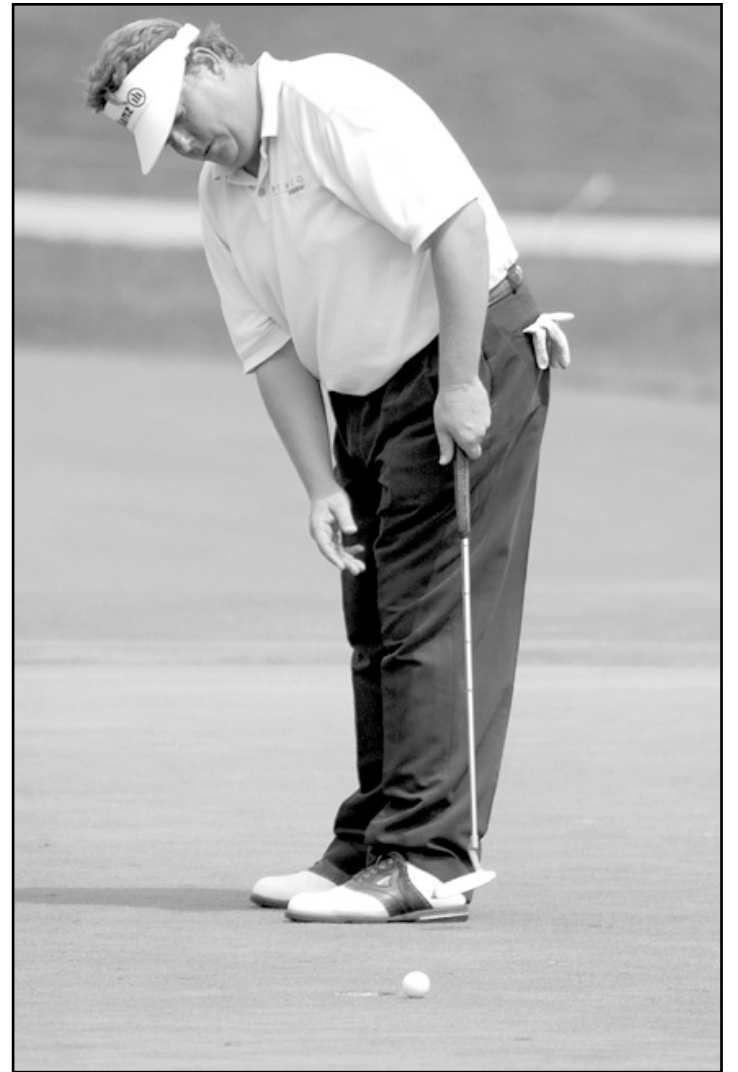
Monday and starting searching for the perfect clubs from onsite manufacturers. He got the shafts cut to the proper length, the heads shaved to the desired weight, and then made sure they felt right.

His wedges and putter were more troublesome. He had the wedges shipped Wednesday, raced to get them fitted, then spent hours testing them at the range.

He didn't even pick a putter until Thursday morning, having been unable to find one exactly like the one that was stolen. Brehaut ended up with one much heavier than he prefers.

It didn't seem to matter. He needed just 24 putts in the opening round — which ended with his best score ever on tour.

"You've just got to go out there and every (birdie) you get is one you don't have to worry about later," he said. "When you start thinking about what you're shooting, you're in trouble. You kind of just go about your business and add them up at the end and hopefully you can keep pace."



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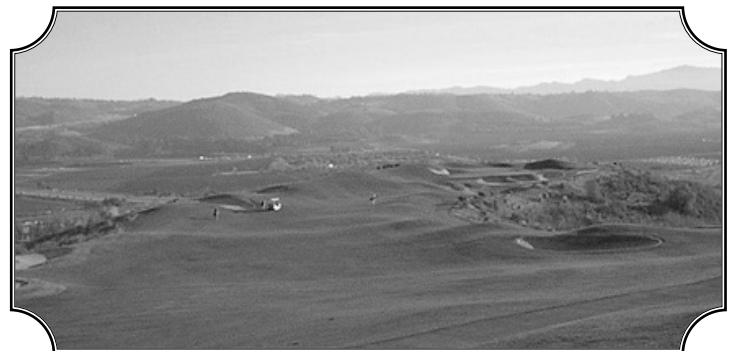
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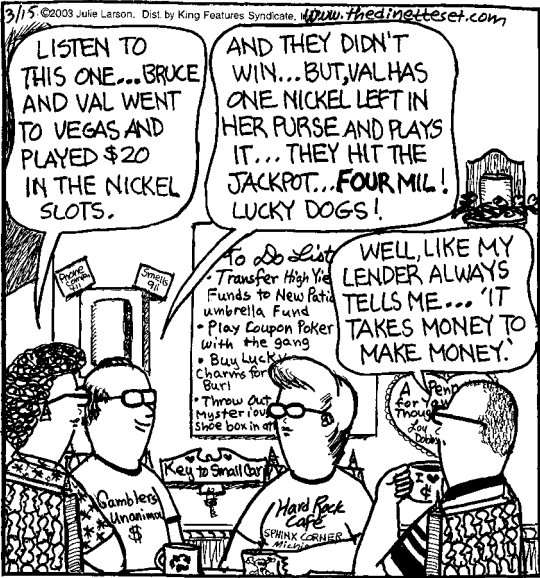
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In the Matter of the Petition) CASE NO. SS011597

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Standing of the SANTA MONICA DAILY	)	NOTICE OF INTENTION TO
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	)	COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND
	)	STATE OF CALIFORNIA
	)	[Gov. Code §6021]

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on 3/20/03, at 8:30 am, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard in Dpt. J of this Court, located at 1725 Main Street in Santa Monica, California 90401, Petitioner intends to apply for an order declaring the newspaper known as the Santa Monica Daily Press to be a newspaper of general circulation for the County of Los Angeles and State of California.

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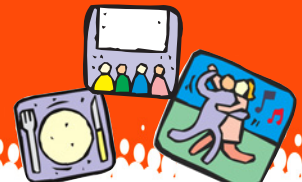
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1328 Montana Ave.
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BACK PAGE



Only in Iowa

By The Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa — A motorcade with two sheriff's cars and a fire truck were part of the ceremony that helped unveil a giant Cheeto as a tourist attraction in northwest Iowa. The event culminated with the Cheeto's first live television appearance.

Bryce Wilson, 24, a disc jockey at KLGA-FM in Algona, arranged for the huge piece of snack food to be mailed from Hawaii and then set up a major event to unveil the Cheeto at a local restaurant.

The whole thing began as a way to have fun and make people laugh, Wilson said, adding that it really took off when ABC-TV's Jimmy Kimmel requested the unveiling be part of his live late-night talk show.

"It's just crazy, but I'm lovin' every minute of it," Wilson said. "We've had a lot of fun with this thing."

With a crowd of 200 chanting, "Cheeto, Cheeto," the cheesy lump made its debut.

"That is an amazingly large Cheeto," Kimmel said as his studio audience in Hollywood cheered.

The Cheeto appeared slightly smaller than a tennis ball and dwarfed a regular size piece of the snack food. It weighs only six-tenths of an ounce but has quite a girth, Wilson has said.

The Cheeto will be on permanent display in a glass case at Sister Sarah's Restaurant in Algona.

Frito-Lay, the Texas-based maker of Cheetos, donated items to be auctioned at the event. About \$1,600 was raised for the Kossuth County food bank.

"That Cheeto keeps on giving and giving," Kimmel said when Wilson informed him of the charity amount.

Wilson said he first learned about the big Cheeto on a Web site while trying to find silly stories for his afternoon show.

Navy Petty Officer Mike Evans, stationed in Hawaii, bought a bag of Cheetos for his 3-year-old son and discovered the massive hunk of the cheesy food inside.

Evans tried to auction the Cheeto on e-Bay, but Wilson convinced him to give it to Algona, a town of 5,700 residents, as a tourist draw.

The ATM that keeps on giving

By The Associated Press

BISMARCK, N.D. — A haywire ATM machine spit out extra cash but three honest bank customers ignored temptation and returned the free money.

"All I wanted was \$20 to go to the movie," said Mary Davidson. "Then \$20 bills just started shooting out of the machine."

In total the machine spit out \$125 to Davidson.

Barb Hofland's first attempt to withdraw \$100 from the money machine failed. On her second try, she pulled out her \$100 — and another \$100.

"I thought I could go shopping, but I couldn't. It wasn't my money," she said.

A third customer Monday morning also turned the cash in, bank officials said, even though it might have been tempting.

"It was like being in Las Vegas without all the lights and whistles," said Marietta Rasmussen, a Ramsey National Bank supervisor.

The bank would have been out only \$285. But the incident proves North Dakota is rich in honesty, she said.

"I'm glad we're in North Dakota," Rasmussen said. "Somebody out East or West may not have had our same values."

Turns out cold weather caused the ATM cash door to stick so some customers who wanted to withdraw

money could not get it. The door opened for other customers, who then wound up with their cash and the cash belonging to the previous customers.

Rasmussen said the machine has been fixed.

Thievery of pig bacteria

By The Associated Press

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. — A former Michigan State University researcher was charged with staging the theft of pig bacteria to cover up the misuse of federal grant money.

The U.S. attorney's office for western Michigan said Thursday that researcher Scott Matthew Doree, 28, "built his graduate career on fabricated and nonexistent research concerning bacteria that causes disease in pigs."

The bacteria were reported stolen from an unlocked room in the Biomedical and Physical Science Building at Michigan State on Sept. 12 or Sept. 13. Researchers' computer disks and documents also were reported taken.

The bacteria were identified as two strains of the bacterium *actinobacillus pleuropneumoniae*, or APP, which can cause a deadly form of pneumonia in pigs, but are harmless to humans.

Federal officials alerted hog farmers and veterinarians to closely watch their herds for signs of illness because of fears that terrorists might have stolen the bacteria.

The school's Department of Public Safety determined no one had forced entry into the laboratory, and authorities said Doree's research appeared to have been targeted.

Doree later confessed to staging a phony break-in and theft to cover up his "sheer laziness," the U.S. attorney's office said in a news release. About \$100,000 of the grant was used, said a university official.

A telephone message seeking comment was left Thursday at Doree's residence.

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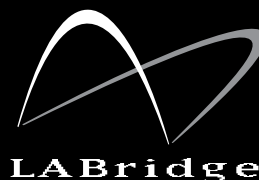
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