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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

by Chuck Shepard

■ Burglars broke into a county Humane Society office and stole about \$1,800; they apparently entered by squeezing through a dog door (Pittsburgh, January).
■ Macy Panel Products was fined by an industrial tribunal after machine operator Keith Sanderson accidentally chopped off the tip of his thumb and then, showing bosses how the accident happened, accidentally chopped off his entire index finger (Newcastle, England, March).

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

Women have a responsibility to nurture one another.

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Lay-offs inevitable for City Hall employees

(Editor's note: This is the second article in an on-going series that examines City Hall's current financial crisis. Monday's article will focus on proposed tax increases and other budget cuts.)

Budget woes mean widespread cuts

BY CAROLYN SACKARIASON
Daily Press Staff Writer

As officials grapple with how to close a \$12 million budget gap in the next two months, city employees worry about whether they'll

have a job by the end of the year.

Department heads throughout City Hall, with the exception of police and fire, have been asked to cut 5 percent of their budgets this year and another 5 percent next year, which will include employees.

The reductions will save City Hall between \$4-\$4.5 million this year, said City Manager Susan McCarthy.

City officials released their latest projections on Thursday, which will result in cuts in services, employees and capital improvement projects. Increased taxes also are part of the proposal which will be presented to the Santa Monica City Council in

June, when the city's budget is expected to be adopted.

The economic realities are so severe that even with cuts and increased tax proposals, lay-offs are inevitable. But officials hope they can stave off eliminating some positions by not filling vacant jobs.

Not only can residents expect to see some services and projects disappear, City Hall may not be in a position to deliver a high level of customer service as a result of the cuts.

"As they have less resources and fewer colleagues to work side by side with, their work becomes more challenging," McCarthy

said, adding even more reductions will be made in the department's expense budgets.

Facing an \$8 million revenue shortfall last year, departments in City Hall last summer cut between 3.5 and 5 percent of their budgets, which accounted for nearly \$2 million in departmental operating budgets. And millions of dollars in capital improvements were cut from what was budgeted two years ago.

In the past few weeks, City Human Resources Director Karen Bancroft has met with the nine collective bargaining unit leaders, who represent various municipal

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Feds target business for alleged dumping in sewer

FBI serves search warrants at Main Street furniture shop

BY JOHN WOOD
Daily Press Staff Writer

Federal authorities are investigating a local business for allegedly dumping toxic waste into the city's sewers.

The FBI was tipped off to the alleged dumping of methylene chloride, which is commonly used as a paint stripper, when a worker repair-

ing the sewers along Main Street last month fell unconscious and went into cardiac arrest.

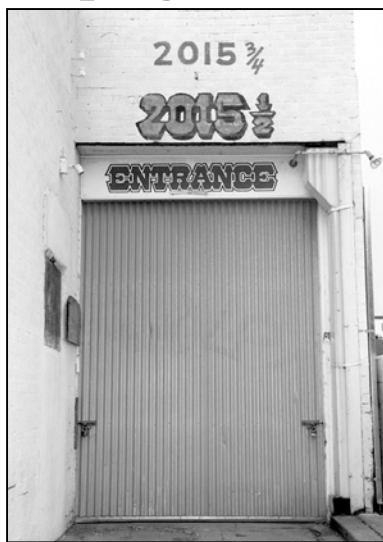
Stripper Herk, a furniture-stripping company located at 2015 1/2 Main St., was served with a search warrant by the FBI Thursday. The shop has been monitored by the city since 1992 for similar violations, according to an affidavit filed with the U.S. Attorney's office in Los Angeles.

In the 29-page affidavit, FBI special agent Annette Freihon said Michael Miller, the owner of Stripper Herk, allegedly stored approximately 20 55-gallon barrels of the toxic substance without a permit. He also allegedly dumped the coffee-colored substance directly into city sewers.

Miller couldn't be reached Friday evening. According to the affidavit, Miller last month told LA County Fire Department Hazardous Materials Unit Investigator Paul Biren that he intended to have the drums transported off site for disposal, but "was using his funds to fix his roof rather than pay for disposal of the hazardous wastes."

On March 26, Vincente Valenzuela, a Main Street sewer repairman, was called out on after spotting above "detected a chemical odor."

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John Wood/Daily Press

Stripper Herk, a furniture-stripping company is located between an organic food store and a surf shop on Main Street.



John Wood/Daily Press

Pictured is a sign for a business that is connected to Stripper Herk on Main Street.

World finance officials discuss rebuilding Iraq

BY MARTIN CRUTSINGER
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON — World financial officials agreed Friday on the need to move as quickly as possible to rebuild Iraq, but the effort faced potentially serious delays from disputes over the United Nations' role.

The Bush administration had hoped to win endorsement at the global finance meetings for its strategy of moving ahead quickly with reconstruction under a U.S.-led interim government.

Russia, France and Germany, who opposed the invasion of Iraq led by the United States, refused on Friday to support any rebuild-

ing program that was not headed by the United Nations.

The issue of rebuilding Iraq's economy and providing a boost to a sluggish global recovery were the top agenda items at this year's spring meetings of the 184-nation International Monetary Fund and World Bank.

In advance of the weekend

meetings, U.S. Treasury Secretary John Snow and Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan served as hosts for discussions Friday with their counterparts representing the world's seven richest countries — the United States, Japan, Germany, France, Britain, Italy

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, April 12, 2003:

You discover that much happens quite quickly this year. Your creativity and dynamic responsiveness tend to bring you exactly what you want. You always seem to have a way to lasso in your objective. A romantic relationship enters your life whether you're ready or not. Let the good vibes flow between you. If you're attached, your relationship will bloom because of a more romantic and giving tone. Make an extra effort to add spice to your life. Fall permits greater expansion professionally. If you like your job, a pay raise or promotion could be in the offing. VIRGO pushes you at work.

♈ ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★★ Your playfulness helps everyone get into weekend mode. Understand exactly what you want. Discussions remain dynamic and vibrant. Work with the unpredictable, and you'll make both you and someone else happier. Bypass rigidity. Tonight: Play away.

♉ TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ You might not always be as together as you are right now. Review recent decisions that involve your finances and security. Perhaps it is time for a family meeting. Meanwhile, flow with others' unpredictability. You will gain as a result. Tonight: Unleash your playfulness.

♊ GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ Get off your duff and make new friends and catch up with neighbors. Fun surrounds the immediate happenings in your life. Schedule a favorite activity and a meal with a loved one. Know when you've had enough. Laughter surrounds a project. Tonight: Invite others over for dinner.

♋ CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★★ You might not be conscious of what is happening within a personal relationship. Invite a friend over and make a special meal. As usual, you find that you're most at home in your domestic setting. Trust that you will find the right moment for a conversation. Tonight: Visit away.

♌ LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ Be spontaneous. You're like the Pied Piper with friends and loved ones following along. Others might be more serious right now. Make it clear that you're not ready to have a discussion. Laughter surrounds a personal matter, if you can enjoy someone's unpredictability. Tonight: Your treat.

♍ VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★★ Use the daylight hours to relax. You might have unusually important plans for the afternoon or evening. Use the daytime for personal matters, and get to the bottom of an issue. Get a nap in if you feel it's necessary. You will find that the pace becomes a lot more hectic. Tonight: Where your friends are.

♎ LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ Notice more of what others expect of you. Whether you expect to travel or visit with someone at a distance, you still might need to make contact. Reach out for those who are not in your immediate circle. Catch up with your relatives and their news. Talk vacation. Tonight: Call it an early night.

♏ SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ You might need to dot your i's and cross your t's before you head out the door. Whether a parent or boss needs your help or not, you want to pitch in. A partner might feel a bit neglected. Schedule some special time with this person in the near future. Tonight: Where your friends are.

♐ SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ Hop in the car; take a day trip. You might like a drive in the country to enjoy the spring. Or you might like going off to visit a museum or flea market. Invite a friend or loved one. You need a different setting to gain a perspective. Tonight: A must appearance.

♑ CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★★ Plan on making this a day with a loved one. Decide what both of you would enjoy doing together, whether it is a walk through the spring flowers or a lazy day at home. Be more imaginative in your sharings. Do something you don't normally do. Tonight: Go to a favorite blues or rock restaurant.

♒ AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ Others reach out. Pick and choose your different invitations. Enjoy getting together with friends and loved ones. Don't make anything a big deal when it isn't. Wherever you are, the party seems to follow. Make what you want happen. Tonight: Where the action is.

♓ PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★★ Take a hint from Scorpio's message. You have a lot to accomplish, and quite quickly at that. Join a gym or do whatever you need to do to get to the next step. Realize more of what you want through taking action. Tonight: Where the action is.

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LOCAL



Marathon benefiting Saint John's kicks into high gear

By Daily Press staff

More than 25,000 participants including runners, Hollywood celebrities and spectators will gather at Griffith Park in Los Angeles Sunday to raise money for Saint John's Health Care Center in Santa Monica.

The Jimmy Stewart Relay Marathon is expected to raise more than \$400,000 for the Saint John's Health Center Child and Family Development Center this year. The relay marathon begins at 8 a.m. and the celebrity race starts at 10:30 a.m.

The race, hosted this year by actors Robert Wagner and Chris O'Donnell, has raised more than \$7.9 million since it was established in 1981.

Wagner was a personal friend of the late Jimmy Stewart and has been involved in the race for 20 years. More than 3,350 runners are expected to participate in this year's race. It's the largest five-person relay marathon of its kind in the United States. The race also has a children's race and a celebrity one-mile run.

Saint John's Center, established almost 40 years ago, assists more than 900 families annually with a range of outpatient services including mental health counseling, developmental and educational programs, crisis intervention, an attention-deficit disorders clinic, and a youth development program.

It also has a nationally recognized therapeutic preschool that helps children who were prenatally exposed to drugs or have developmental delays.

Elisa Jerugim, 25, and her family have had a tough couple of years. Then they turned to Saint John's.

Although Jerugim is developmentally disabled, she was a happy, well-adjusted young adult who functioned well in the community with the assistance of her family and several support agencies.

Then, six years ago, she had a sudden psychotic episode, complete with hallucinations, terrors, and unexplained erratic behavior. Her mother, Lora Jerugim, a clinical social worker, did not know where to turn.

"I had spent years researching the best schools and programs for Elisa, and we had finally reached a point where she was as independent and fulfilled as possible given her limitations," she said. "Then, the rug was totally pulled out from under us. It was devastating."

Although Lora Jerugim was able to

find a psychiatrist who prescribed medication to stabilize her daughter's condition, the family needed mental health counseling and services to help them cope. Lora Jerugim had no idea where to turn. Several calls to her network of colleagues, as well as to other parents with children with disabilities, led her to Dr. Mayra McDermott, clinical coordinator for developmental disability programs at the Saint John's Health Center Child and Family Development Center.

"Most people don't realize that those with developmental disabilities are at a greater risk for mental health problems than the general population," McDermott said. "The Saint John's Health Center Child and Family Development Center has one of the few community mental health programs that provides counseling services to the developmentally disabled with coexisting mental health issues. We do this through adult group therapy, family therapy and individual counseling, all of which help the whole family cope with depression, transitions and other issues."

Lora Jerugim and her family started meeting with Dr. McDermott once a week. Because insight and verbal expression are challenging for Jerugim, her mother often accompanied her to her therapy sessions so that she could "interpret" and help facilitate discussion of Jerugim's feelings of frustration, anger and sadness.

Jerugim's life has changed since her mental illness has struck — she is more emotionally unpredictable, is less confident, and can never be left alone. But she is now back in the community, attending a community program and working an hour a week making necklaces at Ritual Adornments, a store in Santa Monica. Now, Jerugim meets monthly with Dr. McDermott to make sure things stay on track.

"Mayra and the CFDC have helped enormously in coping with a difficult situation," Lora Jerugim said. "I thought my heart would break when Elisa became psychotic. Mayra and the program supported us and gave me the confidence and hope that Elisa would continue to have a productive life. She also helped me believe that I would find the strength to adapt to this new and more challenging reality of having a daughter who was not only developmentally disabled, but mentally ill as well. I can't thank her enough."



The mix of minor southwest and northwest swell declines today, so expect a drop in height of about a foot. Swell angle wasn't anything great for LA this past week, and leftover swell ought to leave most breaks around knee- to waist-high. West facing beaches have the best chance for inconsistent sets.

Saturday new swell arrives: a better angled northwest, which looks to improve size for exposed spots. South Bay surf averages waist- to shoulder-high.

Expect a shift in the tides toward more extreme highs as a full moon comes up next Wednesday. Rain is in the forecast for Saturday and Sunday.



Today's Tides:

High- 5:27 a.m. 4.32'
Low- 12:55 p.m. -0.14'
High- 7:45 p.m. 3.79'

Location	Saturday	Sunday	Water Quality
County Line	2-3'/Fair	2-3'/Fair	A
Zuma	2-3'/Fair	2-3'/Fair	A
Surfrider	3-4'/Fair	3-4'/Good	B
Topanga	2-3'/Fair	2-3'/Fair	B
Breakwater	3-4'/Fair	3-4'/Fair	A
El Porto	3-4'/Good	3-4'/Fair	A

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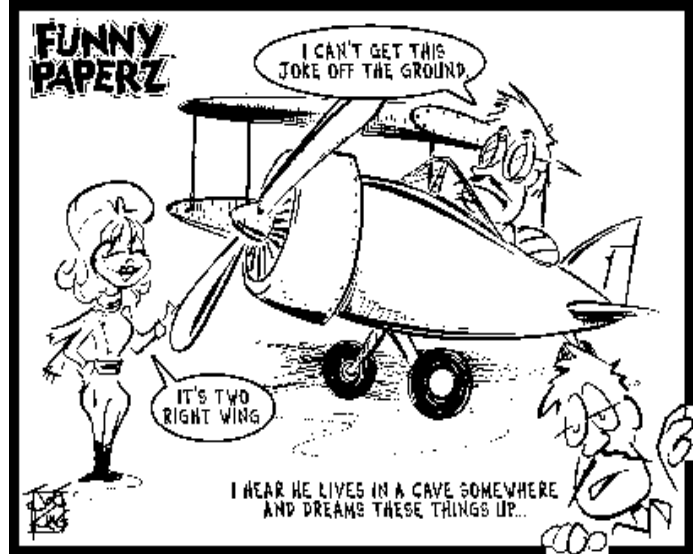
Shut it, Liberman

Editor:

Quick note to Andrew Kay Liberman of Venice (SMDP, April 10, page 4).

- 1) Lose the ponytail (it doesn't look good with a comb-over)
- 2) Sell the VW van (a man your age should be driving a nice sedan)
- 3) Stop dropping acid and smoking dope (if you can't — see No. 4)
- 4) Check yourself into rehab (trust me, it'll stop the scary flashbacks)
- 5) Get a real job (selling peace stickers on the boardwalk won't cover you for retirement)
- 6) Snap out of it! (you are no longer attending Berkeley and this is no longer the '60s)
- 7) Shut the hell up! (your age and ignorance are showing)

Tony Street
Santa Monica



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Parents trying to out do each other with kids are dangerous



MODERN TIMES

By Lloyd Garver

"My kid is an honor student," "My kid is student of the month," "My kid is number one in his class."

We've all seen these bumper stickers and heard these bragging words. I've never seen a bumper sticker that reads, "My kid has a wonderful imagination," or "my kid is really nice," or "My kid has good table manners." If this is how kids get approval from their parents, is it any wonder that academic stress and cheating are rampant today?

I feel there's more to this than parents being proud of their children. The unstated end to the sentence, "My kid is number one in his class" is, "And yours isn't."

Obviously, some parents identify too much with their children's successes. I guess their logic is, "If my kid gets all A's

and is valedictorian, that must mean that I'm smart and I've been doing something right." I don't know about that. If all you can boast about is your child's success, what's not working out in your own life? here is that sticker on your kid's bike that reads, "My parents are great at their jobs?"

Some parents are obsessed with their kids' grade point averages, and that title of valedictorian. Students (and their parents) will do whatever they have to do to raise their grade point average a tenth of a point. One Michigan high schooler has sued his school district because he feels one of his A's should be an A-plus. With honors and advanced placement courses, kids can have higher than an A average now. Grade inflation has kept up with financial inflation, so a 2003 A is not worth as much as a 1985 A was. Students who have only a 3.8 average are looked down upon with pity and considered doomed to spend their entire adulthood asking questions like, "Do you want fries with that?"

Harvard psychologist Howard Gardner says this fixation with being No. 1 comes

from the feeling, "That life is a race ... and that if you don't get into Harvard, or Stanford, you won't have any life chances." If that's what parents believe, they might as well tell their little Billy to pack it in once he can't stack his blocks as fast as little Johnny.

To get away from all this who's number one wrangling, some high schools are eliminating exact number ranks and doing away with titles like valedictorian. Instead, they have begun to honor the top 5 percent of the class equally. All those students distinguished themselves academically, so who cares if one of them has a grade point average a few thousandths of a point higher than the others?

Some parents care, that's who. Parents unhappy with this new system are suing schools and school districts because they think their child deserves the special recognition of being called valedictorian or of being ranked No. 1 or No. 8. How meaningful will this honor be if the kid has to go to court to receive it?

If these suits are successful, look for parents to start suing when their kids are younger. Soon, the Supreme Court may

hear, "My preschooler deserves a gold star vs. Illinois." We may start seeing bumper stickers that read, "My child was potty trained at 3 months old." And are we really that far away from seeing, "My baby was conceived faster than yours?"

Obviously, parents should encourage their children to do well, and there's nothing wrong with being proud of our kids. But there's so much pressure on kids today that they don't need us to shoot off fireworks every time they get a good grade and mourn every time they don't. It's probably enough to encourage them to do their best. We all could be a little less competitive when it comes to our children. And I'll bet I can be less competitive about my kids than you can.

(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

City Hall 'cranking down' on expenditures

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employees, to explain the proposed cuts. Discussions also center around negotiations of employees' salaries and benefits.

The reaction from the employees' union representatives indicate that they are frustrated because the city continues to spend millions of dollars on capital improvement projects like the \$60 million New Main Library and a \$13 million parking garage underneath it — instead of protecting their jobs.

"In a city like this, it's inexcusable," said a city employee familiar with the union talks, who asked not be named for fear of retribution. "Tell me Santa Monica is broke, give me a break."

CITY HALL FUNDS TAPPED OUT

McCarthy and City Finance Director Mike Dennis point out that the money used to pay for major capital improvement projects are "one time funds." If those funds are used for the deficit, it's nothing more than a short-term solution to a larger problem. Officials say it's bad fiscal policy to use one-time monies to pay for ongoing needs.

"It's very rare to use one-time sources of money to shore up ongoing operating expenses," she said. "All you are doing is postponing the inevitable."

McCarthy said the state of California has done that in the past, which is one reason it now faces a \$35 billion deficit. Dennis said New York City's budget in the 1970s was a complete disaster for the same reason. Taking money from projects to pay for ongoing operating expenses will not address future financial situations, he said.

Others suggest that the city dip into its reserve funds, which is about \$16.7 million, or 10 percent of its expenditures, to cover the deficit.

But McCarthy said dipping into reserves could not only be risky if something tragic happened, it would only cover two months of City Hall's operating expenses.

"The purpose of the reserves is that it's not the rainy day fund, it's the 100-year storm fund," she said. "It's a terrible thing to use to keep basic services going."

DEFICIT FACTORS

There are a variety of factors contributing to City Hall's financial woes, including increased expenditures in the city employee's retirement funds, increased costs in health insurance premiums, higher worker compensation costs and increased spending last year by the City Council for capital improvement projects.

At the same time, revenue projections in user utility taxes, sales taxes and bed taxes throughout the city are off substantially because of effects of the recession, the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and the war with Iraq.

City officials also predict that the state will take back \$4.1 million to help close its deficit, which is not yet calculated in Santa Monica's \$12 million deficit because the state has not yet proposed how it will fill its gap.

The state is supposed to adopt its budget in June, but city officials predict it could be months before the state gets its

act together. So instead of waiting for the state to pass its budget, city officials plan to present a proposed budget to the Santa Monica City Council and then have a strategy in place to address the negative effects of the state's cuts.

"There is no point in passing a budget based on what the state may do," McCarthy said. "When the state legislature can't get their act together, it could negatively impact cities and that's why it's important to have a credible plan."

"We will have a strategy in place for dealing with it," she added.

The state could take away revenue from Santa Monica in the form of property taxes and motor vehicle registration fees, both of which the city receives a portion of from the state. City officials anticipate the state will dip into those revenue streams, as well as others.

THE GRAND PLAN

City officials plan to give the City Council two years of budget information because Santa Monica's tumultuous economic times are expected to last until at least 2006. If there is any good news, it's that the city has a little room in its budget to be flexible.

"We can buy a little time without borrowing," McCarthy said. "The benefit of a two-year projection is that we know what the anticipated cuts will be for the next year."

She added that the city does a five-year financial forecast using various resources including Cal State's economic department. Based on that information, city officials project what its revenue will be and is then gauged in the upcoming budget. But because of the already mentioned factors, that forecast is off dramatically.

"We use that five-year forecast as the basis to realize if we can stay in balance with revenues and expenditures," McCarthy said.

This year's cuts are the most severe the city has experienced in decades. The city made deep cuts in 1992, but recovered quickly because of a decade of unprecedented fiscal expansion. Just like now, the 1992 cuts were a result of an economic recession but it appears the current economy won't bounce back anytime soon.

"There is nothing on a state or national economic level that indicates a better picture," Dennis said.

During the late 1990s, Santa Monica enjoyed a strong local economy and saw a growth rate in revenues between 6 and 7 percent.

But city officials also knew in the back of their minds that the good economic times wouldn't last forever so they were careful in not becoming dependent on one-time monies to pay for ongoing needs.

"We are not Shangri La," McCarthy said. "But now we have less certainty this year than any year. We always felt that we had the resilience to deal with factors from the state."

The goal now is to get expenditures to match the city's revenues, which will take at least three years.

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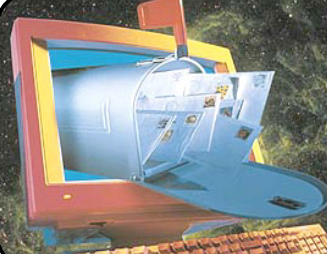
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according to the affidavit.

But Valenzuela was blocked on one side by equipment and had to crawl through an unknown liquid that was dripping into the sewer from above, according to the affidavit.

Another worker went in after Valenzuela and also was overcome by the fumes. Finally, a worker in full protective gear went into the sewer and hoisted Valenzuela back to street level. Fire officials performed CPR on Valenzuela, who was then transferred to UCLA Medical Center, according to the affidavit.

Miller was ordered by the city in 1992 to plug his connection to the city sewer after being served with a notice of violation for unlawfully dumping the toxic substance into the sewer, according to the affidavit.

On the same day the sewer workman was injured, Miller told Dina Khadavi, a senior environmental inspector for the city of Santa Monica, that "he knew he was not supposed to be discharging any liquid through the drain, but explained that the plug" had rusted out, according to the affidavit.

Exposure to methylene chloride causes burning of the skin and eyes and damage

On March 26, Vincente Valenzuela, a Main Street sewer repairman, was called out of the 36-inch diameter line he was working on after spotters above "detected a chemical odor."

to the central nervous system, according to the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry. Many environmental agencies, including the Environmental Protection Agency, have listed methylene chloride as a probable cancer-causing substance.

It is unclear whether charges or fines will be levied against Miller but the dumping is a violation of the Clean Water Act. It is also unknown where the Main Street sewer line leads.

Shooting at LAX counter ruled an act of terrorism

BY PAUL CHAVEZ

Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES — An Egyptian immigrant's deadly July Fourth attack on an Israeli airline ticket counter has been ruled a terrorist attack related to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, an FBI spokesman said Friday.

"Given his political views and the fact that El Al is an Israeli government-owned airline, that met the criteria for a terrorist attack," said Matthew McLaughlin, a spokesman for the Los Angeles field office of the FBI.

Hesham Mohamed Hadayet, 41, opened fire at Los Angeles International Airport's El Al ticket counter and killed two people before being shot dead by an airline security guard.

The Department of Justice had withheld characterizing the shooting while federal agents launched a worldwide probe to determine if it was a terrorist attack, hate crime or motivated by personal reasons.

The FBI findings were made several months ago and were recently approved by the Justice Department. McLaughlin said his office was told not to issue a press release but was given permission to confirm the decision if asked.

He said Hadayet acted alone and had no ties to any terrorist organization.

The investigation, however, found that Hadayet supported the Palestinian cause in the Israel-Palestine conflict and had become increasingly militant in recent years.

"The investigation developed information that he openly supported the killings of civilians in order to advance the Palestinian cause," McLaughlin said.

He said Hadayet bought the weapons used in the attack just weeks before the shooting, closed his bank accounts and sent his family overseas. He walked into

"The investigation developed information that he openly supported the killings of civilians in order to advance the Palestinian cause."

— MATTHEW MCLAUGHLIN
FBI spokesman

the terminal with a .45-caliber semiautomatic Glock pistol, a 9 mm handgun and a six-inch knife.

Yaakov "Jacob" Aminov, 46, was killed at the ticket counter and Victoria Hen, 25, of Chatsworth, who worked behind the counter, also was slain. Several other people were injured.

Rabbi Marvin Hier of the Simon Wiesenthal Center said he believed all along the shooting was a terrorist attack and was satisfied the Department of Justice ruled it one.

"It's an attack on Americans because there's no way he could determine that only Jews travel on El Al," Hier said. "He was out to commit a terrorist attack to make a point and threaten Americans. ... (It) caused tremendous panic around the country. People didn't travel and they didn't go to the airport."

The finding also contradicts the notion that Hadayet acted for personal reasons or because he was despondent over financial problems, said Hier, leader of the Jewish human rights organization.

Hadayet, who lived in Irvine, was \$10,000 in debt at the time of the shooting and his once profitable Orange County limousine businesses had been struggling, authorities said.

STATE



Woman who wouldn't fire clerk over looks can sue

BY LISA LEFF
Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — A L'Oreal sales manager who received negative job reviews after she refused to fire a perfume saleswoman whom her boss considered unattractive can sue for retaliation based on sexual discrimination, a California appeals court has ruled.

Reversing a lower court ruling, a three-judge panel of the 1st District Court of Appeal found that a L'Oreal executive's order that Elysa Yanowitz "get rid of" the Macy's saleswoman because she was "not good looking enough" allows Yanowitz to file a claim under the state's fair employment law.

"An explicit order to fire a female employee for failing to meet a male executive's personal standards for sexual desirability is sex discrimination," since the executive probably "would not have ordered the employee fired if she had been a man," Associate Justice Linda M. Gemello wrote for the court.

A lawyer for L'Oreal, William J. Carroll, said Friday that the cosmetics conglomerate plans to appeal the March 7 ruling to the California Supreme Court. "We believe the court will rule in our favor," he said, refusing to elaborate.

Yanowitz, who oversaw designer perfume sales in several states as a regional sales manager for L'Oreal, claims she was first given the firing instructions in late 1997 while she and company executive John Wiswall were touring a Macy's department store in San Jose.

After passing the Ralph Lauren counter, Wiswall allegedly told Yanowitz she needed to replace the clerk who was selling men's cologne, a dark-skinned woman of Middle Eastern descent. "Get me somebody hot," Wiswall said, according to Yanowitz's lawsuit.

When Wiswall found out, on a return visit to the store, that the saleswoman hadn't been fired, he allegedly insisted again on her dismissal. Passing a young, attractive blonde on his way out, he allegedly turned to Yanowitz and said, "Get me one that looks like that."

Yanowitz claims she responded that she could not fire the saleswoman without

adequate justification, but that Wiswall didn't offer her any other explanation. She never carried out his order, even though he kept asking if the saleswoman had been replaced.

Shortly afterward, Yanowitz said, Wiswall launched a campaign to fire her as well. She said he directed her immediate supervisor to contact employees Yanowitz oversaw to solicit complaints about her, to audit her travel and expense reports, and to prepare memos documenting problems with her performance.

By the summer of 1998, Yanowitz's stress from what she described as a steady stream of accusations had become so severe that she went on disability leave, and L'Oreal eventually replaced her. She sued the next year under the state's Fair Employment and Housing Act, seeking compensatory damages for emotional distress and loss of earnings, as well as punitive damages.

Although courts have long held that employers can't have attractiveness standards for female employees if they don't have them for male employees, last month's ruling could have repercussions for labor laws nationwide, as well as for managers who stand up for the civil rights of others, said Yanowitz's attorney, her husband, Herbert Yanowitz.

He said the California appeals court broke new ground by finding that plaintiffs can invoke the sex discrimination argument on behalf of other people when challenging job actions that apply to themselves.

"The idea that you can't have different standards for women and men is fairly well established," Herbert Yanowitz said. "But those previous cases, I don't believe, related to retaliation for refusing to fire somebody."

Herbert Yanowitz said the depression and hypertension his wife suffered as a result of her experience has left her unable to work since she left L'Oreal.

"She can't deal with confrontation and stress anymore and as a practical matter, where can you find employment of any magnitude that doesn't have some stress," he said.

The case is Yanowitz v. L'Oreal USA, A095474.

Suits filed against restaurants for alleged sale of toxic seafood

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The state has sued companies that own 16 of the nation's best-known restaurant chains for allegedly failing to warn customers that some seafood they sell contains potentially harmful mercury.

The suits filed Thursday in Los Angeles and San Francisco superior courts claim that restaurants such as Morton's, Ruth's Chris Steak House and Benihana were not following Proposition 65 guidelines, which require businesses to post warnings when they expose people to carcinogens.

The suits said the restaurants serve fresh or frozen swordfish, tuna or shark, which contain enough mercury compounds to trigger the law's provisions.

The state is seeking an injunction requiring the restaurants to post warnings, as well as civil penalties of \$2,500 per day for each violation.

Other affected chains are Red Lobster and Olive Garden (Darden Restaurants); Chili's, Macaroni Grill and Little Italy (Sue Brinker International); Outback and Roy's (Outback); Chart House (Sue Landry's Restaurants); Bennigan's (Metromedia Restaurant Group); Cheesecake Factory; Hof's Hut; Claim Jumper; and P.F. Chang's China Bistro.

"We're not trying to discourage people from eating fish," Lockyer spokesman Tom Dresslar said. "But the fish listed in this lawsuit contain high levels of substances known to cause cancer, birth defects and reproductive harm."



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California asks Bush to let offshore oil leases expire

BY DON THOMPSON
Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO — President Bush should let 36 oil exploration leases expire, now that it knows state regulators can pass judgment on any new drilling plans off California's coast, Gov. Gray Davis said Friday.

Last week, the Bush administration dropped its challenge to court rulings giving California a role in the future of the 36 leases off Ventura, Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo counties.

Now, the administration should let the leases expire rather than pursuing the issue before the California Coastal Commission, as would be permitted by those court rulings, Davis said.

"It is time to take the next step and put an end to the threat these 36 leases pose," Davis said in a letter to Interior Secretary

Gale Norton. "It is our best hope to avoid more costly litigation while protecting our magnificent coastline."

The Bush administration already is concentrating on buying out leaseholders, who are seeking \$1.2 billion in federal compensation because California blocked development, responded an Interior Department spokesman.

Davis and environmental groups want the federal government to buy back the leases, as it is doing for Florida. As the president's brother, Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, was waging a tough re-election campaign last spring, Bush announced plans to pay more than \$230 million to protect Florida's Everglades and Gulf coast areas from oil and gas development.

"We're working with the lessees to resolve the matter," Norton spokesman Mark Pfeifle said, though he couldn't say if the administration had decided not to

seek state approval of the lease renewals.

The administration wants the state to pay part of the cost, however. Pfeifle noted that, unlike Florida, California has taken \$62 million in royalties from its offshore leases since 1978.

The Clinton administration extended the leases for 10 years in 1999 as they were set to expire. But the courts upheld California's right to decide if offshore drilling in federal waters is consistent with the state's coastal protection plans.

The Coastal Commission couldn't void the leases outright, but could go back to court to stop them. Coastal commissioners are appointed by Davis and Democratic legislative leaders, all of whom oppose more drilling.

"When it comes to our coast, Californians speak with one voice," Davis warned Norton. "Our coastal beaches are our heritage, and we have an obligation to

preserve them."

Pfeifle said the administration is committed to working with California to protect the state's coastline.

"We certainly appreciate the governor's free advice," Pfeifle said. "It's not difficult to give that advice, since it's the federal government and not the state government that's being sued for millions and millions of dollars."

California leaders' abhorrence of offshore drilling dates to the massive Santa Barbara oil spill in 1969. There have been no new oil platforms since 1994, and no exploration since 1989.

Offshore rigs account for a fifth of the state's petroleum production. The undeveloped leases hold enough oil to supply California refineries for two years and have enough natural gas to satisfy the state's demand for five months.

Vegas ranks second most dangerous city for homeless

By The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — A study by the nation's largest homeless advocacy group ranked Las Vegas the second most dangerous city in America for people living on the streets.

The National Coalition for the Homeless released its report Thursday, ranking U.S. cities based on the number of violent crimes committed against the homeless by non-homeless people.

Denver led the nation with nine attacks and nine deaths spanning a four-year period beginning in 1999. Las Vegas reported 13 violent crimes resulting in four deaths.

"I'm concerned any time we, as a city, have a high ranking on another one of these negative lists because I don't think this shows most of the community, who are striving for something better," said Linda Lera-Randle El, executive director for Straight From the Streets, a nonprofit

organization that works with the homeless.

Sheriff Bill Young disagreed with the report's finding, which did not track how many crimes against the homeless were committed by the homeless themselves.

"Portraying Las Vegas as a place where the local citizenry is committing crimes against the homeless is totally wrong," he said. "We're one of the most progressive cities in the nation when it comes to law enforcement and the homeless."

Ongoing investigations show that two of the four homicides cited in the report could have been committed by homeless people, Young said.

But officials with the National Coalition for the Homeless said crimes against the homeless are on the rise and the report proves that a federal study is needed.

"Right now we don't know how many

of the crimes are hate crimes because many of the perpetrators aren't interviewed," said Michael Stoops, director of community organizing for the coalition and a co-author of the report.

The coalition also would like to see homeless people included in hate-crime legislation currently before Congress. Stoops said that would help deter crime,

as well as provide more reliable data.

Several officials criticized the data the report was based on, noting it was in part drawn from media accounts.

"The city's concern is how did they get their information," said Elaine Sanchez, spokeswoman for Mayor Oscar Goodman. "You can't have research based on media reports."

Florida university shuts student paper over April Fools' issue

By The Associated Press

DELAND, Fla. — Stetson University suspended publication of its student newspaper and fired the editorial staff because an April Fools' Day issue included profanity, racist jokes and a sex column advocating rape and domestic violence.

The Reporter, founded in 1887 and billed as the state's first college newspaper, was shut down Wednesday for the remainder of the school year.

Staff members said they were given 15 minutes to clear their belongings out of the office as the locks were being changed.

The Reporter traditionally pokes fun at the faculty, student groups and itself with an April Fools' edition renamed The Distorter. But school officials say the students went too far this year.

"There's not much in this year's Distorter that you can laugh about," said Michelle Espinosa, the dean of students. "We believe very strongly in students' need for autonomy. But the students do assume responsibility for their editorial decisions."

Inside the fake issue, the Howard Thurman lecture series — designed to promote racial dialogue — was satirized with an article about a racist Civil War enthusiast drinking beer at a podium. The weekly sex column was written in Ebionics. And phony advertisements included a spray that "Kills townies dead" and one featuring profanity in giant block letters, "Because we are allowed to print it," it said.

"We pushed some buttons that may not have needed to be pushed," said sex columnist August Brown.

Though no longer affiliated with the Florida Baptist Convention, Stetson is

still considered a conservative school. Alcohol wasn't allowed on its DeLand and St. Petersburg campuses until 1995.

The newspaper had been under pressure from administrators to tone down the content of recent editions. After the April 1 edition, school officials said they were inundated with calls and e-mails from upset alumni, faculty and students.

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Staffers said they were disappointed they were fired without warning and that even people who had no say in the paper's editorial content lost their jobs.

"We've learned a lot in the last week as students and journalists," said fired editor in chief Teresa Schwarz. "I think that's something they're overlooking."

Administrators and student leaders will work to start a new student newspaper in the fall, Espinosa said. Former staff members may reapply and will be considered for rehiring, she said.

Congress agrees to \$3.2 billion airline company relief package

BY LESLIE MILLER
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Struggling airlines will receive \$2.9 billion to ease the impact of war and terrorism under an agreement reached by congressional negotiators on Friday.

Of that, \$2.4 billion would come as cash within 30 days, which would be especially helpful to major airlines that are heavily in debt and losing money. The relief package, which includes unemployment compensation for laid off workers, totals \$3.2 billion.

Bush administration officials labeled \$3 billion in relief as excessive. They said the airline industry already got \$15 billion in federal help after the Sept. 11 attacks and market forces should determine which airlines survive.

Lawmakers also disregarded White House objections to a provision that extends unemployment insurance for 26 weeks to aviation industry workers who've lost their jobs since Sept. 11, 2001.

In working out the differences between the House's \$3.2 billion plan and the Senate's \$2.7 billion version, negotiators at one point had whittled proposed unem-

ployment insurance to 13 weeks for airline workers alone.

But Sen. Arlen Specter, a Pennsylvania Republican, and Rep. David Obey, a Wisconsin Democrat, prodded the committee to extend unemployment insurance for 26 weeks and expand the benefit to workers for airlines, airline manufacturers, suppliers and airport workers. The move restored an amendment sponsored by Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash.

Obey argued Congress should help workers since negotiators had weakened proposed restrictions on airline executives' compensation.

"If we're going to take such great care of the CEOs of the airlines in this coming amendment, it seems to me we could be taking a little better care of the workers," Obey said.

The agreement limits the salaries for airlines' top two executives to 2002 levels, loosening Senate restrictions that would have capped the compensation of their top five executives. The compromise also exempts stock and preexisting retirement contracts from calculations of executive pay. Airlines that violate the rule would lose their government grants, and the restrictions don't apply to smaller airlines.



Subsidiary awarded \$7B Iraq contract without competing

BY LEIGH STROPE

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — A government contract awarded without competition to a Halliburton Co. subsidiary to fight oil well fires in Iraq is worth at least \$7 billion over two years, the Army Corps of Engineers has disclosed to Congress.

The contract also allows Halliburton subsidiary KBR, an engineering and construction company, to earn another 7 percent in profit, valued at \$490 million.

The corps released the details in response to an inquiry by Rep. Henry Waxman of California, who represents Santa Monica and is the top Democrat on the House Government Reform Committee.

Waxman and Rep. John Dingell, D-Mich., have asked for an investigation into how the Bush administration is awarding contracts for the reconstruction of Iraq, which could cost as much as \$100 billion. They also want the General Accounting Office, the investigative arm of Congress, to determine whether Vice President Dick Cheney's former company may have received favorable treatment in their Pentagon contracts.

Lt. Gen. Robert B. Flowers, the Corps of Engineers

commander, said in his letter to Waxman that KBR was asked to develop plans to restore Iraq's oil infrastructure based on an existing contract with the company that was awarded in December 2001.

"To invite other contractors to compete to perform a highly classified requirement" that KBR already was involved in "would have been a wasteful duplication of effort" that would have delayed war planning, Flowers said, adding that the agreement was structured to control costs.

Waxman said the response raises new questions, including when KBR was asked to develop the plan or when the decision was made to implement it.

"It also is surprising to learn that (KBR) is apparently the only company capable of performing this work in possession of the requisite security clearances," Waxman said in a new letter asking for more answers.

Waxman acknowledged that the Bush administration may have had valid reasons for granting a contract without competition for emergency war work, but "it is harder to understand ... what the rationale would be for a sole-source contract that has a multiyear duration and a multi-billion dollar price tag."

He asked Flowers to provide information about how the cost of the work was determined and when the Army

would replace the contract with one awarded through competition.

Waxman has said federal procurement data shows the government has awarded KBR work worth more than \$624 million from October 2000 through March 2002.

He said there had been previous problems with KBR, including overcharges, such as:

• A GAO finding in 1997 that the company billed the Army for questionable expenses for work in the Balkans, including charges of \$85.98 per sheet of plywood that cost \$14.06

• A year 2000 follow-up report on the Balkans work that found inflated costs, including charges for cleaning some offices up to four times a day.

• \$2 million in fines paid in February 2002 to resolve fraud claims involving work at Fort Ord, Calif. The Defense Department inspector general and a federal grand jury had investigated allegations by a former employee that KBR defrauded the government of millions of dollars by inflating prices for repairs and maintenance.

The Securities and Exchange Commission began in December a formal investigation into Halliburton's accounting practices, focusing on an accounting change made in 1998 during Cheney's tenure as CEO.

IMF and World Bank expected to shoulder Iraq rebuilding bill

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and Canada.

Snow, who took over as Treasury secretary from Paul O'Neill in February, also held a series of one-on-one meetings with finance officials from Brazil, France, Japan and other nations through the day Friday as a prelude to the larger meetings.

French Finance Minister Francis Mer and Snow discussed in their talks a need for the international community to cooperate on reconstruction regardless of where countries stood on the U.S. invasion of Iraq, a U.S. Treasury official said, briefing reporters on condition of anonymity.

Snow also used the discussions to sound out the other G-7 countries on a U.S. proposal to forgive some of Iraq's foreign debt, estimated to be as high as \$200 billion.

The IMF and the World Bank are expected to shoulder a large part of the financial burden of rebuilding Iraq. But the U.S. push to get financial support moving quickly under a U.S.-led reconstruction effort ran into objections from several countries, who said the chance of establishing a lasting peace in Iraq would be greater if the United Nations took the lead postwar role.

Russia, France and Germany continued their opposition to the U.S.-British invasion by rejecting what they viewed as a U.S. effort to dominate the rebuilding process.

Russian President Vladimir Putin met on Friday in St. Petersburg, Russia, with French President Jacques Chirac and

German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder to discuss Iraq and other issues.

Putin said the U.S.-led war had undermined international law and the concept of national sovereignty. At the Russian meeting, Schroeder said: "The United Nations must take charge of postwar reconstruction."

At the finance meetings, the IMF's Group of 24, finance ministers who representing major developing countries, issued a communique Friday specifying that the IMF and World Bank coordinate their efforts with the United Nations.

"This is a major effort that will require the support of all countries, not only because of the magnitude of the situation, but also because this is the way it should be done given the situation we have on our hands," Lebanon's Finance Minister Fuad Siniora, chairman of the G-24, told reporters.

Both World Bank President James Wolfensohn and IMF Managing Director Horst Koehler have said they would not begin Iraq's recovery program, with either technical assistance or the required multi-billion-dollar loans, until they receive the go-ahead from their boards. Obtaining approval for reconstruction loans under a U.S.-led effort would require the United States to persuade several fellow board members to change their votes.

Snow said Thursday he was baffled by the World Bank position that it could not move forward even with fact-finding until the United Nations recognized a new government and lifted economic sanctions imposed on President Saddam Hussein's

government, which President Bush said Friday no longer rules Iraq. On Friday, the Bush administration sought to strike a more conciliatory position than Snow's comment a day earlier.

Snow "simply believes that the World Bank should and will engage in Iraq as quickly as possible because the needs are great," said Treasury spokesman Tony Fratto.

Now that Saddam's government appears out of the picture, the United

States is eager to start money flowing to demonstrate tangible economic benefits from the regime change.

World Bank officials, briefing reporters Friday, said initial financial support would focus on such critical needs as food, water and sanitation, then trying to get children back in school.

Preliminary estimates on the cost of rebuilding Iraq range from \$20 billion a year for the first few years to as much as \$600 billion over a decade.

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INTERNATIONAL

Baghdad still suffers even as war comes to an end

BY HAMZA HENDAWI
Associated Press Writer

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Volunteers buried 17 decomposing bodies wrapped in bloodstained blankets Friday in a mass grave in the yard of an abandoned hospital. A man, hit by a car as he ran from gunfire, lay dying next to the grave, flies crawling over his bloodied body.

Despite images earlier this week of jubilation in Baghdad's streets, lawlessness and lingering pockets of resistance to American forces are prolonging the city's suffering — even as the war seems to be drawing to a close.

Hundreds of Baghdad residents have been killed and thousands injured since the campaign began. The city of 5 million has been without power for more than a week. Though running water is still available in most areas, the supply is irregular. Telephone lines have been down for two weeks since coalition forces struck the city's exchanges.

Al-Yarmouk Hospital has been empty of most staff since it was struck by a missile and tank fire on Monday that sent hospital workers fleeing for their lives. One young doctor and three male nurses were the only staff there Friday.

The emergency generator that had provided the hospital's power no longer works and the bodies in its morgue are decomposing. Hallways and wards that only a week ago were filled with the cries of the wounded and dying are quiet.

What is left are darkened hallways, empty rooms, bloodstained floors, broken glass and a gaping hole in the wall of the pediatrics ward.

In the deserted emergency ward, Mohammed Suleiman hysterically looked for his 8-month-old daughter, Rowand, brought in after a bomb her

"We had to do this. Yesterday, we buried 20 at a nearby mosque."

—YASSER WAJEEH
Volunteer

brother unwittingly brought home exploded.

"Please look at her face and see how beautiful she is," he screamed when he found the baby's lifeless body, covered with a blanket, her eyes half open, her nose and mouth bloodied.

"Why? Why?" he shrieked, collapsing against a wall.

Outside, the call for Friday prayers rang out as a dozen volunteers removed bodies from the morgue on trollies and buried them in a mass grave. Flies swarmed the gray blankets they were wrapped in; the stench was so overwhelming some volunteers wore surgical or gas masks.

None of the bodies had been ritually washed, as is customary in the Muslim faith. Still, the volunteers intoned the Muslim prayer in unison: "There is no God but God and Muhammad is his prophet."

"We had to do this," said one volunteer, dentist Yasser Wajeeh, as he shoveled dirt onto the bodies. "Yesterday, we buried 20 at a nearby mosque."

He said the dead included victims of coalition bombing, civilians caught in fighting between U.S. forces and Iraqi troops, and Arab volunteers who came to Iraq to participate in jihad, or holy struggle, against the Americans.

Suddenly, a burst of gunfire rang out, followed by what sounded like a tank shell. A few minutes later, the volunteers brought in an unconscious man, bleeding from the mouth and nose.

"Amu, Amu, can you hear me?" one man shouted, using the Arabic word for "uncle."

"Please say 'There is no God but God and Muhammad is his Prophet,'" he screamed into the wounded man's ear.

There was no response, just heavy breathing. "Nod if you hear me, please."

Someone suggested the man keep talking to the wounded man until a doctor could come. "What do you want me to do? The Americans come and kill us, and now you want me to save him?" the volunteer protested.

In the hospital emergency room, meanwhile, Suleiman, 47, recalled the explosion that killed his baby daughter. He said his eldest son Seif brought home a device that exploded when he tried to examine it.

Rowand, the youngest of his five children, was killed and his wife, Wafa'a Abdel-Fatah, was wounded in her left arm and leg. A nephew was wounded in the shoulder.

Suleiman said he was convinced the explosive was an American cluster bomb and his grief soon turned into anger.

"I'll kill an American one day. Perhaps not today, but maybe after 10 years," he said.

Then Suleiman, his wife and nephew were helped to a car so they could be taken to the still-operational el-Iskan Hospital.

Rowand was left behind in the emergency ward, her body lying on the floor, covered with a gray blanket.



Jerome Delay/Associated Press

Residents of the Karbala neighborhood of Baghdad catch a man suspected of looting at a checkpoint they set up to intercept looters on Friday as widespread looting continues in the Iraqi capital.



John Moore/Associated Press

Blood runs on the sidewalk as an Iraqi man yells for other civilians to back away shortly after a bus was shot on a bridge by a tank crew from the U.S. Army 4th Battalion 64 Armor Regiment in Baghdad on Friday. Tank commander Charles Wooten said that his tank fired on the vehicle after it refused to stop when warning shots were fired. The bus driver was killed and the Army said it found Iraqi military uniforms inside the vehicle.

N. Korea vows to prohibit United Nations inspections

BY SANG-HUN CHOE
Associated Press Writer

SEOUL, South Korea — South Korea on Friday launched a stealth warship capable of spying on North Korea Friday, while the communist state's leader called proposed U.N. nuclear inspections a "sinister design" by Washington to find an excuse for war.

In the past few days, North Korea has increased its anti-U.S. rhetoric in anticipation of the Bush administration shifting its attention to North Korea following its inevitable victory in the war in Iraq.

Tensions were underscored Friday as South Korean President Roh Moo-hyun attended the launch of a new stealth warship capable of electronic spying on North Korea.

The United States had hoped its key ally, South Korea, could convince Pyongyang to allow in U.N. inspectors and scrap nuclear facilities.

North Korea accused the United States of "plotting to apply the pattern in Iraq to us ... by demanding (nuclear) inspections to find an excuse for invasion." The North said that it will never give up its suspected nuclear weapons programs.

"Allowing inspections and disarming ourselves are like taking off our pants," said Pyongyang's state-run Central TV, which was monitored by South Korean

Yonhap news agency. "The United States' sinister design is not in inspections themselves but in using them to spread rumors of weapons of mass destruction and find an excuse for armed intervention."

North Korea's KCNA news agency reported that the state's leader Kim Jong Il inspected Flying Unit 887 on Thursday to brief pilots and noted that the pilots "are fully prepared to courageously beat back the enemy any time." It did not say where the air base was located.

In Moscow, the Russian government has ordered officials to work out plans to defend Russians and their interests on the country's Far East territories bordering the Korean Peninsula should the crisis spin out of control, a top diplomat said Friday.

"As a result of the positions of the United States and North Korea, which do not permit the start of negotiations, unfortunately the situation on the Korean Peninsula continues to sharpen and is approaching a point beyond which could lie an uncontrollable reaction," Deputy Foreign Minister Alexander Losyukov was quoted as telling the Interfax news agency.

In Tokyo, Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi and Russia's visiting Russian Defense Minister Sergei Ivanov agreed Friday to seek a diplomatic solution, Japanese officials said.

South Korea, meanwhile, continued to take measures

to guard against North Korea.

Its new radar-evading ship launched Friday is equipped for electronic monitoring as well as anti-ship and anti-submarine warfare, navy officials said. The 450-foot-long warship is South Korea's most advanced. The country already has an unspecified number of stealth warships.

Washington has accused the North of having a secret nuclear weapons program in violation of a 1994 pact. President Bush says he wants to solve the problem peacefully, but he has not ruled out a military solution.

On Wednesday, the U.N. Security Council refused to act on a U.S. request to condemn North Korea for pulling out of the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty because of strong opposition from China and Russia.

North Korea insists on direct talks with Washington over the nuclear dispute. Washington wants the problem to be addressed in a multilateral forum including Russia, China, Japan and South Korea.

In Beijing, visiting South Korean Foreign Minister Yoon Young-kwan said after meeting senior Chinese officials that he was "cautiously optimistic" the crisis can be resolved peacefully.

South Korea has been urging Beijing, a major ally of Pyongyang, to help persuade North Korean leaders to join multilateral talks.

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SPORTS



Shaky start for Tiger Woods in pursuit of history

BY PAUL NEWBERRY

AP Sports Writer

AUGUSTA, Ga. — Tiger Woods' pursuit of history at Augusta National got off to a shaky start Friday when he opened the Masters with a 76 — his worst first-round score in a major since turning pro.

Sunshine finally broke through after nearly a week of nastiness, but Woods and many others probably wished they could have stayed home another day.

Only seven of the 93 players broke par in the first round, which was delayed a day by rain. Jack Nicklaus shot a 13-over-par 85 — his worst round ever at the Masters.

The scoring average of 76.2, including 15 rounds of 80 and higher, was the worst to open the Masters in 15 years.

"I'm still not out of this thing," Woods insisted. "I just need to play a decent round."

Unphased by the soggy course, Darren Clarke of Northern Ireland grabbed the lead with a 66. And this was a stunner: U.S. Amateur champion Ricky Barnes was tied for second with Sergio Garcia after a 69.

The 22-year-old Barnes will always have something to tell his kids. Playing with Woods, the Masters rookie beat the two-time defending champion by seven strokes.

"He made me feel relaxed," Barnes said. "He told me to enjoy myself and things will go my way."

Not so for Woods, who struggled to his worst opening round in a tour event since a 76 to start the Western Open in 1998. The only time he opened with a round this poor at a major was the 1996 U.S. Open, when an amateur Woods shot 76.

Something else to consider: The world's greatest golfer had a birdie-less round for the first time since the third day of the 1999 British Open.

At least Woods had a chance to quickly make up for his poor showing. Since Thursday's play was rained out, Augusta National scheduled 36 holes in an attempt to get the tournament back on track.

After a quick break, Woods and the others returned to the course for Round 2.

Starting on the back side, Clarke missed a 2-footer to save par at No. 11. That was about the only thing that went wrong. He got rolling with an eagle at 15 and was flawless the rest of the way, adding two more birdies and no bogeys.

"I made very few mistakes," Clarke said. "It's not far off my best round."

Garcia bogeyed two of the last three holes to drop three strokes behind the leader, who had the largest 18-hole advantage at the Masters since Nicklaus was three-up in 1982.

The Spaniard was joined on the leaderboard by Barnes, a senior at Arizona and son of a former NFL player. The amateur looked a bit nervous on the first hole, taking bogey, but he finished with one of the rare birdies on the brutal 18th.

Nick Price and Mike Weir were at 70. Toru Taniguchi and David Toms also broke par with 71s. That was it for players in the red.

Woods, trying to become the first golfer ever to win three straight green jackets, started his day with four ugly shots. As he walked off 18, his streak of 10 straight sub-par rounds at Augusta was over.



Elise Amendola/Associated Press

Defending champion Tiger Woods blasts out of the trap on the 2nd hole during first round play of the 2003 Masters at the Augusta National Golf Club in Augusta, Ga., on Friday.

"I just need to make some putts," Woods said.

Last year, the world's best player started with a 2-under 70, leaving him three strokes off the lead. He went on to an easy three-stroke victory, joining Nicklaus and Nick Faldo as the only players to win two straight green jackets.

If Woods can win this week, he'll take home his fourth Masters championship. That would tie him with Arnold Palmer and leave Woods trailing only Nicklaus, who has six.

As Woods arrived at the first tee, the sun finally cut through the clouds for the first time since Sunday. Waiters, busboys and cooks wandered out from the clubhouse to get a look at his opening shot.

It wasn't pretty. Woods appeared to mishit his drive, which didn't even make it to the bunker at the top of the hill. Playing from the edge of the rough, Woods knocked his second shot over the right side of the green.

He was too strong with his next shot, chipping past the flag and watching the ball catch a ridge and slide off the opposite side of the green. He was short with his next chip, the ball rolling back off the green as the gallery groaned and Woods stood with his hands on his hips, a look of disbelief on his face.

Then, in typical Tiger fashion, he chipped in his fifth shot from about 40 feet for an improbable bogey.

The rally was shortlived. Woods ran into more trouble at the par-3 fourth, where his tee shot went long and he failed to save par. At No. 5, Woods lost another stroke after driving into the 10-foot-deep bunker, which he had planned to avoid.

While 36 holes were scheduled Friday, it seemed likely only a handful of groups would get in both rounds before dark. The rest will have to return Saturday morning to finish the second round.

The course, stretched to 7,290 yards by changes last year, was playing even longer. The fairways were softened by persistent rain, which forced the first round to be called off for the first time in 64 years.

"It was so long. Wow!" said Gary Player, who shot 82. "I'm hitting 3-wood and 5-wood on every hole. I need

more strength."

Sunny conditions were expected for the weekend and that was good news for Masters officials, who hoped to squeeze in enough play for the tournament to end on Sunday as usual.

Sandy Lyle hit the opening tee shot. Fanfare was minimal. Club chairman Hootie Johnson wasn't on the first tee since the Masters did not have honorary starters for the first time since 1982.

Johnson may have other things on his mind.

Martha Burk, head of the National Council of Women's Organizations, and the Rev. Jesse Jackson called on any Augusta National members who oppose the club's all-male policy to resign.

Burk plans to lead protests on Saturday.

The 63-year-old Nicklaus has his own problems. His worst Augusta round ever consisted of seven bogeys and three double-bogeys, eclipsing an 81 on a wind-swept day in 2000.

"The course wasn't much of a problem," Nicklaus said. "I was."

He rarely got his irons close to the hole. When he did, the putts wouldn't fall.

"I was horrible with the putts," Nicklaus said, "and where I was putting from wasn't very good, either."

Masters scores

By The Associated Press

At Augusta National Golf Club course

Yardage: 7,290; Par: 72 (36-36)
First Round (a-amateur)

Darren Clarke	34-32	—	66
Sergio Garcia	37-32	—	69
a-Ricky Barnes	35-34	—	69
Nick Price	34-36	—	70
Mike Weir	34-36	—	70
David Toms	38-33	—	71
Toru Taniguchi	35-36	—	71
Jerry Kelly	37-35	—	72
Jeff Maggert	36-36	—	72
Paul Lawrie	36-36	—	72
Loren Roberts	35-38	—	73
Brad Faxon	35-38	—	73
Fred Couples	37-36	—	73
Jose Maria Olazabal	37-36	—	73
Tim Clark	37-36	—	73
Jonathan Byrd	36-37	—	73
a-Ryan Moore	35-38	—	73
Vijay Singh	38-35	—	73
a-Hunter Mahan	37-36	—	73
Retief Goosen	36-37	—	73
John Huston	36-37	—	73
Phil Mickelson	38-35	—	73
Rocco Mediate	37-36	—	73
Charles Howell III	37-36	—	73
Jim Furyk	36-37	—	73
Justin Rose	37-36	—	73
Len Mattiace	37-36	—	73

Anaheim's Jean-Sebastien Giguere hopes to top his debut

BY LARRY LAGE

AP Sports Writer

DETROIT — As good as he was in his playoff debut, Jean-Sebastien Giguere thinks he needs to play even better against the Detroit Red Wings in Game 2.

That's saying a lot, given what the Anaheim goaltender did during the Mighty Ducks' 2-1 win in three overtimes Thursday night against the defending Stanley Cup champions.

Giguere made 63 saves — an NHL record for a first postseason game — and faced 20 shots in the first overtime, more than any goaltender has faced in an extra playoff period since the league expanded for the 1967-68 season.

"I want to say I can be better, but I

don't want to be cocky by saying that," Giguere said. "I just know it's going to get harder and harder and we're all going to have to bring our game up."

The 25-year-old Giguere even said he might not have played his best game.

"There's a lot of games I'm proud about, when I was a kid," Giguere said. "Obviously, in the NHL it's different because it's the best players in the world. But to say it was the best game in my life, maybe not."

"I'm sure I've had games in the past when I was a little bit better."

The Red Wings are used to trailing early in the best-of-seven first-round series, like they will be for Saturday's home game.

When Detroit won the Cup in 1997, it

lost the first game of the playoffs to St. Louis. When the Red Wings repeated the next season, Phoenix led them 2-1 in the first round.

Before winning a 10th Stanley Cup last June, the Red Wings were booed off the ice after Vancouver won the first two games in the first round.

"Obviously, we're not starting the playoffs well — like last year," said Detroit's Sergei Fedorov, who had three first-period shots Thursday and none over the next five.

Red Wings coach Dave Lewis said the experience of coming back against Vancouver last year will not necessarily help against the Mighty Ducks.

"I don't know if it makes any difference," Lewis said. "I just think that with

the experience in the room that it will be a different game, a different focus. We'll just try to shake this one off as soon as we can and get ready for the next one.

"It's just part of the playoffs. It's a disappointing loss, but Saturday's outcome is not dictated by (Thursday's) outcome. We knew they depended heavily on their goaltender, and that's what they did."

The Mighty Ducks weren't shocked by Giguere's performance.

"That's the way he's played all season for us," Keith Carney said. "He's just our backbone back there."

Giguere set franchise records with 34 wins and eight shutouts — including three straight in December — and lost just eight of his last 30 games.

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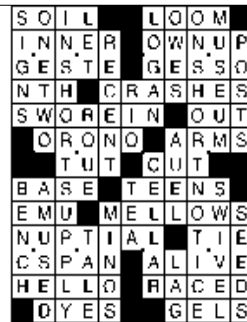
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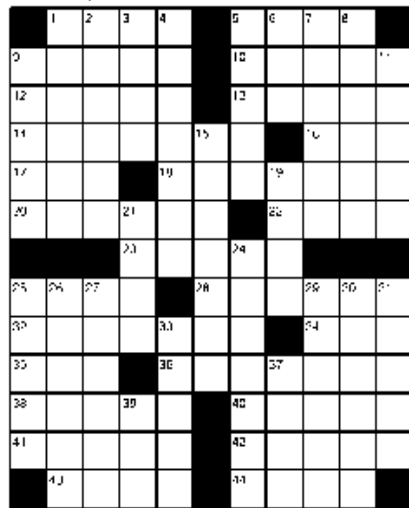
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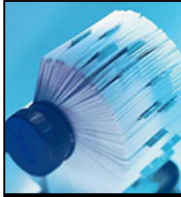
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Booth (R) 12:15, 1:15, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:45, 5:15,
5:45, 7:00, 8:00, 9:15, 9:45, 10:15. The Core (PG-
13) 12:55, 4:05, 7:15, 10:25.

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1313 Third St.
Bringing down the House (PG-13) 11:45, 2:10,
4:50, 7:20, 10:15. Basic (R) 12:00, 2:25, 5:05, 7:45,
10:30. Dreamcatcher (R) 7:00, 10:10. Old School
(R) 12:15, 2:30, 5:00, 7:40, 10:20. A Man Apart
(R) 11:00, 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 9:50. Agent Cody
Banks (PG) 11:30, 1:50, 4:15. House of 1,000
Corpses (R) 11:15, 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:00.

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1310 3rd Street
Piglet's Big Movie (G) 11:20, 1:00. Anger
Management (PG-13) 11:15, 12:00, 1:55, 2:35,
3:15, 4:35, 5:15, 7:20, 8:00, 10:00, 10:45. Chicago
(PG-13) 1:15, 4:00, 7:05, 9:50. The Hunted
(2003) (R) 7:45, 10:10. What a Girl Wants (PG)
11:30, 2:05, 4:40, 7:10, 9:40. Boat Trip (R) 7:25,
9:40. Head of State (PG-13) 12:45, 2:50, 5:20,
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10:15.

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1314 Wilshire Blvd.
XX/XY (R) 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 9:45. Laurel Canyon
(R) 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30.

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1332 2nd St.
Levity (NR) 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00. Bend
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10:20. Assassination Tango (R) 1:30, 4:15, 7:00,
9:45.



BACK PAGE



Land owner heads to jail

By The Associated Press

ENFIELD, Conn. — Augustus J. Simmons would rather go back to prison than give up his land.

The 83-year-old man has been battling for four decades with the state over land at Bradley International Airport.

Simmons was sentenced to a year in prison for his latest legal skirmish. He claims the state illegally took 14 acres of land from him in 1962.

"I have no different penal code for people who are seniors but who want to act like children," Superior Court Judge E. Curtiss R. Cofield said before sentencing Simmons this week.

Simmons was last arrested on March 14 when officials said he roped off a parking lot at the airport and allegedly cursed two Army National Guard members patrolling the grounds. He was convicted of breach of peace, interfering with an officer, disorderly conduct and violating probation.

In 2001, Simmons began serving a sentence for pulling down fencing at the airport. He was released on probation last year.

The state Supreme Court in 1980 had upheld a ruling that Simmons be paid \$365,000 by the state for the land, but he refused to accept the check or to cash it. The \$365,000 eventually was returned to the state treasury as unclaimed property.

Council bans motorcycle noise

By The Associated Press

CHARLESTON, S.C. — In America's most mannerly city, it would be downright rude to rev one's motorcycle engine too loudly, the city council says.

Some bikers planning to attend a nearby rally next week say an ordinance approved Tuesday is not hospitable at all.

"It's scaring the bikers. We're not welcome," said Tommy Murray of Hanahan. "You're not going to go somewhere where you're not welcome."

The council amended the city's noise ordinance to ban loud revving of engines. Supporters say it's aimed at noisy motorcycles and is not intended to spoil the rally.

As many as 50,000 bikers are expected to attend the Heritage Motorcycle Rally next week in suburban Ladson, although bikers are expected in downtown Charleston and other areas as well.

Charleston again this year topped the unofficial list of America's best-mannered cities compiled by etiquette expert Marjabelle Young Stewart.

The law only will be applied when someone loudly revs their engine or speeds away loudly, said Charleston Police Maj. Herbert Whetsell.

"Not every motorcycle is inordinately noisy, and not every inordinate noise comes from a motorcycle," said Caroline Cleveland, head of a local neighborhood association. "But wherever it comes from, noise is a problem."

Tourism attraction bottoms out

By The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Chicago has a new tourist attraction — at the bottom of Lake Michigan.

Divers towed an old ferry to a spot 10 miles off Navy

Pier on Thursday and sunk it, to make a place recreational divers can explore underwater.

The 75-year-old Straits of Mackinac used to haul vehicles and passengers across the waterway of the same name in upper Michigan.

It's been docked since 1968, and was in Wisconsin when a group of Chicago divers bought it for the underwater project, raising \$95,000 to prepare the ferry for its watery grave.

Before hauling the boat from its mooring on the Calumet River to its destination in Lake Michigan, the divers punched holes in the ship and loaded it with concrete to weigh it down.

No boobs here, please

By The Associated Press

WENATCHEE, Wash. — City business leaders and police want to keep this year's Apple Blossom Festival under wraps.

They're asking stores not to sell beaded necklaces during the festival, to avoid a repeat of last year when young men offered beaded necklaces to young women, hoping to entice them to bare their breasts, Mardi Gras-style.

"I don't think women exposing themselves is part of family fun," said Craig Larsen, a Wenatchee Valley Chamber of Commerce executive and a city councilman.

In its newsletter this month, the chamber and police urged businesses not to sell the necklaces during the April 24-May 4 event, which attracts about 100,000 visitors to this north-central Washington city each year.

Last year, 21 people were cited for lewd conduct and three for indecent exposure, said police Sgt. Ken Manke.

Gary Cockerham, owner of the Your Dollar Store With More, considers the necklaces harmless. The store sells a pack of four bead necklaces for \$2.

"Someone is trying to legislate morality," he said. "I think that's weird."

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