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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

by Chuck Shepard

■ New Salem Missionary Baptist Church members voted 67-10 to fire pastor Stanley Hall, who had refused to reschedule his consecration service even though it conflicted with the telecast of the Super Bowl (Birmingham, Ala.). A 19-year-old woman learning to drive took a turn too fast and mowed down her two kids, her sister and her niece (all survived) (Santa Ana, Calif.). A 39-year-old driver, celebrating his car's 100,000th mile with a bottle of champagne, accidentally smashed into a tree (Boulder, Colo.).

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

Talk is cheap because supply exceeds demand.

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Game playing



Del Pastrana/Daily Press

The chess park at Santa Monica Beach just south of the pier was hopping this past weekend with avid chess players dominating the boards.

Alleged spy asks judge for bail this week

Santa Monica man currently detained downtown L.A.

BY JOHN WOOD
Daily Press Staff Writer

A Santa Monica man who is accused of spying for North Korea could be up for bail as early as Wednesday.

John Joungwoong Yai, 59, is being held without bail at the Metropolitan Detention Center in downtown Los Angeles.

He goes before U.S. Magistrate Judge Victor Kenton on April 16 with a motion to grant him bail.

A status conference is currently scheduled for early June, said Thom Mrozek, a U.S. Attorney spokesman.

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File photo

The home of John Joungwoong Yai was searched by FBI agents in February. Yai is accused of spying for the North Korean government.

City Hall deficit means more taxes

(Editor's note: This is the third article in an on-going series that examines City Hall's current financial crisis.)

BY CAROLYN SACKARIASON
Daily Press Staff Writer

Closing City Hall's growing deficit is a matter of simple economics — cut expenses and increase revenue.

That means Santa Monica resi-

dents and visitors will feel the pain in upcoming years as City Hall expects to face multi-million deficits through 2006.

City officials have been strategizing on how to close a \$12 million gap for this year.

A proposed budget is expected to land in front of the Santa Monica City Council in the next two months with a final adoption in June.

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Landlords look for rent control 'abuses'

Notices landing in tenants' mailboxes

BY JOHN WOOD
Daily Press Staff Writer

Landlords are on the look-out for tenants who they say are misusing their rent-controlled apartments.

Renters who use their units as offices, storage or vacation homes are being served with notices indicating that their days of paying low rent could be over.

A law that went into effect last month allows property owners to raise the rent on apartments that aren't used as primary residences.

Since March, notices have been showing up in doorways and in mailboxes across the city. So far, a dozen petitions have been filed with the Santa Monica Rent

Control Board.

"We're still pretty early in the game," said Doris Genga, an attorney for the rent control board. "But we've heard that the landlords at the Shores and Pacific Plaza are going to file a whole bunch (of petitions). We do anticipate heavier filings."

After landlords issue notices to tenants whose residency they wish to challenge, they must file a petition with the rent control board. Once the board reviews the petition, board members give tenants an opportunity to respond. If the renter challenges the landlord, a hearing is set.

Some residents already have been hit by the first wave of notices.

Tenants at the Shores, located on Santa Monica Beach near Hill

See LANDLORDS, page 7

Seeking stability, coalition and Iraqis are cooperating

BY ELLEN KNICKMEYER
Associated Press Writers

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Manning roadblocks, Sgt. Steven Christopher found himself picking up Arabic phrases he'd never heard but suddenly needed: "You are a thief. Do you think I am stupid? If you steal, we can shoot you."

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★★-So-so ★-Difficult

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, April 14, 2003:

You might not be exactly sure what will work emotionally this year, but it seems that others are. Listen to the advice of your counselors, but still make your own call. Your personality blooms this year, especially through September. Others respond to your inquiries and questions. You know how to encourage teamwork. Do just that. Curb tendencies to be wildly overindulgent and to go overboard. If you are single, you will meet someone quite special and different this year. Your relationship will build, if attached. Spend more time alone together. LIBRA is full of fun.

♈ ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Though you hit a midday block, you will easily work around it. Question more of what you want. A discussion could reinvigorate you later on. You express a special sense of confidence and well-being that others respond to. Tonight: Say "yes."

♉ TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Dig into your creativity to find solutions. You will like the net results if you remain optimistic. Your instincts serve you well with a money matter that weighs on your heart. You might not be able to make someone else understand your point of view. Tonight: Get some R and R.

♊ GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Stay close to home and manage a personal matter. You might not feel free until you solve a major hassle. Your perspective is renewed because of others' points of view. Think before you leap into action right now. Your humor and happy ways take you down a new avenue. Tonight: So what if it's Monday?

♋ CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Your ability to resolve a problem takes you to a new level of understanding. Keep conversations flowing, and you'll experience unusual success. Realize more of what you want through verbalizing. Make time for a family member. Tonight: Put your feet up.

♌ LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ You might want to rethink a money agreement, especially if you are getting a lot of negative feedback. You might have been overly extravagant or made a mistake in judgment. Keep driving and heading in the direction that you want. Tonight: Where your friends are.

♍ VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Evaluate what you want from those around you. Sometimes you hesitate to ask for what you really desire. Now isn't the time. Evaluate a loved one's request. You just might want to go along with it. Bosses continue to be demanding and touchy. Tonight: Your treat.

♎ LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ What puts a smile on your face causes you to think through a decision more carefully. Consider your options with those in your immediate surroundings. You might want to read between the lines with someone at a distance. Tonight: It's your call.

♏ SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Rethink a decision. What you say might have a greater impact on a friend than you realize. You might not be able to change the group consensus on an issue. Go with the flow. Don't fight the inevitable. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

♐ SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Work demands take priority. You might have difficulty with a loved one who wants and believes he or she needs your attention now rather than later. Schedule a lengthy dinner with this person in order to focus on what counts, at the right time. Tonight: Where the gang is.

♑ CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Your fiery nature takes over. Though a boss might be put off, you head in the right direction. Why not add a splash of diplomacy to your conversations? You might want to discuss your feelings on a deeper level. Hold off. Tonight: Work as late as you need to.

♒ AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ A partner might push very hard to have someone agree with you. Clearly, not everyone is on the same page. You could be on a frustrating, uphill battle. Detach some, and you'll get positive results when it counts. Tonight: Put yourself in someone else's shoes.

♓ PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Allow others to play their cards. You might not be sure what someone needs or wants, otherwise. With that information, you can hit a home run. A partner falls in line after a conversation. Realize how well-intended those around you really are. Tonight: Dinner for two.

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LOCAL

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Community forum brings the blues

By Daily Press staff

This week's "Blues, Booze and Views" community forum at the Gaslite will feature John Quigley, director of Earth Day L.A. and the notorious tree sitter in Santa Clarita's "Old Glory."

The forum will begin at 7 p.m. at the Gaslite, located at 2030 Wilshire Boulevard. Live blues with JJ "Bad Boy" Jones is on tap for the evening.

Local woman awarded middle school teacher of the year

By Daily Press staff

Lincoln Middle School phy-ed teacher, Mary Hirt, has been named middle school teacher of the year.

She received the National Physical Education Teacher of the Year for the middle school level by the National Association for Sport and Physical Education at its annual national convention in Philadelphia on April 4.

The honor goes to the elite in the physical activity, physical education and sports professions. The National Physical Educator of the Year Award is given in recognition of outstanding teaching performance and the ability to motivate today's youth to participate in a lifetime of physical activity.

Hirt is a native of Santa Monica and attended Santa Monica-Malibu public schools: Will Rogers Elementary, John Adams Middle School and Santa Monica High School. She decided to become a teacher because she knew she could make a positive difference in children's lives by teaching physical education, school officials said.

In 2002, Hirt was awarded the California Outstanding Physical Education Educator of the Year by the State of California Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.

Hirt was awarded the 2003 American Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance Southwest District Physical Education Teacher of the Year.

In addition to teaching phy-ed at Lincoln Middle School and serving as chair of the Physical Education Department for 12 years, Hirt is a professor in kinesiology at California State University at Northridge, a physical education consultant and a presenter at many workshops and conferences. She has been recognized for her outstanding teaching in physical education through the Jaycee's Outstanding Young Educator Award program and by her local PTSA as Teacher of the Year.

Celebrate salad in schools

By Daily Press staff

The local school district has been nationally recognized for its farmer's market salad bar at area schools.

The community will celebrate the recognition on Saturday, May 3 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with a plant sale, arts and music. The Santa Monica High School environmental biology students have planted mini-herb gardens, hanging baskets, heirloom tomatoes, vines and more.

Other activities include painting your own pot, musical entertainment, a landscape design raffle and a plant raffle.

The event will take place at the Santa Monica High School garden, located at 601 Pico Boulevard.

For more information, contact smschoolgardens@yahoo.com



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 Thursday, 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	Monday	Tuesday	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
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The Q Line

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Kuehl's bill would provide free coverage to every resident of the state, mainly by raising income taxes roughly 3 percent. Under the plan, insurance co-payments, deductibles and insurance premiums would be eliminated entirely.

However, some think it should be up to employers to provide health insurance coverage to their employees and a

universal plan won't bring the estimated cost savings.

So this week, Q-Line wants to know, "Do you support a universal health plan in the state? Should every Californian be entitled to health insurance? Why or why not?"

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OPINION

LETTERS

Stop the madness

Editor:

Re: "City's economic outlook is stormy," (SMDP, April 11). So the city's deficit will soar to \$12 million and endure to 2006. With the national economy threatening a double dip recession, city council members should have cut or drastically slowed down their pet projects, including an airport park, the expansion of Virginia Park and the new Main Library.

Since they failed to do that with the last project, Santa Monicans are discovering that they have no library service whatsoever on two days a week this month: Fridays and Sundays. If aspiring scholars need to do research on those days, the city council is telling them: "Sorry, buster, you're out of luck."

Joanne Gamlin
Santa Monica



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Homeless women are the victims of power, greed



The other night I was in my sleeping spot doing some drawing and a procession of about five homeless women walked by, shopping carts in tow like a wagon train.

I started to wonder what this country is coming to in allowing women to be homeless. Women on the streets are more vulnerable to the dangers of the streets than a man.

I started to think about my own mother and even though we are not on speaking terms, I would not want to see my mother homeless. Nor my sisters, my ex-wife or daughters.

It is a real shame that women, who are

the givers of life, should even be subjected to this environment. I feel very bad whenever I see a homeless woman.

We should do as much as we can to keep women safe. Being a homeless woman, I would imagine, is more difficult than being a man on the streets. Women have very different needs than men and though I am far from a chauvinist, I feel that they are the weaker of the two sexes physically.

Being a woman on the streets is very dangerous. Just recently there was a woman found dead on the bluffs. She was naked from the waist down which indicated that rape might have been involved in her demise. Rape is a very real danger for women out here and because of the treatment of homeless as being not worthy, some rapes often go unreported.

This is what our country has become in the past so many years — the very people who gave all of us life, are living on the streets. We as a nation should be ashamed to even know that this is happening to some women in this country. We should be

angry and embarrassed before the world.

How much different is letting a woman be homeless in America than the way women are treated in Afghanistan under the Taliban or in Iraq under Saddam's regime? What is the difference if a woman is treated like a second-class citizen in these countries or being allowed to be homeless here in the richest country in the world?

We, as a whole, should be asking ourselves that question and finding what the differences are between this country and other countries that we condemn for this type of treatment of women. We should be assessing the way we treat our own citizens and not looking to someone else's backyard at the feces that they have piled up in human rights abuses and the abuse of women, when we are not treating our own right.

Just think of the respect we would have if we managed to stop homelessness and hunger in our own country. How do we treat our own citizens right? How many countries do you think would come to us for help if we got our collective act

together? If we do what we did in Iraq and Afghanistan we would be respected as a leader in the world instead of the bully of the world. If we did not look down on homelessness as a sociological blight and start seeing that its causes are due to greed and power that a few wield wrongfully, then we would become truly the enlightened country we pretend to be. And not a society of hypocrites as we have become in the world's view.

So next time you see a homeless woman, think about how you would feel if it was your grandmother, mother, sister, daughter, or wife who is sleeping on the cold concrete. Maybe your view would change if you weren't so desensitized to this issue and started to speak up about this to the powers that be to stop giving aid to other countries and start taking care of our own people who are suffering. Maybe you'll see a difference.

(Charles Springer is a homeless freelance writer and artist living, working and going to school from the streets of Santa Monica.)

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COMMENTARY

How to deal with hassles of the probate process



LEGAL VIEWS AND NEWS

By David Pissarra

As we all know, probate is a costly time consuming process that can cost literally thousands of dollars from the estate.

In order to reduce those costs, there are two primary ways to avoid the probate process. The first is to have all of your property held in trust or some other mechanism (like joint tenancy) which allows for distribution without court supervision. The second option is to have an estate that has a gross value under the limit of \$13,100 of the California Probate Code which currently is \$100,000.

How likely is it that you are under the probate limit? Well if you own a home, have an IRA or a retirement plan, you probably are over the limit and require some amount of tax planning for your estate.

Since most people are over the probate code minimums they need a trust. But what is a trust?

A trust can be for anyone who has an estate over the legal minimum of \$13,100.

It is a tool designed to facilitate the easy transfer of assets. It need not be complex and it does not have to have a lot of property in it to be valid.

A trust is nothing more than a document which becomes a tool to transfer title to property. It may be helpful to think of a trust by way of analogy.

It is a separate legal entity apart from you. It is like a corporation and you are the stockholder. You are ultimately in control, but the trust allows you to do some things more easily than you can yourself. Also, a trust can last beyond your lifetime. It allows you to control the distribution of your property far into the future to protect you, your children and your grandchildren.

A trust can be very simple or highly complex depending on the needs of the family and the assets involved.

Here's an example: "I give my 1955 antique mint condition Corvette to my son Michael in trust for my grandson Jason, and he can have it when he turns 30."

In the above example, you the giver are the trustor, Michael is the trustee, Jason is the beneficiary and the 1955 antique mint condition Corvette is the property transferred to the trust. However, note there is

a condition — Jason must turn 30 or else he does not get the Corvette.

Alternatively it can be a very complex document with many provisions, class gifts and restrictions on when and how the property is to be distributed. The variations on a trust are endless.

Sometimes a trustor will not allow for distributions to be made outright to a beneficiary because of age, disability, wastefulness or immaturity. They can be staggered throughout a lifetime, delayed pending achievement of some goal or skip a generation altogether.

Aren't trusts just for really rich folks?

No. A trust can be for anyone who has an estate over the legal minimum of \$13,100. It is a tool designed to facilitate the easy transfer of assets. It need not be complex and it does not have to have a lot of property in it to be valid.

The trust is merely a way to avoid the long and frequently costly process of probate. Also it keeps the family matters private, where a probate is open to the public, the distribution of property by a trustee is private.

How do they work?

Once a trust is written and property is transferred to the trust, the trustee, (usually the person who is transferring property to the trust) takes what is called "legal title" of the property. That means that they are holding the property for the benefit of someone else.

Anything of value can be placed in a trust. Usually it is the real estate of the trustor along with any other assets such as stocks, bonds, IRAs, annuities, etc.

Do I need a trustee?

Usually the trustor is the initial trustee of the trust. That way you do not lose control of your assets. However, it could be your attorney, accountant, banker, brother in law, or trusted business partner. When you set up your trust you will usually also set up a secondary trustee(s) to take over the administration of the trust after your death. Frequently this is the beneficiary, who then can transfer the property to themselves. But again it could be your attorney, accountant, banker, or partner.

Why do I fund a trust?

A trust needs to be funded in order to come into existence, to take on a legal status that allows for it to distribute the property.

A trust is funded when you transfer property to it, or when you open a savings account, checking account, IRA, annuity, life insurance policy, or put stocks and bonds in its name.

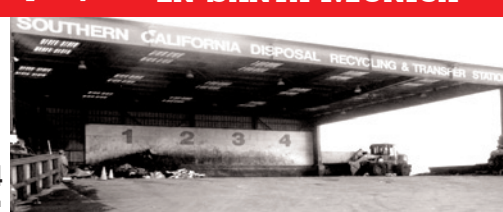
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LOCAL

City Council faces tough choices in budget

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That proposal includes 5 percent cuts in City Hall's operating budgets, which include reductions in personnel, city services and capital improvements.

Residents and visitors also can expect proposals for increases in business license and development fees, sales taxes, transit taxes, parking fines and meter rates.

By the end of 2006, officials predict that the city will have had to close between a \$29 and \$31 million budget gap. They anticipate the fiscal year of 2004-2005 will bring a \$10 million deficit and between a \$7 to \$8 million deficit in 2005-2006.

Major revenue sources for City Hall's \$383 million budget includes user utility taxes, sales taxes, property taxes, hotel bed taxes, business license fees and parking tickets.

About 66 percent of the city's expenditures are used for salaries and wages, including retirement, and medical and worker compensation benefits.

Voters could be asked in November 2004 to increase sales taxes and possibly business license fees, which haven't been raised since the 1990s, said City Manager Susan McCarthy.

She added that if at least two new revenue sources aren't established, City Hall will face much greater departmental cuts in the future.

"There is no question that if we don't identify additional revenue sources, 5 percent won't be enough," she said.

LIKELY REVENUE SOURCES

The City Council in March approved its ability to ask voters to increase sales taxes by one-quarter or one-half percent, according to city documents.

With the Council's approval, Santa Monica is now included in state bill AB 1412, which seeks legislative authority to allow local voters to increase the city's sales tax rate.

Assembly Bill 1412 has recently been introduced to authorize 32 cities, including Los Angeles, West Hollywood and Beverly Hills, to increase their local sales taxes.

The increase could generate \$12 million or more in annual revenue for the cash-strapped city, officials said.

That would be in addition to Gov. Gray Davis' proposal of a 1 percent sales tax hike statewide. If both tax increases are passed, Santa Monicans and visitors could be shelling out nearly 10 percent on all retail sales.

The city currently receives about \$25 million in sales tax annually — about 1 percent of the 8.25 percent sales tax collected on local sales by the state and county.

Since the 1950s, sales taxes have been set exclusively by the state and county, City Treasurer Dave Carr said.

Sales tax in Los Angeles County rose from 8 percent to 8.25 percent on Jan. 1 of last year.

Another proposal would be to increase the tax placed on hotel rooms in the city. However, officials said Santa Monica would keep the tax strategically lower than surrounding cities. An increase in the tax

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City manager

would have to be voter-approved.

City staff recommended to the Council in February that planning fees for developments be increased, particularly for people who appeal planning commission denials. Development fees for conditional use permits, variances, development review permits and appeals on planning permits and noise variances could be raised significantly.

Parking fines also could be raised. Parking citation fines in Santa Monica haven't been raised since 1993 and are lower than some surrounding cities, city officials said.

The lowest parking fine in Santa Monica is \$28 for expired meters. The highest currently is \$38, which is a penalty for parking in a street cleaning or red zone, and disobeying a sign. Motorists who unlawfully park in a preferential parking zone are currently fined \$33.

The City Council approved in March new rates for parking spots along the beach and downtown. Parking meters will be bumped up from 50 cents an hour to \$1 an hour and remaining meters will be raised from between 35 cents and 50 cents to 75 cents an hour.

In addition, the city will install 360 new parking meters along Pearl Avenue and 16th Street adjacent to Santa Monica College and on side streets off of Wilshire Boulevard and Santa Monica Boulevard downtown.

Officials estimate the new rates will generate an additional \$3 million in annual city revenue.

LIKELY EXPENDITURE CUTS AND PROJECT FUNDING

The city's capital improvement budget for the next three years, which totals \$39.2 million, could be drastically slashed to shore up City Hall's deficit.

"We'll be doing fewer projects, there is no question about that," McCarthy said. "We know what we are targeting."

Officials will spend the next month figuring out how each cut will effect city services and how dramatic the consequences will be for each project.

City Council members can expect an outpouring of community activists urging them to save their coveted projects and programs as they make tough choices in adopting the budget.

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LOCAL



Local residents targeted by new rent control law

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Street, gathered earlier this month to discuss how they can protect themselves.

"They sent (a notice) to us through the mail," said Seymour Waterman, 85, a 23-year resident of the Santa Monica Shores who pays \$1,180 a month for his two-bedroom apartment. "I'm not sure what we're going to do."

Waterman said he and his wife, Evelyn, spend three to four days a week at the Shores. They own a home in Encino, but had planned to sell it and retire at the Shores. Now, they're not sure if they'll be able to afford it.

"You know, people have a right to raise rent," Waterman said. "But if you do have rent control, I would think they'd have to stick by it."

"These guys are trying to throw me out," he added.

Representatives from Douglas Emmett & Co., the company that owns the Shores, couldn't be reached for comment.

The Shores' two 17-story apartment buildings house 532 one- and two-bedroom units. The lowest rent currently being paid for a one-bedroom is \$641 and there are dozens of other one-bedroom apartments in the \$600 to \$900 range, according to city documents. The highest rent currently for a one-bedroom apartment at the Shores is \$3,419.

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Under the law, landlords are permitted to raise the rent to market value if the apartments aren't used as the renter's "residence of return." The law doesn't require a specific amount of time a renter must spend in an apartment to deem it a primary residence.

There are about 30,000 rent-controlled units in Santa Monica. Between 10 to 15 percent of the units could be effected by the law, officials said.

Douglas Emmett & Co. may be targeting as many as 100 units at the Shores, officials estimate.

Andrew Zanger, a renters' rights attorney, said landlords are filing the petitions in phases to avoid overbur-

dening the rent control board. Since the law passed, there have been 15 working days that landlords could have filed petitions. Twelve petitions are set to go before the board.

"There's been a ground swell of fear over what's going to happen," said Zanger, adding he has been contacted by many concerned renters. "Some are scared, some are angry."

Mary Ann Yurkonis, an administrator for the rent control board, said the new law was passed under pressure from law makers in Sacramento that a tougher law could be enacted.

Landlord groups were lobbying for a similar law but with some major differences, Zanger said. The landlord-sponsored law sponsored put the burden of proof on the tenant that they live in their apartments full time.

Zanger said the proposed law also required the unit be a "primary residence" and not the "residence of return." It also didn't include an appeal process, as the current law does.

Residents are concerned over what they call "big brother" aspects of the new law, saying it encourages landlords to intrude on their private lives.

They worry that landlords will watch their every move, and track their property, voting, tax and vehicle records.

Residents are concerned their landlords will conduct random apartment checks and monitor their visits through electronic key cards and gate controls.

Accused spy was a Santa Monica business owner

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William Gennago, Yai's Santa Monica-based attorney, couldn't be reached for comment Friday.

Yai, who used to own Bon Appetit, a snack shop on Wilshire Boulevard, is accused of being paid by the North Korean government to recruit agents to spy on the U.S. government. He was arrested in February at his home located at 909 Grant St. in Santa Monica.

FBI officials said the case has been turned over to the U.S. Attorney's office for prosecution.

"Anything could happen," said Laura Bosley, a FBI spokeswoman. "It could be postponed, there could be a plea agreement."

The FBI had been operating counterintelligence on Yai and performing covert searches of his property since 1995.

Yai was the subject of surveillance under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act from December 1996 until June 2000, according to a 76-page affidavit written by FBI special agent James G. Chang.

During that time, investigators bugged Yai's downtown Los Angeles office and allegedly intercepted faxes, e-mail messages and telephone calls between Yai and

North Korean officials. The communications were often loaded with code words, the FBI said.

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

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

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

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

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

Yai allegedly told the agent in Korean that his real profession is a writer and that he was a reporter for two major newspaper companies in South Korea before moving to the United States, according to the affidavit.

Some of the agents allegedly recruited by Yai planned to get jobs in the U.S. government.

Chang wrote that one fax sent from Yai on March 16, 1998, detailed information about a new recruit and how he was eager to work toward the "revolutionary cause."

"I believe Person C can be a good candidate since our future workers should be able to speak English well, use computers

efficiently, be young and their ideology is beneficial and reliable to our causes," according to the affidavit.

Yai allegedly provided the North Korean government mostly with information that already was made public in the United States via newspaper articles and the Internet.

However, North Korean government officials allegedly instructed Yai in 1998 to obtain classified information and under no circumstances continue to feed them information already made public.

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

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STATE

Bill says not shopping local hurts state's cities

BY JIM WASSERMAN
Associated Press Writer

DUBLIN — On a recent weekday, Christina Fitzgibbons drove 33 miles from San Francisco to shop in this East Bay suburb of 32,000 people with no downtown. The reason was as obvious as the infant in her car seat.

"This is the only Babies 'R' Us out here," said the 30-year-old mother.

Joe Armtrout, 18, of Livermore, also came to Hacienda Crossings — as he does three times a week — to browse a landscape filled with some of America's best-known names: Old Navy, Barnes and Noble, and Best Buy.

"It's a big gathering place," Armtrout said. "Everybody comes here from all over."

At Dublin City Hall, those are the sweetest words on earth.

This city at the junction of two freeways has found the secret to prospering in the harsh world of municipal finance: load up on high-volume stores and rake in the sales taxes.

But now many lawmakers are alarmed that cities are zoning for sales tax riches, neglecting much-needed housing that doesn't provide the revenues needed for the parks and police cruisers.

Since 1978's Proposition 13 drastically slashed property taxes, many new California towns, instead of becoming the traditional bedroom communities that once defined suburban life, are developing instead into "Big Box" burbs as they seek high-impact revenue.

No wonder. Consultants say a typical five acre Orange County subdivision produces \$16,500 a year while costing the city \$27,000 in services. But five acres of shopping generates \$100,000 in sales taxes, while costing only \$34,000 in city services.

At Dublin's Hacienda Crossings, Enea Plaza and Dublin Boulevard, whenever a shopper at Target, Expo or Dublin Toyota plunks down a dollar, City Hall gets a penny in sales taxes. Last year, those pennies — many from out of towners — added up to about \$13 million, the city's largest local source of revenue. Statewide, cities and counties expect \$4.6 billion this year in sales taxes.

Sensible as it sounds, though, a widespread practice of luring Wal-Marts, Home Depots, Costcos and auto malls to fuel city treasuries is coming under attack as the state has fallen short of more than a half million homes.

"I've had a number of real estate developers tell me they go into a city and say, 'I want to build 150 homes' and they say 'No, we're going to lose too much money on that,'" said Assemblyman John Campbell, R-Irvine. Indeed, cities that discourage houses also face fewer financial pressures for new schools, social services and recreation.

Now, Campbell, an Orange County car dealer, and Assemblyman Darrell Steinberg, D-Sacramento, are pushing a bill to take the shine off sales taxes at the state's 477 city halls and 58 county tax offices.

Under their proposal, cities and counties would trade half their sales taxes to the state every year — an estimated \$2.3 billion this year — for a larger share of property taxes.

Both believe that if cities tie revenue growth to property taxes, they will expand and diversify their tax base with more housing, offices and light industrial buildings.

But even experts aren't sure how much the idea will steer growth patterns, or how long it will take for change.

The bill's first Capitol hearing is April 21. Backers have also scheduled a May 2 hearing in Los Angeles.

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Retail director, Colliers International

A state commission that floated the idea in 2000 predicted 80 percent of cities will become richer or break even under the plan. But newer cities with large land areas zoned for future shopping could see their budgets fall as much as 4 percent a year, said Michael Coleman, a Davis-based finance consultant.

Among such cities, Elk Grove in suburban Sacramento, is "absolutely opposed" to the bill, said City Manager John Danielson.

Elk Grove, population 81,400, plans several shopping complexes and a large regional mall in years ahead. Danielson said City Hall needs those sales taxes to offset losses from 4,000 acres of homes approved before the city incorporated in 2000.

Like most city managers, Danielson fears that during the next recession, legislators will continue to take half of cities' sales taxes, then renege on reimbursing the equivalent amount of property taxes. Cities still resent the state for diverting billions of their property tax dollars to schools since the early 1990s.

Indeed, the League of California Cities promises to sink the bill unless Steinberg and Campbell guarantee that the state won't renege on its half of the deal. Last year cities made good on that promise, blocking a similar Steinberg vision to share sales taxes among neighboring cities.

In the Bay Area, Jim McMasters, a retail director for Colliers International, believes the idea is doomed.

"I can't see the argument going anywhere and cities supporting it," he said. "With what government is doing to them, they need those sales tax dollars just to stay healthy and alive."

Campbell disagreed. Sales tax addiction, he said, makes cities unhealthy, forced to compete for low-paying jobs while neglecting their housing needs. The first step is changing tax policy, he said.

"The mechanics are difficult and aren't very sexy," he said. "But the outcome could be significant in how communities are developed and redeveloped over the next decade."

NATIONAL



NYC expects deepest budget cuts in more than two decades

BY TIMOTHY WILLIAMS
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK — During the 1970s and early '80s, New Yorkers endured a period memorable for all that was awful about it.

The city fired 64,000 workers, closed 22 fire companies and raised subway fares. Garbage piled up, crime spiraled and theaters began playing dystopian films such as "Escape from New York" and "The Warriors."

The effects haven't returned to those levels, but with the city facing a budget gap of at least \$3.4 billion, Mayor Michael Bloomberg is preparing "doomsday" contingency plans that could eventually mean 15,000 layoffs and shutting the doors on eight fire companies.

On Tuesday, he is expected to unveil some of the deepest spending cuts in nearly 30 years.

"When you're in government, you hear talk about budgets that are austere or Spartan or bare bones. Well, this year, I think it's going to be less than bare bones," said political consultant George Arzt, an aide to two mayors during the 1970s. "It may not be as bad as the '70s, though it could clearly build to that level."

Bloomberg has tried to stanch such talk with frequent pledges that he has no intention of allowing the city to sink into the fiscal morass of that previous era.

"We cannot make the mistake of the '70s and destroy this city," Bloomberg said recently. "We are not going to let our streets fall apart. We are not going to compromise safety. We are not going to stop the momentum we're building to improve the school system."

The mayor's \$42 billion budget plan for 2003-04 will propose at least \$600 million in cuts, including 5,400 layoffs, the most since 1991.

The job cuts issue has helped turn organized labor into Bloomberg's most dependable critic.

"He seems to want unionized members to slit their wrists," said Municipal Labor Committee Chairwoman Randi Weingarten. "And then slit their throats."

The mayor also is set to outline a so-called doomsday plan, an idea that even the relentlessly positive Bloomberg called "very scary."

The doomsday scenario calls for \$1 billion in cuts and thousands more municipal layoffs if the city fails to win authorization from the state legislature to impose a commuter tax on people who work in the city and live in the suburbs.

The chances of the city getting that authorization are seen as slim. A similar tax was rescinded by the state legislature in 1999.

"It just doesn't work," said state Senate Majority Leader Joseph Bruno. "It's not going to happen."

Bruno and Bloomberg are Republicans, as is Gov. George Pataki, who has spoken frequently about his opposition to "job killing taxes" like the commuter tariff.

Pataki has said he wants to aid the city, but the state has its own \$11.5 billion budget deficit to worry about.

The city stumbled into its current crisis through a combination of bad luck, deep tax cuts enacted during the boom times of the late 1990s, the continuing national recession and the Sept. 11 terrorist attack.

The result is tax revenues coming in at a trickle and the unemployment rate climbing to 8.8 percent, well over the national rate of 5.8 percent.

Companies dodge taxes too easily, officials say

BY SIOBHAN MCDONOUGH
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — American corporations shouldn't be able to avoid paying U.S. taxes just because they buy a mailbox in another country, a senior member of the House Ways and Means Committee said Saturday.

In the Democrats' weekly radio address, Rep. Richard Neal, D-Mass., attacked corporate expatriates that have relocated their headquarters offshore on paper only in order to claim they are not subject to U.S. taxes.

"This is bad for America and bad for our economy," he said.

One company whose jackhammers carved Mount Rushmore paid \$28,000 to rent a mailbox in Bermuda in order to avoid a \$40 million tax bill, he said. It later renounced its U.S. citizenship. He did not name the company.

When corporations do this, the federal tax burden they should have shouldered shifts onto individual taxpayers and working families, he said. Corporate expatriates will drain the federal Treasury of about \$4 billion over the next decade, he estimated.

Neal, who is also a senior member of the House Budget Committee, said House

Republicans slipped a provision in the energy bill to protect all of the corporate expatriates who have already left.

The bill pushed through by the House this week would protect the corporate expatriates who "cheat the American taxpayer and compete with American companies who stay," he said.

Meanwhile, he added, corporate expatriates are lining up for more than \$2 billion in lucrative federal contracts with the U.S. government.

Tyco, formerly of New Hampshire, is now located in Bermuda. It avoids paying \$400 million a year in taxes through its headquarters offshore, but was awarded \$182 million in defense and homeland security contracts in one year, Neal said.

If Tyco had just paid its tax bill, Congress could have easily paid for 400 explosive detection systems which are needed to protect travelers at airports around the nation, he said.

"These are challenging times for all Americans, with war abroad and a struggling economy at home," Neal said. "The last thing the American taxpayer needs to hear is that while costs are going up, fewer will be paying in."

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INTERNATIONAL

World Bank urges lower trade barriers, increased foreign aid

BY HARRY DUNPHY

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Global poverty can be cut in half by 2015 if rich countries lower trade barriers and increase foreign aid, the World Bank said Sunday.

Poor countries can help themselves by investing more in health and education, the bank said.

But a new bank report said even if worldwide economic growth stays on track, poverty will remain severe in Africa, where the number of poor is likely to climb from 315 million in 1999 to 404 million in 2015. Poverty also is on the rise in the Middle East, the bank said.

"Growth alone will not be enough to halve poverty by 2015," said Nicholas Stern, the bank's chief economist.

"Developing countries need to ensure

that all people, and especially poor people, have access to education, health care and put in place the right investment climate to create opportunities, spur productivity and make real improvements in people's lives."

In a sign wealthy nations were offering more aid, Treasury Secretary John Snow said the United States would give the bank \$100 million in the budget year starting Oct. 1 for low-interest, long-term loans to poor countries.

Snow, who made the announcement at the spring meetings of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund, said the United States might provide an additional \$200 million in 2005 if developing countries show progress in education, health and private sector development.

Stern said the bank hoped "rich countries will follow through on their aid com-

mitments and will take action on trade," particularly on agriculture subsidies at the World Trade Organization meeting in Mexico in September.

Developing countries maintain that the \$300 billion a year that wealthy nations pay their farmers in subsidies drives down the price of commodities produced by poor nations. That makes it hard for them to sell goods at a profit and improve their economies.

The bank report outlines the sharp differences between life in poor and rich countries.

It shows that during the 1990s there was rapid progress in reducing the number of poor people who live on less than \$1 a day, the bank's definition of poverty.

The report said the numbers dropped from 1.3 billion in 1990 to 1.16 billion in 1999 but these gains occurred largely in India and China, whose economies made

strong progress during the decade.

The number of poor rose in Eastern Europe and Central Asia from 6 to 24 million, from 48 million to 57 million in Latin America, from 5 to 6 million in the Middle East and North Africa, and from 241 million to 315 million in Africa.

The bank said lower trade barriers by well-off countries could boost annual growth in developing countries by an extra 0.5 percent over the long run and lift an additional 300 million out of poverty by 2015.

"Trade can spur development by expanding markets for developing countries exports," Stern said.

"Poor countries are facing huge rich country barriers in exporting those products that play the best to their comparative advantage — namely agricultural goods and textiles."

Looters follow American troops after they leave Iraqi cities

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Sporadic but tough measures by Marines, along with checkpoints and vigilante groups thrown together by Iraqis, combined Sunday to curb looters who have gutted parts of Baghdad, shut down commerce and pilfered priceless art from millenniums of human history.

From Baghdad south to Basra, coalition forces are starting to work with local people to reclaim Iraqi towns from the chaos that followed a war now all but won.

Still, fighting was not over in the capital. Late Sunday, Marines outside Baghdad's Palestine Hotel — where many international journalists are staying — engaged in a heavy battle with gunmen who fired on them. Marines were seen taking away at least one man, but firing and the hunt for the gunmen went through the night, with flares in the sky lighting up the area.

During the day, smoke from the Ministry of Trade, the Rashid Theater of Fine Arts, offices and apartment buildings was vivid testament that looting and arson continued. Robbery seemed to have eased, probably because the choicest and easiest booty was gone.

"I don't know what I'm going to do with these toilets," Christopher mused, M-16 in hand, as he surveyed the bathroom fixtures and a loudspeaker confiscated from a pickup truck driven by suspected looters.

On Sunday, Christopher and the other Marine riflemen and tank crews with him worked a checkpoint leading to the Tamooz Bridge over the Tigris River, stopping suspicious vehicles — chiefly pickups piled high with goods.

Chairs, bookcases, refrigerators and toilets seized by the Marines piled high by the side of the road. Confiscated hot-wired cars and trucks sat parked on a side street awaiting owners with proper papers.

Local men, desperate to see calm and normalcy return, helped the Marines translate and finger the guilty.

"I came here thinking I wouldn't need any Arabic at all — just 'Put your hands up' and 'Put your weapons down,'" Christopher said. "They've been teaching me how to talk to the thieves. ... Things like, 'You are lying, I'm not stupid,' and 'If you steal, we will kill you.'"

In other parts of town, no such policing had kicked in.

"We have plans to stop it," Sgt. Spence Williamford said at a median outside the Information Ministry as a looter passed by

pushing an office chair stacked with pilloined goods.

"It's only been a day since we've been taking fire," Williamford answered. "As long as there's chaos, we've got other things to worry about. Right now our first priority is to keep U.S. soldiers alive."

In Basra, southern Iraq's largest city, efforts were under way to bring Iraqis into policing.

Iraqi police Capt. Abdul Amir Qasim was back in his green uniform and on the streets again for the first time in weeks. Fearful of coalition retaliation, the 32-year police force veteran had stayed away as looters overran Basra.

"We wanted to protect the city from the pillaging, but I was afraid," he said. "By the grace of God, I am now ready to go back to work."

As part of British plans to restore law and order, traffic police were being recalled Sunday to work alongside British troops in conducting joint patrols. The appointment of a local sheik to head a civilian advisory group also will help matters, Qasim said.

Basra has been without running water, electricity or telephone service for nearly two weeks. The police force and civilian administration are nonexistent and, like Baghdad, many government buildings have been picked clean.

"British forces will certainly stay, but we are also empowering locals to take back their city," said Lt. Col. Mike Riddell-Webster of the Black Watch Regiment.

In Iran, where most people are Shiite Muslims as they are in southern Iraq, Iran's supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, urged Iraqis to end looting and violence, state-run Tehran radio reported. Khamenei said threatening the life of people and plundering their property is "a big sin" under Islam, the radio said.

Baghdad residents credited new U.S. Marine patrols with helping scare looters, who had been at work since Wednesday. Patrols were out in many neighborhoods as the Marines spread out after previously concentrating at key spots.

Joint patrols of U.S. troops and Iraqi police were expected to start in Baghdad as early as Monday.

In the absence of police, some of Baghdad's people took law and order into their own hands. Entrances to most neighborhoods off main routes were stacked with concrete blocks, burned cars and tree limbs to block looters.

"We fired 500 shots into the air," said

Nagib Stipao, dean of Al-Mansour University's business school. His protection posse included teachers, department heads and their sons.

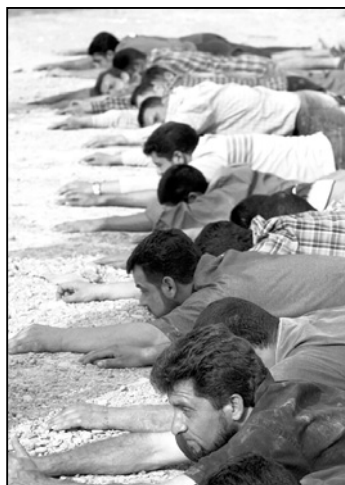
While mobs gutted Baghdad's other schools, Stipao's band repelled mobs over four nights, scaring off crowds that came with forklifts to aid thievery and blocking back a truck that rammed the gates trying to force entry.

Across the road, defenseless without guards, the World Health Organization's Baghdad headquarters was gutted. Looters scattered pamphlets on hand-washing and teeth-brushing, stole vehicles and burned the building.

At the Rashid Theater, black smoke billowed from the looted interior Sunday. Actor and teacher Fadel Abbas said that U.S. troops, as they had elsewhere, came through the neighborhood breaking open doors while checking for Saddam Hussein's forces. Looters moved in after the Americans moved on, he said.

At Iraq's national museum, Donny George, director of research and discoveries for the state board of antiquities, crunched through the broken glass of shattered display cases.

Until looters hit, the cases had held the artifacts of Ur and all civilizations that had made the Tigris and Euphrates Valley their home.



Hussein Malla/Associated Press

Suspected Iraqi looters lie on the ground as U.S. Marines search the city to arrest looters and try to bring order to Baghdad on Sunday.

The plunder was planned so well in advance that international journalists were told a day ahead of the time. George suspects at least some of the looters were commissioned to go after specific items.



Wally Santana/Associated Press

U.S. Army Apache helicopter pilots Chief Warrant Officer David S. Williams, 30, of Orlando, Fla., and Chief Warrant Officer Ronald D. Young Jr., 26, of Lithia Springs, Ga., who had been held as POWs by Iraqi forces when their helicopter was forced down March 23 during heavy fighting are escorted on to a waiting C-130 transport plane on Sunday, 60 miles south of Baghdad.

SPORTS



Pars and putts add up to a green jacket for Mike Weir

BY TIM DAHLBERG
AP Sports Writer

AUGUSTA, Ga. — Mike Weir managed to get through 18 holes without making a bogey. When he finally did, it was good enough to win a green jacket.

Weir needed to make four birdies under the pressure of a Sunday at Augusta National to win the Masters. But it was

the gritty way he kept salvaging pars that gave him the chance.

Weir saved his two biggest par putts for the final two holes of regulation, including a 6-footer on the 18th hole that was the difference between playing some more or accepting the silver medal given the runner-up.

"I wouldn't wish that putt on anyone," Weir said. "That's as nerve-racking as it

gets."

Len Mattiace was already finished at 7-under and waiting for a possible playoff as Weir carefully looked over the putt on the 18th green before a hushed gallery.

He stroked it into the cup, just as he knocked in a 5-footer for par the hole before to keep his hopes alive.

Instead of celebrating, though, he had to walk to the adjacent 10th tee, pull out his driver and go back to work.

"It was probably the biggest shot of my life," Weir said. "It's one of the most difficult things you can have in golf, a putt to tie a major championship."

Six times in the last seven holes, Weir made putts between 4 and 15 feet. Two were for birdies to get in a tie with Mattiace, while the others were for par to keep him tied.

The only makeable putt he missed all day was a 10-footer for par on the first playoff hole. By then, it didn't matter because Mattiace had already made double bogey.

"It was just a gut-wrenching day," Weir said. "A lot of comeback putts that I needed to make and was able to make them."

It was different for Weir four years ago when he was paired with Tiger Woods in the final round of the PGA Championship, and got an up-close glimpse at how hard it is to win a major championship.

Weir shot 80 that day, leaving Medinah Country Club bitterly disappointed but

also eager to learn from the experience.

"It was a very difficult day for me then but, at the same time, I did observe how Tiger managed his victory there," Weir said. "And the clutch putt I remember he made on 17 and how he really stayed with his game."

Woods made one big clutch putt on 17 to win his first PGA. On Sunday, Weir made them in bunches.

They included:

■ A curling 8-footer on No. 4 after running his long birdie putt past.

■ A 5-footer for par on No. 8 after hitting a pitch to the green.

■ A 4-footer on No. 12 after sending his first putt past the hole.

■ A 15-footer on No. 13 after hitting his eagle putt by.

■ A 5-footer on No. 14 for a two-putt par.

■ A 4-foot birdie putt on the par-5 15th.

■ A 5-footer on No. 17 for a two-putt par.

■ The final putt on the 18th for a two-putt par.

For the record, he had 26 putts on the day. But the statistics are as meaningless as second place in the Masters.

"I made literally all my putts inside of 8 feet today," Weir said. "At the PGA that year I don't think I made one of them. That was the difference this week."

Trail Blazers 101, Lakers 99

BY ANNE M. PETERSON
AP Sports Writer

PORTLAND, Ore. — It wasn't only that the Portland Trail Blazers were riding a two-game losing streak and jockeying for playoff position.

They were also playing their nemesis — the Los Angeles Lakers, who have swept the Blazers out of the first round of the playoffs for the past two seasons.

"If you can't get amped up for a game like this, you never will," Rasheed Wallace said.

Wallace hit a 3-pointer with 4.1 seconds left as the Blazers held off the Los Angeles Lakers 101-99 Sunday to take sole possession of fifth place in the Western Conference.

Struggling Portland needed the win after a loss to Memphis on Friday dropped them a half-game back of Minnesota for fourth place, and tied with the surging Lakers for the fifth spot.

The Timberwolves defeated Chicago 119-95 on Sunday to retain the fourth seed, which would ensure home-court advantage in the first round of the playoffs. Portland has two games left, while Minnesota has one remaining.

"We needed a win like this," Portland coach Maurice Cheeks said. "To win a game like this gives us a little boost to get ready for the playoffs. We needed it for morale more than anything."

The loss snapped a six-game winning streak for the Lakers, who were led by Shaquille O'Neal's 36 points and 11 rebounds. Kobe Bryant also had 36 points for Los Angeles, which was coming off key wins against Sacramento and Dallas.

The Lakers play Denver and Golden State to wrap up the season.

"We have two games to get sharp, but wherever we end up is where we end up," O'Neal said.

Los Angeles pulled in front 97-96 on

Devean George's free throw with 1:01 left. But Wallace answered with a 16-foot jumper to give Portland back the lead.

Bryant put the Lakers up again with a 21-foot jumper — but Wallace again responded, swishing his 3-pointer as time ran down. Bryant's 3-point attempt at the buzzer missed.

"We had to muddle through a game where we were behind after a very tough start. Kobe's in foul trouble and we come out with a one-point lead with seconds left," Lakers coach Phil Jackson said. "If they didn't get that shot, what would you be saying? About how great momentum is."

Wallace finished with 21 points for Portland, which snapped a two-game losing streak. Bonzi Wells led the Blazers with 29 points before fouling out.

Portland led 81-72 on Arvydas Sabonis' 22-foot-jumper with 9:30 to go, but the cool-headed Lakers then went on a 10-0 run. Derek Fisher's dunk with 7:45 left pulled the Lakers within 81-80 before Bryant hit a 19-foot-jumper to give Los Angeles the lead.

The two sides traded the lead until Wells' driving layup put the Blazers up 90-87 with 3:11 left. Wallace added a turnaround jumper to make it 92-87 and the Blazers held on until George's free throw.

The Lakers trailed by as many as 11 points early, and Bryant had two personal fouls less than five minutes in.

Los Angeles narrowed Portland's lead to 32-29 on O'Neal's jumper over the outstretched arms of the 7-foot-3 Sabonis. O'Neal followed up with a reverse layup.

O'Neal missed a pair of free throws that could have given the Lakers the lead, and Wallace hit a 3-pointer to kick off a 12-point Blazers run that made it 44-31.

Portland went on to lead it 52-43 at the half, but lost some steam early in the third quarter, when both Wallace and Cheeks were handed technical fouls for arguing calls.



Chris O'Meara/Associated Press

Singo Katayama, from Japan, watches his tee shot on the 4th hole during final round play of the 2003 Masters at the Augusta National Golf Club in Augusta, Ga. on Sunday.

Masters Scores

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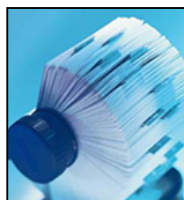
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BACK PAGE

Dewi Sukarno settles into role in Japan as social critic

BY ERIC TALMADGE

Associated Press Writer

TOKYO — After securing a quiet nook in the lounge of a plush hotel, Madame Dewi spreads out a portfolio of personal photographs on the coffee table.

There she is with the Gorbachevs. With the actor Omar Sharif. Yachting with the Kennedys. In one photo, she smiles brilliantly between her late husband, Indonesian President Sukarno, and the legendary Chinese communist Zhou Enlai. In another, she poses at a royal palace with Cambodia's King Sihanouk.

Like Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis or perhaps Imelda Marcos, Ratna Sari Dewi Sukarno is one of those rare people whose lives are, well, larger than life. She knows everyone. She's been everywhere.

And — to the chagrin of many — she loves to talk about it.

"I speak too directly," she says, her modest tone balanced against pearls the size of gum balls that adorn her ears and ring finger and a glittering golden butterfly that is pinned to the lapel of her red Hanae Mori suit. "I can't speak diplomatically. I think people are afraid of what I am going to say."

Even so, back in her native Japan after 40 years abroad, Dewi has settled into what may be her highest profile role yet — as an outspoken, and often feared, social critic and television personality.

In a country where directly criticizing others in public is frowned on, she is unusually frank.

She dedicated whole chapters of her

book "Allow Me to Say a Few Things," published in 2000, to celebrities she deemed deserving of scathing critiques. The tabloids and TV gossip shows loved it. She soon had a sequel out and, always ready to slam-dunk a well-known entertainer, she became a darling of the talk show circuit.

"I left Japan when I was 19, so my mentality was still a very classic Japanese mentality. When I came back to Japan I was so angry," she says. "The Japanese morality, education, the way children think — it all made me so angry."

"I think millions of Japanese shared my views, but they were too afraid to speak out," she adds.

But Dewi's appeal is more than just her sharp tongue. It is equally the mystique of her life itself.

Dewi — short for "Essence of the Jewel" — wasn't born into high society. She was raised in the poverty of post-World War II Japan.

But she was living the lavish lifestyle of Indonesia's first lady by the time she was 20. Known then as Naoko Nemoto, she won the heart of the 57-year-old Sukarno when he passed through Japan in 1959 — she says they met at a tea party — and she became his third wife just months later.

Before long, her husband was fighting off a revolt.

"From 1966 to 1969, over one million people were killed, all Sukarno followers," she says. "In those days I was sleeping in my trousers every night and I counted how long it would take me to

jump out of the window in the palace and run across the garden and climb the fence to escape."

Sukarno was overthrown in 1967, and died three years later.

Dewi took exile in Paris, where she soon emerged as the toast of the international jet set.

"Parisian society loves exotic figures," she says. "I was young, beautiful, I had a name, a certain wealth. People were so eager to invite me here and there."

One highlight, she happily recalls, was a ball thrown by a Bolivian tin magnate at his chateau in Portugal at which guests were greeted by two elaborately decorated elephants. A red carpet to the entrance was lined by black men wearing turbans and dressed like Persian genies.

"Back then, people would spend a million dollars a night on parties," she says. "But the whole world has changed. You cannot show off your wealth like that anymore."

With the high life becoming tiresome, Dewi switched her attentions to raising her daughter, and then to becoming a successful entrepreneur and philanthropist.

She moved back to Jakarta only to find her old palace had been confiscated — it's now a museum. So she found another place, put her daughter in an Indonesian school and worked as an agent representing major international corporations.

"It was very difficult to work there because I had to deal with many of the government officials who used to work for us," she says. "The first lesson of business was to swallow my pride."

After 10 years, confident that her

daughter had acquired an identity as an Indonesian, Dewi moved to New York, where she worked with the U.N. Environmental Program and became chairwoman of the Ibla Foundation, which helps promote young classical musicians and vocalists.

Increasingly, she was sought out by the Japanese media for interviews.

"There were so many that I was going back and forth between the two countries, and I finally decided to move back to Japan," she says.

Dewi admits there have been some touchy moments in the three years since, among them her highly publicized skirmish with tax authorities that began last year over \$1.1 million in income they claim she failed to report.

Her career as a celebrity whizzes on, though.

She's been filmed wrapped in a towel to critique hot springs resorts, and featured on a panel of celebrity "referees" who watched troubled couples trade verbal attacks in a mock boxing ring on one particularly bizarre — and short-lived — TV program.

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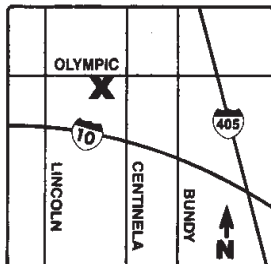
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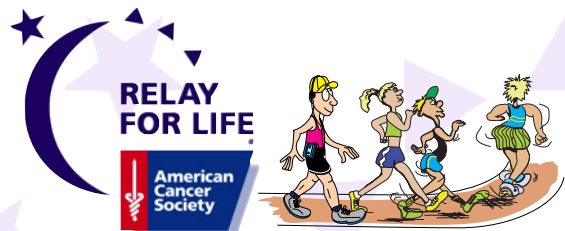
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