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Photo courtesy

Santa Monica resident Mannie Mendelson stands proudly with a 44-pound halibut he caught in the bay, the largest on record.

Local man reels in record catch

BY ANDREW H. FIXMER

Daily Press Staff Writer

A Santa Monica man won a pick-up truck for reeling in one of the largest halibut ever caught in the Santa Monica Bay.

Mannie Mendelson, who is part-owner of the Santa Monica Pier Bait and Tackle, was given the ceremonial keys to his new Ford F-10 truck Friday outside his tackle shop at the end of the Santa Monica Pier.

Mendelson won the vehicle for catching a 44.7-pound, 47 inch-long Halibut — one of the largest ever recorded out of Santa Monica Bay.

He caught the fish earlier this month as a contestant in the annual Marina del Rey Halibut Derby. He also took \$900 in prize money and received a five-day trip to Mexico that includes a fishing excursion.

"That's going to be a fun trip," Mendelson said. "We get to take a boat way out in the ocean. You can catch some good stuff down there."

During the derby, Mendelson and his friend Mark Hruby were fishing off

Hruby's boat, "Cabo, Fillet and Release."

The fishing had been pretty slow, and the pair was quickly running out of bait when Mendelson directed the boat to a familiar spot about a half-mile from of the Marina del Rey breakwater.

Using a large sardine attached to 20-pound fishing line, Mendelson cast one last time before the pair was going to head back.

"No one did it until me."

— MANNIE MENDELSON
Fisherman

Suddenly, at about 11:30 a.m. the line snapped. Judging by the tension on the line and from the resistance in the reel, Mendelson knew right away he had a good-sized fish on his hands.

The fish backed down quickly — Mendelson pulled it in the boat in about 10 minutes. Hruby clubbed it and helped his friend pull it aboard.

"Instead of hooking it in the mouth, I had hooked it on the stomach," Mendelson said. "Then it came up to

float toward the end (of reeling it in)."

Knowing they had a record catch on their hands, the pair quickly headed to the weighing station back on shore.

"You should have seen it," Mendelson said. "It was as thick as a coke can."

Mendelson said the fish is currently in a deep freeze and will stay that way until he can take it to a taxidermist. He plans to hang the mounted fish on his wall.

In the past four years, Burch Ford of La Habra has promised anglers competing in the annual Marina del Rey Halibut Derby that anyone pulling in a fish more than 43 pounds would win a brand new truck.

This year was the first time the feat had been accomplished. The Ford dealership plans to be back next year with the same offer, but this time the weight requirement might be a bit higher.

"No one did it until me," said Mendelson, grinning ear to ear Friday. "It's been sitting there for four years, and every year we kept telling ourselves next year the truck would be ours."

Mendelson gave the truck to his mother, who is going to trade it in for a Ford Excursion. The real vehicle won't be ready for a few more weeks. But on Friday, Mendelson was at least ceremonially given his grand prize.

Managing the money

SMC appoints bond oversight committee

By Daily Press staff

Santa Monica College has appointed an oversight committee to help manage the millions that are trickling in.

More than 70 percent of voters in Santa Monica and Malibu approved a \$160 million bond measure on March 5, to fund capital projects at SMC.

By state law, the SMC had to appoint a citizen's bond oversight committee, made up of 16 members that represent different interests.

The committee will review quarterly expenditure reports to ensure that the bond money is spent for the purposes voters intended.

The money will be used to renovate buildings at the campus on Pico Boulevard. It also will partially fund the purchase of the 10-acre BAE Systems property that the college recently bought for \$30 million near the airport for a satellite campus and more parking.

The bond's average cost to taxpayers will be \$1.12 per month for renters and \$77 per year for the average homeowner

in Santa Monica and Malibu.

The bond issue in the first year is estimated at \$16.21 per \$100,000 in assessed valuation and the average cost over the bond's life will be \$19.21 per \$100,000.

A facilities assessment completed earlier this year outlined 21 projects at the college. Priorities are to replace the earthquake-damaged liberal arts building and temporary buildings with modern labs and classrooms. Facilities for the nursing, environmental studies, earth sciences and math programs also need upgrades and improvements are needed to meet standards for campus lighting, security and the American Disabilities Act.

Other pressing needs are to find space for student parking and the emeritus college program, which is geared to students ages 55 years or older.

The emeritus program is housed on the ground floor of a city parking structure on Second Street and the city has plans to turn property into a park at Santa Monica Airport, where students park and ride shuttles to the main campus a mile away.

Renovations are expected to be completed over the next 10 to 12 years. The college's last bond issue was for \$22 million in 1992 to build an addition to the science building and library.

Knife fight on Promenade

BY FRANKLIN SMITH

Special to the Daily Press

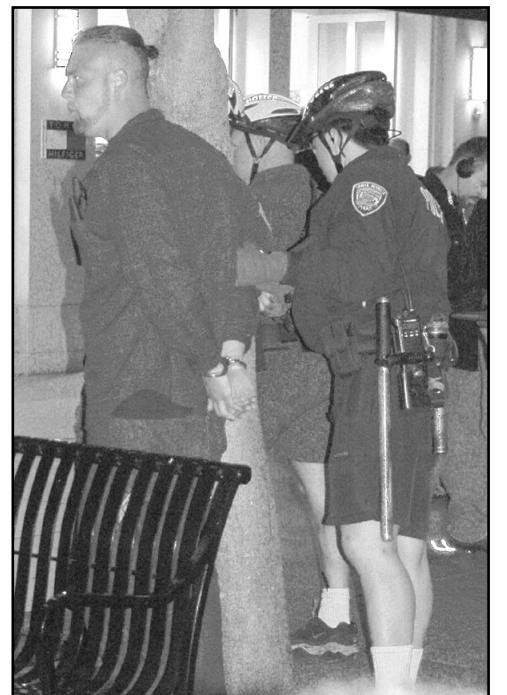
An unidentified man was taken into police custody Saturday after he allegedly kicked a street performer's dog and pulled a knife on him.

At about 7:30 p.m., about a half-dozen Santa Monica police officers responded to the Third Street Promenade, where an altercation had grown to a full-blown knife fight in the midst of hundreds of people under a full moon.

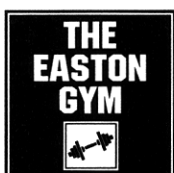
Mikel Proudlock, a street performer selling bamboo flower sculptures, said a very big man approached him and kicked his dog. When Proudlock told the man to stop, the man threatened to stab him. So to protect himself, Proudlock reached into his bag and pulled out his own knife.

A tense moment ensued and once it was clear that the police had arrived, Proudlock put his knife away.

There were no injuries during the incident and police arrested the man after interviewing several witnesses. While he was being handcuffed, the man screamed that it was a false arrest and he would be out of jail that night.



Franklin Smith/Special to the Daily Press
A man was taken into custody Saturday after he allegedly pulled a knife on a street performer on the Third Street Promenade.



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★★-So-so ★-Difficult

♈ ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You could be tired or off-kilter when you start your day on Monday. Pull back and think before you continue in this mood. Do something special or make appealing plans. Infuse your day and work with a better attitude. Tonight: Check out a movie.

♉ TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ A financial matter could color your day black. Don't allow that to happen. Rather, lighten up and know what it is that you want. Work with a willing associate or partner, and you could be singing a different tune by tonight. Schedule more time with this person. Tonight: Be with the one you love.

♊ GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Hold up the mirror. Could you be causing your own problems by getting stuck in negativity and/or rigidity? Only you can make a change. Kick back and observe. How do others handle problems like this? Learn from another. Tonight: Accept an invitation.

♋ CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★ Don't allow a personal fear to interfere with your productivity. Take a deep breath and let go of stress. Plunge into a project, knowing that through concentration you will relax. You delight an associate as well as yourself with how much you accomplish. Tonight: Now ask for yourself.

♌ LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ A friend might be unduly challenging or serious. You cannot always get the results you desire. Remain positive when dealing with a loved one or child. Recognize that you have the ability to toss a whole new perspective on a personal matter. Tonight: So what if it is Monday?

♍ VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ You might wonder what happened to the boss this past weekend. Certainly his or her attitude permeates work. You can only please this person by putting your nose to the grindstone and clearing out as much work as possible. Tonight: Relax at home.

♎ LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Speak your mind, but don't be surprised when someone tosses water on your idea. Don't let this get to you. This person can rain on your parade, but there is nothing like success. Focus on what you can accomplish. Another admires your detachment. Tonight: At a favorite spot.

♏ SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★ Deal with another directly. Though you might not understand where this person is coming from, especially with his or her uptightness, don't worry. You find solutions where others can't. Don't make a commitment you're not comfortable with, even with family. Tonight: Order in.

♐ SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Another might challenge you and be quite difficult. How you handle this matter could change substantially because of another's attitude. Trust your intuition. Trust your personality. Trust your ideas. You know a winner when you see one. Tonight: Go for what you want.

♑ CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★ Take your time making decisions. If you feel as if you need to call in sick or take time off, do so. You have pushed beyond your limits and have nearly burned out. Honor your needs, and you'll gain both professionally and emotionally. Tonight: Curl up with a good book.

♒ AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Your specialty is friendship, but not intimate relationships. You might have a difficult time clearly expressing what is on your mind at first. Use your creativity and imagination, and someone will respond. Work with strong reactions. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

♓ PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ You could feel as if a family member or someone involving your home and personal lives steps over his or her limits. Be smart when dealing with others; let another stew in a problem that he or she created. Emphasize your job and what works. Tonight: Work late.

QUOTE of the DAY

“Autobiography is an unrivaled vehicle for telling the truth about other people.”

— Phillip Guedalla (1889-1944)

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LOCAL



Affordable housing to get fast-tracked in city

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The Santa Monica City Council wants to make building affordable housing in the city much easier.

At their meeting last week, council members voted unanimously to have staff pour over the city's voluminous zoning codes looking for inconsistencies that might discourage developers to build affordable housing in Santa Monica.

The state mandates that municipalities give certain incentives to developers of affordable housing by allowing them to build an extra units, cutting them some slack on height requirements and letting them build closer to the curb.

But Santa Monica officials believe as the zoning code gets more complicated, those incentives may be harder to reach.

"This would be more of a technical change to clean up some of the inadvertent glitches in the policy," Councilman Ken Genser said. "We would try to remove the inadvertent obstacles to the development of affordable housing."

Affordable housing, which is typically provided in apartment complexes, can be built in every section of the city except for the industrial area off of Olympic Boulevard and 26th Street, as well as areas set aside for single family homes.

Bob Sullivan, president of the Santa Monica Housing Council, said the city council is responsible for creating most of the obstacles to affordable housing. He said the council has passed several changes to zoning laws which decreased the number of apartments that can be built by half.

"One reason we don't have affordable housing is the council's constant reduction of densities," he said. "If they really wanted to encourage affordable housing they would increase those density benefits."

Sullivan said the high rents that plague the city are a case of supply and demand. The city, he said, won't allow the supply to increase, so demand causes the rents to go up.

"Affordable housing comes from supply, and if you cut the supply off where there's demand you don't get affordable housing," Sullivan said. "There has been very little new rental housing built in this

city over the past 20 years."

And Sullivan said the city's slow permit process makes building new rental and affordable housing units in Santa Monica very expensive and frustrating.

"We have advocated that for a long time to streamline the decision process," he said. "If they like your project it seems to go through, but if they don't like it there's all these hurdles thrown up and it can get pretty subjective."

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— BOB SULLIVAN
Santa Monica Housing Council president

But Mayor Mike Feinstein said the city is working to make its permit process much easier, and to make sure that it is not preventing new affordable housing from getting built.

At the same time, the city also wants to make the process of building apartment complexes and condos of any size a much more public process, he said.

"It can be conflicting goals when you want to make sure there is a public process and strong review — balanced with providing affordable housing," Feinstein said. "The same process that would not slow down market-rate housing could slow down and endanger affordable housing."

And in the end, city officials said the entire process is meant to make sure more affordable housing comes on line as more rent controlled apartments disappear.

"We have a very significant housing shortage," Genser said. "And by cleaning up the zoning codes, this is a place where we could help increase the number of our affordable housing units."



Photo courtesy

More than 100 gathered last week at Bay Street to clean up the beach.

Church group gets trashy

By Daily Press staff

At least 50 bags of trash were picked up on the Santa Monica beach last week by a group of 100 volunteers.

The clean-up was done by the Church of Scientology Celebrity Centre Surf Club and Santa Monica Mission of Scientology in honor of Earth Day. They covered a quarter-mile along the beach near Bay Street, a popular surfing stretch.

"I recall the first day I fell in love with surfing," said Rob Hoover, president of the surf club, who grew up in Hermosa. "The water was perfectly clear, the sky bright blue and white fluffy clouds overhead. It was an absolutely beautiful day. The pristine conditions and the exhilaration of surfing influenced me to become a surfer. But conditions have changed. I'd like to see nature returned to what it is supposed to be."

Hoover has organized more than 40 beach and city clean-ups for Earth Day 2002, in a dozen countries on nearly every continent.

Hoover started the surf club in 1997 with a single beach clean-up three times a year in Malibu as part of the California Coastal Commissions "Adopt a Beach" program.

The Q Line

While most of us can agree that Santa Monica is one of the best places to live, it's not without its problems. A recent city survey revealed that residents' biggest complaints are traffic and the homeless. Those happen to be the same complaints from the previous year. The problems don't seem to be going away so this week,

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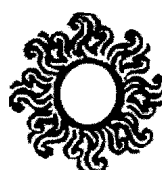


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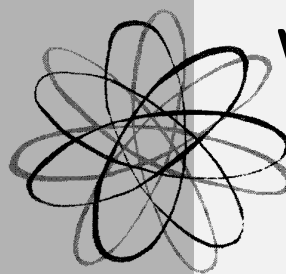
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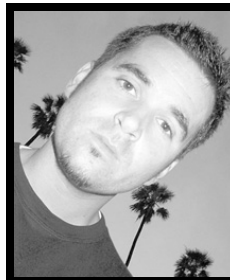
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LOCAL



The FunHog

By Dan Dunn

The road to Tombstone is paved with animal corpses

(This is the first segment in a two-part series on the Funhog's travels to the OK Corral. Check next week for what really happened.)

I counted 43 dead things on the road to Tombstone, Arizona — fitting, more or less, for a town that is mostly famous for the people who died there.

I'd been paid a hefty sum by a well-known travel magazine to cover, among other things, the 118th anniversary of the gunfight at the OK Corral — the bloodiest, most famous shoot-out in the storied history of the Wild West. The magazine unwise-ly authorized me to hire a photographer as well, so I brought along Bottomfeeder, who didn't know a Nikon from Nike, but was the only person willing to keep me company on the long drive from Santa Monica to Arizona and back. I figured I'd double-bill the magazine somewhere along the line and use the extra cash to purchase some professional photos of Tombstone. Usually, the local chamber would give us something for free anyway.

Every year people from all walks of life descend upon "the town too tough to die" to celebrate the infamous carnage at the Helldorado Festival. As I sat alone in Johnny Ringo's Saloon scribbling notes, the town was abuzz, making last-minute preparations for what is Tombstone's biggest moneymaking weekend of the year.

We had "descended" from the long way around. We'd rented a puke-green Neon at LAX, and I was chatting up the rental girl while Bottomfeeder put our things into the car. Maybe I could have gotten upgraded to a red or white Neon, but the option faded when focus shifted to phone numbers.

At the car, Bottomfeeder already had the U.S. Atlas out on the hood.

"How long you got to get to this OK thing?" he asked.

"What the hell do you care?"

"I was just thinking, we might swing down into Mexico. I've never been."

Well, come to think of it, me neither. And you know that the allure of unlimited mileage rental cars is strong.

"We can't take a U.S. rental car into Mexico. At least not legally. At least not in MY name," I suggested.

"We'll go to Nogales. Right here. My cousin went there once. Said you just park at the border and walk in. Then, look, right on up to the Tombstone."

Sometimes discussing a roadtrip once the map is unfolded is like making a sexual decision after the condom is unrolled.

Next thing I knew, I was trying to shake off the experience we had south of the border, and figure out what amounted to a reluctant Legendary Event theme park.

"It's three days of getting drunk, passing out, waking up and starting all over again," said Cathy the bartender, sliding another bourbon across the bar. "By Sunday, most of the people who were fairly good-looking when they got here look

at least a decade older."

Bottomfeeder, who was currently passed out in the puke-green Neon told me as much when we pulled into town. There wasn't much action in Ringo's, so I decided it was a good time to get some food in me. I quickly settled up with Cathy, tipped like a man who might need a friend in the bar business sometime soon, and took to the streets.

Nellie Cashman's Restaurant, established in 1882, is Tombstone's oldest and most popular eatery. I showed up with pot roast on my mind and a credit card in my pocket, only to find a "closed" sign hanging in the window.

"I would have been open, but the waiter got drunk," said an older, fleshy woman seated on a bench by the front door. She turned out to be the owner.

"Where's a good place to eat around here?" I asked her.

"Just my place," she said, gesturing behind her, "and I'm closed."

"Alright then, where's a good place to get drunk?"

She looked at me and smiled. "Anywhere's a good place to get drunk."

Back at Johnny Ringo's, my new best friend Cathy reminisced about the good-old days in Tombstone — not the days of Wyatt Earp and the Cowboys, mind you; Cathy missed the freewheeling 1970s, when Helldorado truly lived up to its name.

"It's not like it used to be," she sighed. "Now with the liquor control, and the drinking and driving laws, it's a real pain in the ass. They've got roadblocks scheduled this weekend all the way out to Douglas, Benson and Sierra Vista."

"I don't condone drinking and driving," she told me, "but, hell, a person can't have a couple of beers anymore without worrying about getting stopped by the cops."

Looking around the bar full of weathered wranglers and hard-line vagrants, I surmised that a lot of locals were upset about authorities cracking down on lawlessness during Helldorado. The prevailing mood in the place suggested that things could turn ugly at the drop of a ten-gallon hat. I hunkered down on my stool and ordered a shot of Jameson, anticipating trouble.

"The cops never pay attention to stuff that goes on all year long, but then the big weekend comes and they hound everybody — it ain't right," said Cathy.

"Hell no, it ain't!" I cackled a bit too loudly, defending reckless boozing with all the conviction one would expect from a guy who'd pounded approximately seven drinks in just under an hour. Scared, starving, and loaded, I started scribbling furiously in my notepad.

And what happened next? I met Daniel Austin — the guy who told me, "Today is the first day of the rest of your life."

(Dan Dunn is a Santa Monica resident and writes for Warner Bros. Online. For more FunHog fun, check out www.thefunhog.com.)

OPINION □ LOCAL

LETTERS

My mistake

Editor:

I wish to express my deep regret for displaying a highly controversial photo of Mayor Michael Feinstein at the Tuesday, April 23, 2002 city council meeting in which the photo was utilized under agenda item known as public input.

I learned after the fact that I was in error by failing to first ask for permission of the newspaper owner to use their photo.

At that time I assumed that my action was proper, however in hindsight I realized now that I was wrong.

In the future, I intend to ask the newspaper permission to use the photo in advance of displaying at one of my public speaking events.

That is of course if the newspaper will hopefully grant permission in the future for my use of the highly controversial photo of Mayor Michael Feinstein.

During my public input I did use the highly controversial photo of Mayor Michael Feinstein to express my feelings concerning the fact that a picture may not speak words by itself yet it's true that it's worth a thousand unspoken words that are loudly heard.

The highly controversial photo of Mayor Michael Feinstein is what it is, as is Michael Feinstein.

I never stated or implied that the picture displayed him in any other terms other than perhaps being silent.

I pledge to all newspapers that I will never again use a newspaper photo without the permission given beforehand by the newspaper.

Unlike Mr. Feinstein, I firmly believe in taking personal responsibility for my own actions, and that is why I feel so strongly in expressing myself in this letter.

Pro Se
Santa Monica

(Editor's note: The photo used at the city council meeting was not portrayed in the context of when it was taken and therefore was not an appropriate or responsible use of Michael Feinstein's image.)

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New positions filled in Santa Monica-Malibu school district

By Daily Press staff

Two administrative positions were officially filled by the school board at its Thursday meeting.

The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified school board voted unanimously to continue to employ Laurel Schmidt as director of pupil services and hire Lise Reilly as the new principal of John Adams Middle School. Both women, who have extensive careers with the school district, will start their new jobs on July 1 — the beginning of the school district's fiscal year.

Reilly, who is currently the interim assistant superintendent of educational services for the district, has taught at the pre-school, elementary and high school levels in regular and special education.

For the past six years she has coordi-

nated professional development and articulation for staff within the Adams Pathway of Schools.

Schmidt, who already has served in her position for three years, was instrumental in developing a comprehensive school safety program for the school district.

Before joining the school district in 1992 as a teacher at the Santa Monica Alternative School House, Schmidt taught classes in kindergarten through middle school in the Los Angeles Unified School District. In 1995, she was named principal of Franklin Elementary School, the largest elementary in the school district.

She also is an adjunct professor at Antioch University and a member of the Education Advisory Board of the Natural History Museum.

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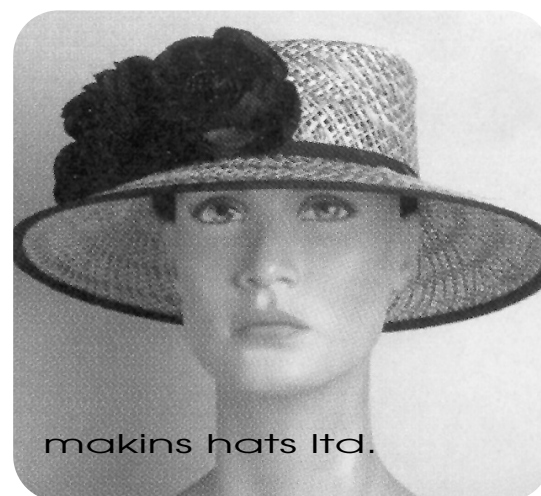
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STATE

C. Michael Greene resigns as Grammy president

BY PAUL WILBORN
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES — C. Michael Greene, who transformed the Grammy Awards from an industry ritual into a global television event, resigned as president of the National Academy of Recording Arts & Sciences, the organization said Sunday.

Greene's resignation followed an emergency board meeting Saturday.

Greene has been the subject of an internal investigation into allegations that he sexually harassed female employees.

However, the investigation cleared Greene of the claims, according to a statement released Sunday by the academy.

"A full and fair investigation of alleged misconduct by Mike was completed and it revealed no sexual harassment, no sex discrimination and no hostile work environment at the recording academy," Garth Fundis, board chairman, said in the statement.

Greene will remain through September as a full-time consultant to the academy, which produces the Grammy Awards. No reason was given for his resignation.

"I am so proud of what we've been able to accomplish together over the past 13 years and am gratified by the growth and success of the organization," Greene said in the statement.

Greene, 52, has three years left on his \$2 million-plus-perks annual contract. Last year, he was the highest paid non-

profit executive in the nation.

His resignation came after an emergency board meeting at a Beverly Hills hotel attended by 38 trustees who flew in from 12 chapters across the nation.

Greene and the academy previously reached out-of-court settlements with two former employees who had accused Greene of sexual harassment. Details of the settlements were not disclosed.

Greene denied any wrong doing.

A saxophone player and former volunteer president of the Atlanta chapter, Greene moved up quickly in the Grammy organization before becoming president in 1988.

When he took over, the organization had 14 employees, 3,500 members, and \$4.9 million in assets. The Grammy organization currently has about 120 staffers, 17,000 members and more than \$50 million in assets.

Under Greene's leadership, the annual Grammy Awards television program became a powerful marketing tool for the music industry.

Several months ago, Greene negotiated a five-year extension of the Grammy broadcast rights with CBS for more than \$20 million annually.

Greene will continue to assist with upcoming projects, including The Latin Grammys, a \$90 million Grammy Exposition and Hall of Fame in New Orleans and Encore Hall, a senior living facility in Los Angeles.

San Fran fire department saves man from rip tide

By The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — A man out for an early morning swim with two friends was dragged away from the city's Ocean Beach by a rip tide Sunday, prompting a surfer and the San Francisco Fire Department to come to his aid.

The three men, whom authorities did not identify, had camped overnight on the beach and decided to take a dip around 7 a.m., said Joe Ford, a petty officer with the U.S. Coast Guard.

Two men had made it back to shore when the fire department's surf and cliff rescue teams arrived, and a surfer had paddled into the rip current to help the third man keep his head above water, said fire department spokesman Pete Howes. The teams then helped the ailing swimmer to shore.

All three were evaluated by medics at the scene, and the man caught in the rip tide was sent to the University of California, San Francisco Medical Center to be evaluated for hypothermia, Howes said.

"Those persons who are inexperienced at Ocean Beach and not equipped with a wet suit or proper training should be wary of dangerous rip currents which can carry them out," Howes said.

Barbie creator dies at 85

BY DANNY POLLOCK
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES — Ruth Handler, who created Barbie, the world's most popular doll, has died. She was 85.

Handler, who also co-founded the Mattel toy company, died at Century City Hospital on Saturday morning, Elliot Handler, her husband, said.

Ruth Handler died of complications from colon surgery she underwent about three months ago, he said.

Since Handler's creation, named for her daughter Barbara, was introduced in 1959 it has become an American icon and a touchstone of cultural politics.

The impossibly well-endowed doll — her original figure would be about 39-18-33 if she were human — has infuriated feminists, inspired artists and intrigued academics around the world. Barbie even was placed in the official "America's Time Capsule" buried in 1976.

NATIONAL



Postal worker charged with acts of terrorism

BY LARRY NEUMEISTER

Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK — For years, Ahmed Abdel Sattar seemed a friendly, mild-mannered postman — who happened to know a lot of terrorists. Now the government says there was a reason for that: He was a terrorist, too.

Sattar is being held without bail on charges of helping a blind Egyptian cleric deliver a message of hate across the world from behind bars. But while the charges are new, Sattar is a familiar face to government investigators.

Nearly a decade ago, the government suspected Sattar used his postal job to track down the home address of an FBI terrorism investigator. In recent years, the government now alleges, he exchanged phone calls with a "who's who" of Egyptian extremists to coordinate terrorist directives.

All of this is beyond belief to Sattar's wife and friends, who say the 42-year-old father of four has led a law-abiding life in Staten Island. Any associations Sattar had with people the government considers extremists, they say, were a reflection of his Muslim beliefs and an assertion of his constitutional rights.

In an indictment filed this month, authorities allege Sattar delivered messages from the federal prison cell of Sheikh Omar Abdel-Rahman. The blind cleric, a leader of the Egyptian-based Islamic Group terrorist organization, is serving a life term on charges of conspiring to blow up New York landmarks in 1993.

Sattar is accused of relaying directives from Abdel-Rahman's Minnesota prison cell, under the guise of serving as an inter-

preter for the sheik's lawyers. One of those lawyers, Lynne Stewart, and two others have also been charged, and Abdel-Rahman has been moved to an undisclosed federal prison.

All four defendants were charged with conspiring to provide material support and resources to the terrorist organization. If convicted, they could face 5 to 20 years in prison on each count.

The government says the jailhouse messages included an edict "mandating the bloodshed of Israelis everywhere." Prosecutor Joseph Bianco said court-ordered telephone wiretaps found Sattar talking with "a virtual who's who of the Islamic Group's top leadership."

Sattar's relationship with the sheik dates back a decade. He helped Abdel-Rahman speak publicly after his 1993 arrest, and he attended the sheik's 1995 trial on off-days from work.

He also translated jailhouse interviews for journalists and arranged for Abdel-Rahman to preach to his followers from prison until the government restricted the sheik's communications.

Sattar arrived in the United States in 1985, became a citizen in 1989 and joined the postal service a year later. Investigators have been tracking him since Middle East terrorism arrived on U.S. shores with the assassination of extremist rabbi Meir Kahane on Nov. 5, 1990.

None of the charges against Sattar accuse him of any role in the 1993 trade center attack, or in the plot to blow up New York landmarks. And the government has said the charges do not allege any involvement in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

ABC reportedly taking stand in contract talks with Jennings

BY FRAZIER MOORE

AP Television Writer

NEW YORK — ABC's need to reverse years of excessive spending by its news division may be prompting the network to ask Peter Jennings to take a substantial pay cut, an industry analyst said Friday.

ABC doesn't want to "dismantle the news division or change the personnel as much as have it operate as it is, but at a lower cost," said Andrew Tyndall, publisher of The Tyndall Report, a weekly newsletter that monitors television network news.

But another observer urges caution by the network and its corporate parent, the Walt Disney Co. "What ABC does is both substantive in terms of the finances, and symbolic in terms of the commitment that Disney has to ABC News," said Bob Steele, director of the ethics program at The Poynter Institute, a journalism research center.

Suffering from downturns in ratings and revenue, ABC has found its motives discussed in recent weeks as it allowed correspondent Connie Chung to go to CNN and made a failed attempt to lure David Letterman from CBS to displace its late-night news program "Nightline."

Now ABC is taking a tough stand with its star anchorman in contract negotiations, according to various published reports.

Jennings, who reportedly makes \$10 million a year, is being asked to accept a

\$3 million trim as a condition for renewing his contract, which runs out this summer, Newsday reported.

Tyndall says ABC is mounting "an overall attempt to reverse the excesses of the Roone Arledge era." Arledge, president of ABC News through much of the 1990s, won big-name news talent from competing networks with lavish salaries.

This has placed ABC in a jam, Steele agrees.

ABC is struggling financially, as is its corporate parent, Disney, which this week reported earnings off 51 percent from the second quarter of 2001.

The network, however, may not want to risk losing one of its most identifiable figures, especially since its evening newscast has enjoyed the largest increase in viewership among the three shows in the past year. "World News Tonight" with Jennings generally ranks second each week to NBC.

So far ABC News President David Westin has declined to comment other than to say: "We have every hope and expectation that Peter will be our principal anchor for many years to come."

Even if Jennings' new deal held him at his current pay level, such an agreement would be unusual since, only last December, "Today" anchor Katie Couric signed a contract with NBC that more than doubled her salary to a reported \$16 million a year.

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SPORTS

Lakers blaze Portland by one; take series by 3

BY LONDON HALL

AP Sports Writer

PORTLAND, Ore. — The Los Angeles Lakers used to have a bitter rivalry with Portland. Now the only intrigue is watching how many points the Lakers can spot the Trail Blazers before coming back to torment them.

Robert Horry took a pass from Kobe Bryant and made a 3-pointer with 2.1 seconds left to cap a furious last-minute comeback, and the Lakers completed their second straight three-game sweep of the Blazers with a 92-91 victory Sunday.

"Did I want the ball? No, I was kind of scared," said Horry, a veteran of four NBA championship teams with Los Angeles and Houston. "I just threw it up there, and I didn't know if it was going in or out."

Bryant knew.

"It's cash," Bryant said when asked what he thought when the ball left Horry's hand. "He's done it so many times, it's cash."

The finish was reminiscent of Game 7 of the 2000 Western Conference finals, when Portland blew a 15-point fourth-quarter lead and lost 89-84. Including that surreal game, the Lakers have won seven straight postseason meetings with the Blazers.

Portland had a much smaller lead Sunday, but there was less time to watch it slip away.

Rasheed Wallace's follow-up slam on a miss by Scottie Pippen put the Blazers up 89-84 with 39 seconds left, and Wallace's free throw made it 90-86 with 17.1 seconds left.

Bryant immediately made a 3-pointer with 12.7 seconds to go, and Pippen missed

one of his free throws after being fouled.

With the Lakers trailing by two, Rick Fox inbounded the ball to Bryant, who was guarded by the self-proclaimed "Kobe Stopper," Ruben Patterson. Bryant went right and flung the ball to Horry, who was waiting in the corner off to Bryant's right. Pippen, trying to help out with Bryant, was late in running at Horry, and Horry swished the jumper.

The Blazers had one last chance, but Pippen's inbound pass went over Wallace's head, and Horry rebounded with 0.9 seconds left.

Pippen took the blame for his defense on Horry's basket.

Portland was in the game not only because the Lakers shot 41 percent in the second half, but because the Blazers played terrific defense on O'Neal for a change.

He finished with 21 points, but he went into the fourth shooting just 1-for-5 from the field. Portland used a combination of defenders on O'Neal to deny him the ball, but he started getting free in the final period, when he was 4-of-6. He actually did most of his damage from the free-throw line, making 11 of 16. He also had 11 rebounds and seven assists.

"Reading the paper, I knew they were going to throw everybody at me, even

Paul Allen," O'Neal said. "So I was trying to keep my guys involved."

Wallace had 20 points and 12 rebounds to lead the Blazers, and Bonzi Wells added 19 points.

Portland kept it close despite going more than five minutes without a basket in the fourth. Wallace's short turnaround jumper ended the drought, giving the Blazers an 80-78 lead with 5:34 to play. It was anyone's game until the final minute.

Portland fell to 2-9 in playoff series against the Lakers, who have eliminated the Blazers five times in the last six years.

"I'm just sick right now, emotionally, physically," Wells said. "We played our hearts out. Everybody came out here and left it all on the court, but they're the champs. And we're just like all the rest of the teams in the league. We're just fighting for second."

The Lakers didn't make a field goal in 10 attempts over the first 7:15 of the third quarter, but the Blazers didn't capitalize as much as they should have. A free throw by Shawn Kemp ended an 18-3 run and put Portland up by six before Los Angeles came back with three straight baskets.

A fading jumper by Fox with a minute left in the period tied it at 67 entering the fourth.

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National Basketball Association playoff schedule

By The Associated Press

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Indiana 89, New Jersey 83
Sacramento 89, Utah 86
San Antonio 110, Seattle 89
Charlotte 80, Orlando 79

Sunday, April 21

Boston 92, Philadelphia 82
Boston leads series 1-0
Dallas 101, Minnesota 94
Dallas leads series 1-0
L.A. Lakers 95, Portland 87,
L.A. Lakers lead series 1-0
Detroit 85, Toronto 63
Detroit leads series 1-0

Monday, April 22

New Jersey 95, Indiana 79
series tied 1-1
Seattle 98, San Antonio 90
series tied 1-1

Tuesday, April 23

Orlando 111, Charlotte 103, OT
series tied 1-1
Utah 93, Sacramento 86
series tied 1-1

Wednesday, April 24

Detroit 96, Toronto 91
Detroit leads series 2-0
Dallas 122, Minnesota 110,
Dallas leads series 2-0

Thursday, April 25

Boston 93, Philadelphia 85
Boston leads series 2-0
L.A. Lakers 103, Portland 96,
Lakers leads series 2-0

Friday, April 26

New Jersey 85, Indiana 84

Saturday, April 27

Charlotte 110, Orlando 100, OT
Charlotte leads series 2-1
Sacramento 90, Utah 87
Sacramento leads series 2-1
San Antonio 102, Seattle 75
San Antonio leads series 2-1
Toronto 94, Detroit 84
Detroit leads series 2-1

Sunday, April 28

Philadelphia 108, Boston 103
Boston leads series 2-1
Dallas 115, Minnesota 102
Dallas wins series 3-0
L.A. Lakers 92, Portland 91
L.A. Lakers win series 3-0

Monday, April 29

Detroit at Toronto, TBA, if necessary
Sacramento at Utah, TBA, if necessary

Tuesday, April 30

Charlotte at Orlando, TBA
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Boston at Philadelphia, TBA, if necessary
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INTERNATIONAL



President calls Israeli-Palestinian pact 'hopeful'

BY SCOTT LINDLAW
Associated Press Writer

CRAWFORD, Texas — President Bush heralded "a hopeful day" in the Mideast after personally brokering an Israeli-Palestinian deal to end the siege of Yasser Arafat's compound, and demanded that Arafat redouble his efforts to end terrorism.

With Arafat to be freed as part of the pact, Bush said, "Now is the time for him to step up."

"Chairman Arafat is now free to move around and free to lead, and we expect him to do so," Bush told reporters on his ranch here, after a weekend of quiet diplomacy led to his greatest accomplishment in trying to defuse the crisis. "One of the things he must do is condemn and thwart terrorist activities."

But with stalemates and a setback on other fronts, Bush cautioned: "Much hard work remains and this is a time for all of us to commit to fight terror and to promote peace in the Middle East."

Bush called Sharon Saturday — three times, according to the Israeli government — and dispatched diplomats to negotiate directly with Arafat. Sharon will visit the White House in early May, said White House spokesman Sean McCormack.

Bush won agreement on his proposal that U.S. and British nonmilitary personnel guard six Palestinians who are wanted by Israel on assassination charges and are being kept in Arafat's headquarters at Ramallah, besieged for a month.

In return, Israeli troops would withdraw from Ramallah and Arafat would be allowed to leave his compound and move freely in the Palestinian areas of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

Both sides approved the proposal on Sunday.

"This has been a hopeful day for the region, and we must continue to press forward to peace," Bush said.

Bush renewed his demand that all parties in the conflict — the Israelis, Palestinians and Arab neighbors — meet their "responsibilities" to help end the conflict, but imposed special demands on Arafat, who has been trapped inside his Ramallah compound for nearly a month.

Palestinian officials expect the siege imposed on Arafat's headquarters to be lifted Tuesday.

"Chairman Arafat (must) now seize this opportunity to act decisively in word and in deed against terror directed at Israeli citizens," Bush said. "He hasn't earned my respect. He must earn my respect by leading."

Bush said his door was open to world leaders who want to "bare their soul" and discuss their plans for peace, but wouldn't say that the offer extended to Arafat.

Bush praised Saudi Arabian Crown Prince Abdullah, with whom the president met on his ranch Thursday, for presenting specific ideas on how to advance the peace process, and called to thank him before Abdullah left the country Sunday evening.

Even as he warned Arafat to step up, Bush went out of his way to express sympathy for Palestinians living with Israeli occupations and military actions — a message the crown prince had delivered Thursday.

Bush renewed his promise to provide humanitarian assistance to Palestinians, and called on other nations to follow suit.

"My heart grieves for a people who

have no hope, and there are a lot of people who have no hope in the Middle East," Bush said. "There are some Palestinians who wonder whether or not life is worth living."

Secretary of State Colin Powell called Arafat earlier Sunday.

Arafat accepted the U.S. plan on

Ramallah, after meeting with American and British diplomats later Sunday.

The White House did not disclose Bush's Saturday conversations with Sharon until Sunday, a decision White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said came from the president's preference for "quiet diplomacy."

Election on their minds



B.K.Bangash/Associated Press

A street of Islamabad is decorated with paintings of Pakistani President Gen. Pervez Musharraf. Musharraf called a referendum last week. When voters go to the polls on Tuesday they will be deciding more than just whether Musharraf will be Pakistan's president for the next five years. A vote for Musharraf is also certain to guarantee the military a more permanent role in civic affairs.

CIA: They have ways of making al-Qaida talk

BY RON KAMPEAS
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — As interrogation techniques go, the recommended opener from a 1963 CIA manual — "My little man, you are not of much concern to us" — has gone the way of trench coats and truncheons.

Since then, the agency and others who try to pry information from suspects have evolved a battery of sophisticated psychological techniques to wear them down.

Such tricks, within certain bounds that U.S. authorities say do not cross the line of the legal definition of torture — "severe pain" — might be used by interrogators whose questions have been faced

down by captured al-Qaida fighters trained to be silent or to lie.

The CIA has said it would never subject detainees to the company of rats and cockroaches, for example, or even threaten to do so. But agency manuals from the 1960s through the 1980s discuss the value of endless, meandering chats about whatever gives a captive the creepy crawlies.

Other insights from the manuals:

—A panel of interrogators may subject the suspect to a shouted string of nonsensical questions to create a "surreal" environment, in which a "real" question finally provides relief.

—If the suspect is a low-level operative, his interrogators could subject him to hours and days of sophisticated queries he would

not know how to answer, wearing away his confidence, then suddenly spring an easy question he would be eager to answer.

—For more sophisticated captives, another method is to wear down confidence by rewarding noncooperation with better conditions and friendliness at first. The confused captive wonders what help he might be inadvertently providing to elicit such favored treatment.

—Simulating newscasts reporting major losses for the enemy could wear down a captive's morale, inducing a "why not tell all" attitude.

These techniques are not contentious but human rights groups and intelligence operatives diverge on what happens when "hands off" does not work.

The CIA swore off torture after a training manual with a chapter on its "proper use" was leaked in 1984. Subsequent manuals discussed "coercive techniques" aimed at inducing "discomfort" but not pain.

CIA spokesmen would not discuss the manuals.

Some suggestions fall short of physical abuse: Agents are told they might manipulate perceptions of time by fiddling with clocks, serving food at odd times, waking the captive at odd hours, and keeping lights on 24 hours a day.

Human rights groups say techniques aimed at inducing breakdowns are contrary to laws banning cruel and unusual punishment.

"You're basically not allowed to use anything to overcome the person's free will," said Jamie Fellner of Human Rights Watch.

Even dicier are areas described as discomfort — but not pain — in 1988 Senate testimony by the top CIA operative, recently declassified by the independent National Security Archive.

Dick Stolz described techniques such as forcing a captive to sit on a stool or stand at attention for long periods. He could be denied sleep, or he could be placed in a soundproof room and his environment could be subject to temperature changes.

Saddam Hussein celebrates

BY MARIAM FAM
Associated Press Writer

TIKRIT, Iraq — Iraq celebrated President Saddam Hussein's 65th birthday Sunday with an annual display of government-sponsored loyalty whose theme this year was defiance in the face of U.S. determination to topple the Iraqi leader.

As tens of thousands of people marched in Baghdad, state-run Iraqi media said Saddam's birthday marked the birth of an

Iraq "which is free and victorious against U.S.-British-Zionist colonialism."

At the biggest celebration, in Saddam's hometown of Tikrit 100 miles north of Baghdad, schoolgirls performed traditional Arab dances and waved Iraqi and Palestinian flags. Singers praised Saddam as the symbol of "our dignity and pride."

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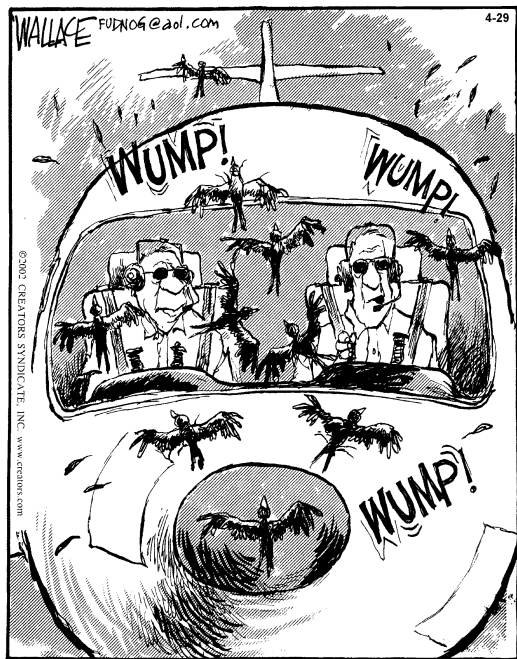


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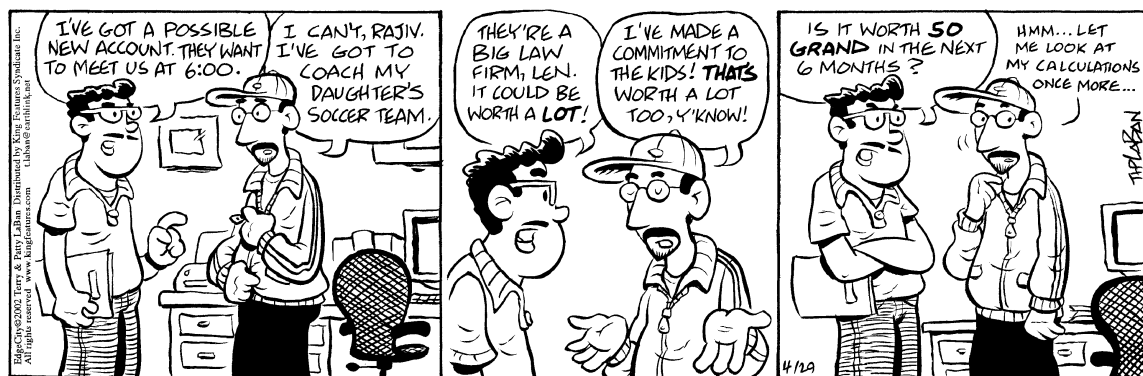
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Leaves at the altar
 - 6 Hunger pains
 - 11 Washing-ton neighbor
 - 12 German sub
 - 13 Do runway work
 - 14 Depart
 - 15 Hawk
 - 17 Skirt edge
 - 18 Surpasses by a narrow margin
 - 22 Actress Taylor
 - 23 Orb
 - 27 Put up
 - 29 Passover meal
 - 30 Knocked down
 - 32 Unseen problem
 - 33 Suffer from a conk on the head
 - 35 Yak it up
 - 38 Threesome
 - 39 Suspect's story
 - 41 Pesky swarm
 - 45 Koran faith
 - 46 TV, radio, etc.
 - 47 "48 HRS" star
 - 48 Good quality
- DOWN**
- 1 Actor Carrey
 - 2 Wedding words
 - 3 Young fellow
 - 4 Boondocks
 - 5 Foot parts
 - 6 Exercises at the bar
 - 7 Presidential nickname
 - 8 Bible boater
 - 9 Donated
 - 10 Goblet part
 - 16 — Alamos
 - 18 Ran, as color
 - 19 The Emerald Isle
 - 20 Actor Guinness
 - 21 Mick's group
 - 24 Writer Ferber
 - 25 Back
 - 26 Work units
 - 28 When a round starts
 - 31 German article

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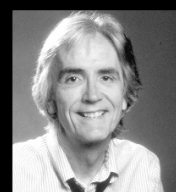
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

by Chuck Shepard

Tranquilizer guns not part of 'green hunting'

- The letter in which Texas gubernatorial candidate Tony Sanchez thanked the Texas State Teachers Association for its endorsement contained run-on sentences, a dangling modifier, a subject-verb disagreement, and the word "gonernor."
- The Rhino Management Group in Africa criticized "green hunting" (hunting with tranquilizer guns) because of evidence that animals hit more than once are permanently damaged.
- A 27-year-old woman told reporters in January that when she called Camarillo, Calif., police on Saturday, Dec. 22, to report a sexual assault, she was told that the staff is limited on weekends and that she should call back Monday morning (and when she did that, detectives counseled her to report for a medical exam).

According to Webster...

PRC

Main Entry: PRC

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BACK PAGE

Lost after 50 years, man receives grandfather's wallet

By The Associated Press

PETALUMA, Calif. — A San Francisco police officer who works at the same station his grandfather once did more than 50 years ago got an unusual package in the mail last week.

It was his grandfather's wallet — complete with identification, business cards and \$60.

In 1951 John Payne, a retired San Francisco police officer, was buying produce in Bakersfield when he left his wallet in a phone booth.

Payne died four years later without telling his family about the lost wallet. It arrived at the police station last week

along with a letter from Robert Kupbens, a 79-year-old Tucson man.

The letter read: "Dear Sir, I found this wallet in a telephone booth in Bakersfield, California in 1951 ... Much later I found the wallet in my personal gear and intended to send it to its owner but put it away and forgot about it in the following years because it was misplaced. Sorry it took so long to get this wallet to lost and found."

It goes on to explain how, after discovering the wallet in the phone booth, Kupbens tried to give it to a gas station attendant, but the man told him to take it to the police.

"I had to continue on my way north so

I put it in a zipper bag and continued," he wrote.

But he got in an auto accident and forgot about the wallet.

The letter ends: "P.S. There were \$60 in bills in the wallet. Please find a check enclosed."

John Payne II, who lives in Petaluma, called Kupbens on Saturday to get the full story.

"Can you believe someone is that honest?" Payne told the Santa Rosa Press Democrat. "It was an emotional thing. I couldn't believe it. He had an ID card from 1942 with his picture on it."

Payne's grandfather gave up police

work to enter the produce business and frequently made buying trips up and down the West Coast.

Receipts inside the black leather wallet showed he had been to the Oregon border to buy potatoes and to El Centro to buy melons.

He kept a log of trip expenses: gas \$3, eats 90 cents, room \$4.

Payne barely remembers his grandfather and was thrilled to receive the wallet and learn more about him.

"The guys (at the station) cracked up because they saw the similarities. The wide forehead," he said. "We're from the same gene pool."

South African millionaire welcomed aboard space station

BY MARCIA DUNN

AP Aerospace Writer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — A South African space tourist received a warm welcome aboard the international space station on Saturday and settled in for an eight-day, seven-night stay that cost him \$20 million.

Internet entrepreneur Mark Shuttleworth is only the second person to pay his own way into space, and by the look of it, he considers the money well spent.

The 28-year-old smiled broadly as he floated into the space station and was embraced by its three occupants. One orbit, or 1 1/2 hours later, South African President Thabo Mbeki called to congratulate the first African citizen in space.

"It's amazingly roomy," Shuttleworth told the president. "Although it's very, very large, we have to move very carefully. As you can see around us, there are tons of very precious and very sophisticated equipment. We hope that we will be good guests."

As for his liftoff two days earlier from Kazakhstan, "I

had moments of terror, moments of sheer upliftment and exhilaration," Shuttleworth said. "I have truly never seen anything as beautiful as the Earth from space. I can't imagine anything that could surpass that."

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— MARK SHUTTLEWORTH
Space tourist

The world's latest space tourist — dubbed an Afronaut back home — has generated huge excitement in South Africa.

"The whole continent is proud that, at last, we have one of our own people from Africa up in space," said Mbeki, taking part in celebrations for Freedom Day, marking the 1994 elections that ended Apartheid. "It's a proud Freedom Day because of what you've done."

Shuttleworth's parents were relieved to see their adventure-seeking son, an entrepreneur who made his fortune off the Internet, safely aboard space station Alpha. They watched from Russian Mission Control outside Moscow as the Soyuz capsule smoothly docked with the space station 250 miles up.

"It was one of the dangerous procedures and my stomach was in a real knot before it started. But I'm feeling much better now," said his mother, Ronelle Shuttleworth.

The three men who have been living on the orbiting outpost since December, and won't return to Earth until June, were delighted to have company. "It's always great to see new faces," said American astronaut Carl Walz.

Shuttleworth and his Soyuz crewmates, Russian cosmonaut Yuri Gidzenko and Italian astronaut Roberto Vittori, accomplished their primary job with the successful docking of their spacecraft. It will now serve as the space station's lifeboat. When the three leave next Saturday night, they will use the Soyuz that has been attached to the station for the past six months.

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