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DAILY DERBY
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2nd Place: 10, Solid Gold
3rd Place: 08, Gorgeous George
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD by Chuck Shepard

While two co-appellants chose to have lawyers represent them before the Supreme Court of Canada in their challenge of their marijuana convictions, David Malmo-Levine spoke for himself, addressing the justices for 40 minutes on May 6, arguing that his right of "substance orientation" was similar to someone's right of sexual orientation. After his session (which he began by waving hello to the justices), Malmo-Levine revealed that his entire courtroom wardrobe was made of hemp and that he had taken a few hits of hashish beforehand. Said he, "I was happy, hungry and relaxed, but I was not impaired."



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"It is dangerous to be sincere unless you are also stupid."

— George Bernard Shaw



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Measure S walks a paper-thin line



Jason Auslander/Daily Press

Star Barboza deposits her Measure S ballot on Tuesday and receives an "I Voted" sticker from election volunteer James Buck at the Unitarian Community Church, 1721 Arizona Ave.

District has plans for new funds

BY JOHN WOOD
Daily Press Staff Writer

Measure S, tentatively approved by city voters last night by the thinnest of margins, is expected to generate roughly \$6.5 million annually for the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District.

With the newly acquired funds, district officials are expected to rehire many of the more than 200 teachers and workers who were issued pink

slips earlier this year.

The district in March issued a "road map" to financial recovery from its \$13.7 million shortfall in funding. If it sticks to it, the following positions will be reinstated in the following "bundles."

The first group costs \$6.3 million and includes:

■ Twenty-one elementary teach-

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Parcel tax narrowly passes but votes remain to be counted

BY JOHN WOOD
Daily Press Staff Writer

Santa Monica and Malibu voters stood behind their public schools on Tuesday.

But just barely.

Measure S, which had to receive two-thirds of the vote to become law, passed with 66.8 percent — or by a little more than one-tenth of one percent — with all 35 precincts in Malibu and Santa Monica reporting Tuesday night.

However, with an unknown amount of last-minute absentee ballots still to be counted in the next two days, the election could ultimately swing in either direction.

Representatives from the L.A. County Department of Registrar-Recorder, which conducted the election, were not available late Tuesday night to say how many ballots remained to be counted.

"I guess we'll see what happens," said Mat Millen, who heads Citizens Against Unfair Taxes, the main opposition to the campaign. "I wouldn't concede this election. It's too close to call."

In the meantime, about 30 supporters of the measure celebrated cautiously at Moonshadows Restaurant in

Malibu.

"For the last two hours we've just been waiting," said Ralph Mechur, co-chair of the campaign in favor of Measure S. "We're ahead but we need the rest of the votes to be counted."

Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District is facing a \$13.7 million shortfall in funding for next year.

The parcel tax is expected to generate roughly \$6.5 million annually for six years by levying a flat \$225 flat tax on all the 32,000-plus parcels in Santa Monica and Malibu.

Of the 67,062 registered voters in Santa Monica and Malibu, 16,892 turned out for Tuesday's election — with 11,278 voting for the measure and 5,614 voting against it.

The race was close from the very beginning, with 66.5 percent of the previously received absentee voters casting "yes" votes and 33.5 voting against the measure. As the night wore on, parties on both sides of the measure watched returns anxiously as the race stayed within one-half of one percentage point.

"We feel proud — win, lose or draw — to have been part of the right thing," said Dr. Mike Gruning, president-elect of the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce, which helped round up more than \$30,000 in business donations.

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Wife of accused spy likely to be fined, stay out of jail

Husband John Yai to go on trial this summer

BY JOHN WOOD
Daily Press Staff Writer

The wife of a former Santa Monica snack shop owner who is accused of secretly being an agent for North Korea officially pleaded guilty on Tuesday to illegally bringing more than \$18,000 into the United States.

Susan Youngja Yai, 51, is scheduled to be sentenced Sept. 15 by U.S. District Judge George H. King at the United States Courthouse in downtown Los Angeles.

As part of her plea, prosecutors agreed to drop two other charges facing Yai, including making false statements and conspiring to make false statements to U.S. Customs officials.

Instead, she pleaded guilty to

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Alaska accepts liability in crash that took 88 lives

By The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Alaska Airlines has taken legal responsibility for a January 2000 jet crash that killed all 88 aboard, and Boeing said it would not contest liability over the plane's design.

Both positions were declared in filings Monday in U.S. District Court in San Francisco, where wrongful death suits stemming

from the crash of Flight 261 are pending. A federal judge signed off on the filings Tuesday.

As a result, the only issue before a jury if the cases go to trial will be what damages should be paid to survivors of the victims who have yet to settle with the two companies.

Cases brought by survivors have been settled for undisclosed sums. There are 16 1/2 wrongful

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★★★★★-Dynamic ★★★★★-Positive ★★★-Average
★★★-So-so ★-Difficult

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, June 4, 2003:

You have the ability to turn difficult situations around. Your optimism helps you break past problems, allowing more positive developments in your life. You have Lady Luck working with you; though frequently, you might be overwhelmed by all the options that appear. You will make the right choices. If you are single, you will meet people with the greatest of ease and make headway and help them open up. By fall, you might want to settle down. If you are attached, your relationship will heat up because of a generally happier attitude that emanates from you. Plan on making some key domestic changes together in the fall. You both will be happier as a result. LEO is fun to play with.

♈ ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★★ Your bounce and comeback come to the attention of an associate. Stay light and easy, using your unusual resourcefulness. Understand what might be motivating a loved one. You might want to join in once you "get it." Tonight: Play the night away.

♉ TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ You cannot get around certain basics, no matter what. Visualize more of what you want within a relationship that impacts your domestic security. You understand what few do. Use an opportunity; it might not occur again. Tonight: Happy in your castle.

♊ GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ Review a matter that is close to your heart. Keep conversations moving with that special spark you have. Investigate. Ask questions. If you want the scoop, you need to get it like no one else will. Trust that you will zero in on it. Tonight: Take a midweek break at a favorite spot.

♋ CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★★ You might develop a tendency to take unusual financial risks in the next few months. Be careful now, as there could be a royal backfire. Maintain your self-discipline, evaluating what is right for you. Still, you might be inclined to go wild. Tonight: Pay bills.

♌ LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ Give up being realistic. You know what you want. Think in terms of gains through networking. Let go of any negativity that might filter through your thinking. Zero in on what you want while the timing is right. Tonight: Where your friends are. You will have a good time.

♍ VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★★ Think through a decision carefully that might drop on you. Investigate possibilities with an eye to what you might not have noticed. Try to break out of the box. You can and will make a difference at work if you tap into your imagination. You have no idea how resourceful you can be. Tonight: Where the gang is.

♎ LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ You might want to think before you leap to a conclusion too quickly. The obvious simply might not be what is happening. Be direct in your dealings with associates and those at a distance. Listen to what isn't being said. Tonight: Where the gang is.

♏ SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ Recognize what a boss is trying to say. You might need to pull in an associate or partner for interference. Be good-natured, as many requests are heading your way. Yet be willing to say "no." Understand what might be needed here. Tonight: Play Let's Make a Deal with a loved one.

♐ SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ Take an overview of what might be necessary. Think through a decision more carefully. What seems to be a challenge works out nicely, although you might be overloaded with information. Tonight: Rent a movie or follow the music.

♑ CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★★ You might not be able to accomplish as much as you would like. Slow your rapid thought process. New information bursts forward from a key source. Use care with your finances. Tonight: Another's request to be the choice.

♒ AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ Friends give you powerful input, if you will listen. Allow others to find you, and you'll find others to be more responsive, which pleases you. A new relationship buds. If you want, think in terms of gains. Tonight: Happy where your friends are.

♓ PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★★ Dig into work and get it completed. Ultimately, you will be a lot happier once you clear out your messages and must-dos. You could be overwhelmed by what others want. Know that you can juggle demands. Trust in your abilities. Tonight: Easy does it.

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LOCAL



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

26th Street to be closed between Wilshire and Montana

By Daily Press staff

The city will close 26th Street between Wilshire Boulevard and Montana Avenue from today through Saturday.

The closure will occur so the final stage of construction on Santa Monica's first roundabout — located at 26th and Washington Avenue — can be completed, according to a city press release.

The roundabout will allow pedestrians to cross the street more easily without substantially changing neighborhood traffic patterns. Santa Monica has established a Web site to allow Internet users a peak at the operation of a roundabout at roundabout.santamonica.org.

Seen in more and more American communities, the roundabout is a circular intersection where vehicles entering the intersection yield to vehicles already in the intersection, keeping traffic from locking up and allowing free flow of movement.

A landscaped island in the center of the roundabout in Santa Monica, landscaping at the corners and small medians at the intersection's approaches will add green space to the neighborhood.

The roundabout is part of a \$4.7 million pedestrian improvement project that includes enhancements to Wilshire Boulevard, Santa Monica Boulevard, Broadway, Ocean Park Boulevard and 26th Street. Construction for the entire project is scheduled for completion in July.

Education Town Hall scheduled for Saturday

By Daily Press staff

An Education Town Hall meeting will be held Saturday at Venice High School from 9:30 a.m. to noon.

Parents, community members, teachers, administrators and students are invited to ask questions of elected officials from Los Angeles County and the State of California.

The focus of the meeting is to educate the public on education issues and to discuss ways to protect the education budget and restore programs.

Middle school choirs win awards

By Daily Press staff

The Lincoln Middle School Concert Choir and Madrigals both received Gold awards with overall scores totaling in the 90s recently at the Heritage Festival in San Diego.

Of the eleven choirs at the festival, Lincoln's was the only middle school that participated. The concert choir received the overall Outstanding Choral Group trophy for being the highest scoring choir in the entire festival.

With the Gold award, the concert choir and Madrigals received a certificate of excellence and an automatic invitation to the national competition. They also received the Spirit of San Diego Award and the Adjudicators' Trophy.



surf report

There are some fun waves left to be had, but not many. Both the NW wind swell and the SW ground swell are on their way down.

BAD NEWS: The tropical storm off of Mexico looks like it's going to die before it hits the Santa Monica area.

GOOD NEWS: Plenty of rideable waves in the knee- to waist-high range for the rest of the week.

OUTLOOK: By the weekend, we should see a shadowed, inconsistent and westerly SW and a new WNW wind swell. By next week, we may be feeling the pulse of a bigger storm currently off of New Zealand. Stay tuned.

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SUNDAY	1:04	1.5	12:41	0.7	6:37	3.8	7:17	5.0
MONDAY	1:46	1.0	1:13	1.0	7:31	3.8	7:40	5.2
TUESDAY	2:22	0.5	1:40	1.3	8:19	3.7	8:03	5.4
WEDNESDAY	2:55	0.1	2:06	1.6	9:02	3.7	8:25	5.6
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Santa Monica (as well as the City of San Francisco, which passed a similar ban) appealed that decision to the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, which also overturned the law. City officials then appealed the decision to the U.S. Supreme Court, which refused last week to hear the case.

Some city officials have grumbled that

they knew the law would never stand up and that Santa Monica wasted thousands of dollars on attorney fees pursuing the case. Others say it was a "consumer protection issue."

So this week Q-Line wants to know: "Was the ATM fee ban a waste of time and taxpayer money from the beginning? Or was it a valid case of protecting residents from being gouged?"

Call (310) 285-8106 with your response before Thursday at 5 p.m. We'll print them in Friday's paper. Please limit your comments to a minute or less. It might help to think first about the wording of your response.



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OPINION

LETTERS

Last trip down Tony Street

Editor:

Top 10 things I won't miss about Santa Monica:
 10.) Cars that try to kill me when I'm crossing at Montana and 15th;
 9.) Downtown traffic and parking congestion created by our oh-so-competent city planners;
 8.) The guy who lives in the rent-controlled apartment towers on Ocean Avenue that complained to the City Council that one of his two Mercedes would have to be parked on the street because of the 1999 "de-rent control" laws (as seen on CityTV);
 7.) The City Council that didn't even flinch (let alone question) why a guy with two Mercedes is living under rent control;
 6.) The middle-to-upper-income people living in rent-controlled apartments who posture that they're "down with the little people" while displacing those very same people;
 5.) The parking enforcement;
 4.) Anyone who claims to be "from the streets" year after year after year after year, wearing it as if it were a badge of honor instead of doing something to change their situation;
 3.) The bums, vagrants, drug addicts and criminals (AKA "homeless") who take advantage of Santa Monica's overly generous, white-guilt-sixties-hippie-driven social programs while giving nothing back to the community;
 2.) SMRR and their hypocritical politics;
 1.) The people who long for the mythological "good ol' days" in Santa Monica when rich and poor, black, brown and white homeowners and homeless all lived together in perfect, socialist harmony.

Arrivederci Santa Monica!

I look forward to returning in a few years when complete, natural, market-driven gentrification has taken place. Don't worry though, I'll be watching you from afar thanks to the SMDP's web access. And I'll be back.

Tony Street
 Santa Monica

Encouraging MTA Daypasses

Editor:

As a follow-up to Joanne Gamlin's letter (SMDP, May 30), I am glad that she was able to attend the May 22 MTA Board Meeting, which was held on a workday.

She is right about the Daypass for \$3, which is one of the items I commented on in my letter (SMDP, May 15).

As for the drivers selling Daypasses, they sell the old trusty transfers now. So, except for the amount involved, the transaction will be the same and the "rapid" in "rapid transit" should remain once everyone is familiar with the new procedures. Remember, the Daypass and new fare structure (i.e., \$1.25 basic fare, a reduction), doesn't take effect until Jan. 1, 2004.

I didn't see the SMDP coverage on the new fare structure but I did see other press cov-

erage and for those reading this letter, you should be aware that if you ride MTA, Big Blue Bus, Culver City Bus and other systems frequently, it is to your advantage to purchase the monthly EZ Pass for \$58 (which I do) and you can ride unfettered throughout L.A. County except for zone and/or freeway charges such as charged on Big Blue Bus #10, MTA Freeway Bus Lines 439, 434, etc.

Remember, the Daypass probably will be the "transfer" if going from an MTA bus or train to another agency, but will be retained if traveling exclusively within MTA territory. The details on the preceding to be finalized before the Jan. 1 fare change.

Ken Ruben
 Culver City

*Director-at-Large
 RailPAC (Rail Passenger Association of California)*

Not happy with letter headline

Editor:

I am very disappointed with the title "Legal threats made over housing project" given to my letter to the editor, which appeared in last Friday's paper. While I understand it is your paper's intention to generate interest among readers, that title does not, in any way, summarize the tone or content of my letter.

It sounds as if you read the last sentence only and chose to ignore all the important issues that were discussed in the body of the letter. The letter I wrote is not a threat, but your title makes it sound like one. I am not receptive to that kind of journalism and will be more careful in the future to whom I forward my comments.

Jeff Weinstein
 Santa Monica

July 4th on June 28th?

Editor:

City Councilman Herb Katz and all other generous contributors ought to be commended for their honorable efforts to raise the scarce funding to see that our Independence Day, the 4th of July actually gets celebrated here in Santa Monica.

But there are still some problems.

First of all, the "new" celebration is scheduled to occur on Saturday, June 28. Who ever heard of celebrating the 4th of July on the 28th of June? This year the 28th of June and the 4th of July both fall on a weekend day. There is no excuse for this.

The Cinco de Mayo celebration wasn't held on the 28th of April was it? No. Heavily Latino staffed SMC wouldn't stand for that. Name another celebration that is held a week ahead of time.

Thom Trybus
 Santa Monica

Bush may be remembered as terrorism's fiercest ally



INCITES

By Ed Silverstein

In addition to the president's ongoing war against terrorism, the Bush administration has waged two military conflicts. Unfortunately we don't seem to be any safer.

Afghanistan, less than two years after the war, is nearly back to where it began. The new government in Kabul is under siege and the majority of the country is again under the fractious rule of brutal tribal warlords. The Taliban is making a comeback and Al Qaeda is once more operating from within Afghanistan's borders.

The war in Iraq seems destined to be an even greater debacle. The Bush administration has botched the three main objectives of the war: Destroying weapons of mass destruction, freeing the Iraqi people from oppression and combating terrorism.

The search for weapons, which the military inexplicably delayed for 30 days, was further hampered by a lack of personnel resulting from U.S. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld's insistence on a smaller attack force.

According to Newsweek, only 150 of

900 suspected sites have been searched to date. And now, with WMDs remaining as elusive as Osama Bin Laden, the Bush administration is cutting back on the inspection teams.

Also reported in Newsweek, the Army, in its rush to Baghdad, did not even attempt to secure the Al Tuwaitha Nuclear Research Center. What they did do, according to Al Tuwaitha supervisors, is disarm the guards who were protecting the facility from looters.

By the time the Army returned, the facility, which housed nearly two tons of partially-enriched uranium and other radioactive materials that could be used to make dirty bombs, had been ransacked. Because of contamination, no one is sure how much of the nuclear material was stolen. And this is only one of several nuclear sites that have been looted.

Further, if the administration's claims of a vast biological and chemical weapons arsenal weren't a total fabrication, it is possible these weapons have also been looted. It would be a bitter irony indeed if it is George W. Bush, rather than Saddam Hussein, who is responsible for arming terrorists with devastating weapons of mass destruction.

Another consequence of Rumsfeld's strategy was that there were insufficient troops to protect Iraqi cities or secure its borders. This has left the streets in the hands of criminals. Spies from Iran have infiltrated the populace. They have promoted Muslim fundamentalist leaders and foment-

ed dissent against the U.S., resulting in violent demonstrations.

According to the New Republic, rival political parties are forming armed militias and are stockpiling sophisticated weapons stolen from the Iraqi military. One of the groups rumored to be gaining a foothold in Iraq is the terrorist group Hezbollah, one of the most dangerous in the region.

With Bush planning to withdraw all but 30,000 troops by this fall his promise (lie?) of a secular, democratic government in Iraq is all but dead. A protracted and bloody civil war that will further brutalize the Iraqi people is almost a certainty. What is likely to emerge is a religious fundamentalist government modeled after and with close ties to Iran, a major supporter of terrorism.

Another major outcome of the president's preemptive war is rampant anti-Americanism, particularly among Muslims. This, along with disenfranchised Baath Party members and Saddam loyalists, will dramatically increase the pool of potential recruits for terrorist organizations. Coordinated terrorist-like attacks against vulnerable and exposed U.S. troops engaged in policing have already begun and the casualties are mounting. If conditions in Iraq deteriorate further, a suicide-bombing run might seem like a step-up.

With the potential for Iraq to become increasingly sympathetic to terrorism, an expanding pool of possible terrorist recruits

and a greater availability of sophisticated conventional weapons and WMDs, it would stand to reason that the president would do everything within his power to insure security at home. In fact, Bush has proclaimed himself to be the homeland security president. However, this couldn't be farther from the truth.

Though Bush has touted many programs, such as hiring of more first-responders, most of these programs were never funded or the funds frozen. Bush even told a group of top Republican and Democratic senators and congressmen seeking desperately needed funds for high-priority security measures that he would veto any program that added to the deficit created by his top priority tax cuts.

This has left airports, ports, chemical plants, nuclear facilities, our health system, the water and food supply, bridges, tunnels and other primary targets highly susceptible to terrorist attacks. And one thing is for certain: If a dirty bomb or chemical attack renders your house worthless, your tax refund isn't going to mean a whole lot.

With a foreign policy that could produce far more terrorists armed with ever more powerful weapons and a domestic agenda that leaves us increasingly vulnerable, Bush may well be remembered as one of terrorism's fiercest allies.

(Ed Silverstein is a freelance writer living and vulnerable in Santa Monica. You can e-mail comments to edsincites@aol.com.)

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LOCAL



Schools measure passes but more ballots remain

MEASURE S, from page 1

Votes for the special election were counted in Norwalk, where the L.A. County Registrar's offices are. A similar parcel tax school measure passed in Palos Verdes Tuesday with 73 percent of the vote and another parcel tax was defeated in Manhattan Beach after it garnered only 58 percent of the vote.

The campaign for Measure S began after the November defeat of Measure EE, which proposed a gradually increasing parcel tax that would have capped at \$360 per parcel in 2006.

When Measure EE failed to attract two-thirds of the vote — it received 61.2 percent — school supporters reassessed their approach and returned to voters with Measure S.

They also hired Barbara Grover, an accomplished campaign consultant, to oversee the mailers. And they brought on Sue Burnside, another consultant, to orchestrate field work.

With former school board president Pam Brady manning the campaign office, the Measure S team launched into action, targeting likely "yes" votes and canvassing area neighborhoods. More than 500 people lent their time as volunteers, contacting more than 30,000 residents in person and over the phone, Mechur said.

The strategy, said Mechur, was first to target voters who regularly turn out for elections. Secondly, the campaign targeted Democrats, who generally approve tax increases, and thirdly, they went after parents with children in local schools.

"To get 66 percent of the vote when you have any kind of opposition is very, very difficult," Grover said. "But when you understand what's at stake, that should be motivation enough (to vote yes)."

The campaign for Measure S attracted a broader base of support and a "hell of a lot more volunteers" than the campaign for Measure EE, Mechur said.

District plans to hire back workers with measure money

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ers, two elementary assistant principals, one elementary principal, 20 middle school teachers, 25 high school teachers, two nurses, six and two-thirds elementary music teachers, five and one-fifth music aides and accompanists, one fine arts coordinator, four groundskeepers, four administrative assistants, two fiscal service workers, two personnel positions, one career center specialist and five elementary librarians.

The district has also requested additional funding from the cities of Santa Monica and Malibu. Depending on how much of that money comes through, officials said in March that some or all of the jobs in the second group will be reinstated.

The second bundle costs \$3.5 million and includes:

■ Two administrative positions, three and one-fifth nurses, four elementary librarians, one and two-fifths middle

And more money too. Measure EE pulled in about \$175,000 while Measure S attracted more than \$200,000 in donations. By contrast, Citizens Against Unfair Taxes raised only about \$5,500, just enough for a handful of lawn signs and one mailer.

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Measure S backers are still looking to the cities of Santa Monica and Malibu to fork over more than their usual donations of \$3 million and \$15,000, respectively, next year.

Last year, Santa Monica kicked in an extra \$1.5 million at the last minute.

Santa Monica officials are hopeful that they'll be able to step up to bail out the schools, but caution that they're grappling with a \$16.1 million shortfall of their own.

Malibu officials are expected to hand over more than \$100,000, mostly through a shared-use agreement for school facilities.

In the end, Mechur said these are short-term solutions to a more deeply rooted problem. Per-pupil spending in California has fallen way behind the rest of the country since Proposition 13 was passed 25 years ago, permanently setting property taxes for homeowners.

"The long term goal is to correct how school's are funded in the state of California," he added. "The state itself either has to change how it spends money or create additional revenue."

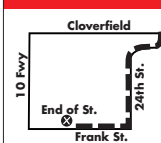
school librarians, two high school librarians, 10 and nine-tenths P.E. aides, one P.E. coordinator, three computer lab technicians, 1 and nine-tenths classroom aides, 12 groundskeepers, 11 administrative assistants, four fiscal services positions, two personnel positions, two special assignments staff positions, one personnel position, one fiscal services supervisor, one textbook coordinator and one-quarter of a position in the superintendent's office.

Positions in the third bundle will be reinstated as funds become available. They are:

■ One educational services position, one classified personnel director, seven and one-third athletic support staff positions, three groundskeepers, three administrative positions, two purchasing positions, a part-time cafeteria position and 24 special service contracts for independent contractors.

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The State Political Reform Act requires certain officeholders to disclose their interest and income that may be materially affected by their official action. The applicants appointed to serve in this position will be required to file a Statement of Economic Interest (Form 700) with the City Clerk's Office upon assuming office, and annually thereafter.

Applications and information on Commission duties and disclosure requirements are available from the City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 1685 Main St., Rm. 102 (submit applications at this location), by phone at (310) 458-8211 or on-line at http://pen.ci.santa-monica.ca.us/communication/cityforms/Board_Comm/index.htm. All current applications (those received in the past 12 months) will be considered; re-applying is not necessary.

Applications due by Noon, Tuesday, June 17, 2003.

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LOCALSTATE

Wife of accused spy to be sentenced in September

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one count of failing to inform U.S. Customs that she and her husband transported more than \$10,000 into the country.

By pleading to the single offense, Yai, wife of John Joungwoong Yai, 59, will avoid the charge's maximum sentence of five years in prison, three years of supervised release and a \$250,000 fine.

Both Thom Mrozek, a spokesman for the U.S. Attorney's office, and Paul Loh, Susan Yai's attorney, said that though she faces up to six months in prison, she is not likely to be jailed. Instead she will face a fine of roughly \$5,000, in addition to probation.

Loh said that thousands of people enter the U.S. each year with large amounts of cash they fail to report to customs officials.

Usually the money is confiscated and no criminal charges are filed, he said. But because John Yai is suspected of working illegally for the North Korean government, Loh said Susan Yai was pursued.

"She pleaded guilty because she's a stand-up person," Loh said. "She made a mistake and she'll pay for it."

Susan Yai was charged after she and her husband brought roughly \$18,000 into Los Angeles International Airport on a return flight from Zurich, Switzerland, where they spent their wedding anniversary in April 2000.

The couple said they did not list the money because, when split between the two, it fell under \$10,000, which is the maximum amount of cash allowed to be imported into the U.S. without a customs declaration.

The Yais told customs officials they had taken the money with them to buy jewelry for their children but decided to bring it back because the prices and selection were no better in Switzerland than in the U.S.

They later reneged on that explanation after the FBI produced taped telephone conversations between the Yais that allegedly detailed a string of conversations aimed at fabricating their story.

The Yais won't say where the money came from, Loh said, adding that the information was not important or relevant.

However, Mrozek said John Yai was allegedly paid by North Korea to recruit spies in the U.S.

John Yai, who pleaded innocent earlier this year to working as an agent for the North Korean government and to the same three charges faced by his wife, posted \$400,000 bail in April and is expected to go on trial this summer. Until recently, he owned the Bon Appetit snack shop on Wilshire Boulevard near 18th Street.

The FBI monitored John Yai for eight years. He was arrested in February at his Santa Monica home and, if convicted, faces up to 15 years in jail.

Though John Yai, a native of South Korea, allegedly provided information that was already public from newspaper articles and the Internet, North Korean government officials allegedly instructed him in 1998 to obtain classified information.

He was not charged with espionage because no evidence emerged that he ever obtained such information, prosecutors have said.

Airline admits crash liability

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death suits pending; the half represents some members of one victim's family.

Alaska admitted liability under an international treaty covering the flight and agreed to pay whatever compensatory damages a jury awards.

"As we've previously stated on many occasions," Bill Ayer, president, CEO and chairman of Alaska Airlines, said Tuesday. "Alaska accepts responsibility for this tragedy."

A statement also said airline officials will "redouble their efforts to reach settlements with the remaining families in the coming weeks."

The West Coast regional carrier, which remains the subject of a separate federal criminal investigation into the crash, may later seek compensation from Boeing.

Alaska previously blamed Boeing-approved grease and flaws in the design and maintenance plan for the ill-fated MD-83, a theory rejected in December by the National Transportation Safety Board.

During 20 minutes, the plane went into two steep dives, flew upside down and plunged into the Pacific Ocean off Port Hueneme, Calif., northwest of Los Angeles, on a flight from Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, to San Francisco and Seattle on Jan. 31, 2000. All 83 passengers and five crew members died.

The safety board concluded the primary cause was improper lubrication of a jackscrew assembly that controls the horizontal stabilizer on the tail. Threads on the jackscrew's nut sheared off, causing

the pilots to lose control of the plane.

The board also found that lack of a fail-safe system in the plane contributed to the crash but did not recommend that the jackscrew be redesigned, asking only that the Federal Aviation Administration study the design of the plane.

Boeing, which previously said Alaska failed to maintain the plane properly, decided not to contest liability any longer because it wanted to bring about an "expeditious resolution," company spokeswoman Liz Verdier said.

"In not contesting, we do not admit liability in these proceedings, period," Verdier said. "We're anxious to close this out for the families."

Brian Panish of Los Angeles, a lawyer for several families, said the filings were an attempt to prevent a full airing of the facts surrounding the crash in hopes of reducing the damage amounts.

"Boeing's waving a white flag," Panish said.

Last month Judge Charles R. Breyer, who is overseeing the litigation, ruled out punitive damages against Boeing.

Alaska is immune from punitive damages under an international treaty.

Breyer now must decide how much jurors will hear about maintenance lapses at Alaska and the history of the plane, which was built by McDonnell Douglas before the company was absorbed by Boeing in a merger in 1997.

Jury selection is scheduled to begin June 17. The trial is expected to get underway July 7.

STATE



Feds arrest third ex-Enron trader in state energy crisis

BY TERENCE CHEA
Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — Federal authorities on Tuesday arrested a third former Enron executive for allegedly manipulating California's energy market, leading to rolling blackouts across the state two years ago.

The U.S. attorney's office said John M. Forney, 41, was the architect behind several illegal schemes Enron used to drive up California's energy prices between 1999 and 2001. He was arrested at the headquarters of American Electric Power in Columbus, Ohio.

"While California consumers were suffering through blackouts and Stage 3 alerts, Enron was manipulating western energy markets for profit through illegal, fraudulent means," U.S. Attorney Kevin V. Ryan said in a statement. "Our investigation of illegal activities during the energy crisis is active and continuing."

Forney, who lives in Upper Arlington, Ohio, is the third energy trader who worked at Enron's power trading office in Portland, Ore., to be charged with crimes related to California's energy crisis. He worked at the now-bankrupt company from 1993 to 2002 and was transferred to

its West Power Trading Center in 1997.

Forney concocted a scheme known as "Ping Pong" designed to evade federal price caps on California energy, according to a complaint filed in a San Francisco federal court last Friday.

The complaint also alleged that Forney was responsible for a strategy known as "Death Star" that sought to generate revenue by exploiting weaknesses in California's energy management system.

Forney was released shortly after his arrest and has a hearing set for next Monday. His attorney said Forney looks forward to clearing his name.

"We and Mr. Forney think these criminal charges are utterly without merit," said attorney Brian Murphy. "He's intent on vindicating himself in front of a jury."

In October, Timothy N. Belden was the first Enron executive to plead guilty to participating in what federal officials have described as a conspiracy to squeeze California as state officials desperately sought power to stave off the rolling blackouts.

In February, Jeffrey S. Richter, 33, pleaded guilty to two federal felonies based on charges he helped defraud California through a scheme to drive up energy prices during the state's power crisis.

Assembly passes two bills allowing electricity choice

BY JENNIFER COLEMAN
Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO — Legislation to give large electricity consumers a choice in their electrical providers was approved Tuesday by the state Assembly.

The bill would direct the Public Utilities Commission to create a framework for "direct access," in which commercial and business customers who use the most power could contract with electricity providers, bypassing their utility.

The Assembly voted 63-0 to approve the bill by Assemblyman Keith Richman, R-Chatsworth.

Direct access was a cornerstone of California's 1996 energy deregulation scheme. It was supposed to encourage retail competition and push down electricity prices for consumers. Many large industrial and commercial customers left the utilities for competitors who charged lower unregulated rates.

But, in 2000 and 2001, soaring wholesale costs drove many customers back to the utilities, where retail rates were capped. During the energy crisis, the state

bought energy at high wholesale rates, then sold it to customers at lower capped rates. The difference, amounting to billions of dollars, will be repaid by consumers over the next decade.

Direct access was suspended last year, and the PUC has yet to decide how much customers who left their utilities should pay for the cheaper subsidized power they received during the energy crisis.

New municipal utility districts that serve former utility customers wouldn't be exempt from the "exit fees" direct access customers face, under a bill also approved by the Assembly Tuesday.

That bill, by Assemblywoman Sarah Reyes, D-Fresno, also reinstates direct access for large electricity users. It passed on a 53-1 vote.

The two bills join one by Sen. Joe Dunn, D-Santa Ana, which also addresses direct access. Dunn's bill seeks to repeal the 1996 deregulation laws, but would ask the PUC to develop a plan for direct access that wouldn't shift the repayment of the debts to remaining utility customers. That plan would have to be approved by the Legislature.

Linkin Park singer hospitalized

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Chester Bennington, vocalist for the hip-hop influenced metal band Linkin Park, was admitted to a Los Angeles-area hospital, Warner Bros. Records said Tuesday.

Bennington was admitted Friday with what the group's label described in a statement as an attack of severe back and stomach pains.

"Doctors are still trying to determine the cause of the ailments," band manager Robert McDermott said.

"All touring and video shoot plans in Europe have been put on hold this month as we wait for him to get better," he said. "We wish him the best and will keep everyone posted as to his condition."

The group had 12 appearances scheduled in June throughout Europe.



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Study finds high rate of birth defects in children of Persian Gulf War veterans

BY SUZANNE GAMBOA

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Children of veterans of the first Gulf War are more likely to have three specific birth defects than those of soldiers who never served in the gulf, a government study has found.

Researchers found the infants born to male veterans of the 1991 war had higher rates of two types of heart valve defects. They also found a higher rate of a genital urinary defect in boys conceived after the war to Gulf War veteran mothers.

In addition, Gulf War veterans' children born after the war had a certain kidney defect that was not found in Gulf War veterans' children born before the war.

The researchers said they did not have enough information to link the birth defects to possible exposures to poisonous gases, pesticides and other toxic substances, which many Gulf War veterans suspect are culprits of their mysterious illnesses and their children's health problems. They also did not have access to parents' family histories and job exposures.

The study by the Department of Defense Naval Health Research Center and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention examined birth defect data from 1989-93.

In all, researchers identified 11,961 children born to Gulf War veterans and 33,052 children of veterans who had not been deployed in the Gulf. Of those, 450 had mothers who served in the Gulf and 3,966 had non-deployed mothers.

They found four sons of female Gulf War veterans — a 6.5 percent higher rate than nondeployed female veterans — with a condition known as hypospadias. Boys born with the condition have urethra openings located in the middle or the back of the penis.

In postwar conceived infants of male Gulf War veterans, researchers found 10 children with tricuspid valve insufficiency, a 2.7 percent higher rate, and five with aortic valve stenosis, 6 percent higher. Both are conditions in which heart valves do not function properly.

Five postwar children of male Gulf War veterans had renal agenesis, a condition in which part of the kidney fails to

grow and develop properly.

"It will be worthwhile to explore the causal relationship between wartime exposure, the occurrence of the four specific defects and the exposures of Gulf War veterans," said Dr. Maria Rosa Araneta, a perinatal epidemiologist teaching at the University of California, San Diego. She worked for the naval center when the study was conducted.

The study was published in the April edition of Birth Defects Research.

Researchers continue to hunt for possible causes of the illnesses experienced by thousands of veterans from the first Gulf War. Many vets have complained of chronic fatigue, migraines, balance problems, chronic joint pain and other symptoms. Some veterans were more likely to report birth defects in their offspring in a 2001 Veterans Affairs study.

Dr. Michael Kilpatrick, deputy director of the Pentagon's Deployment Health Support office, said the study "should not be used to say we found an answer."

The study did not find significant increases in rates of multiple birth defects in Gulf War veterans' children, he noted. But Araneta said differences are usually found when specific forms of a disease are studied, such as breast cancer rates versus overall cancer rates.

The authors' also said in the study, larger sample sizes were needed for individual, less frequent birth defects, which Kilpatrick also noted.

Decades after the Vietnam War, Veterans Affairs provided health care and compensation for some Vietnam veterans' children with certain birth defects.

"We think they should do the same for Gulf War veterans. These children have very serious and extraordinary problems and families have broken up over it," said Betty Mekdeci, executive director of the Association for Birth Defects Children.

CDC researcher Larry Edmonds said the study also demonstrates the value of statewide birth defects registries. Currently, 11 states have "active" registries in which a public nurse looks at several sources for comprehensive data on children with birth defects.

Devil's Highway re-named

By The Associated Press

SANTA FE, N.M. — The Devil's Highway is no more.

The American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials has changed the number of U.S. 666 to U.S. 491, the New Mexico Highway and Transportation Department announced.

Transportation officials from three states applied for a name change to the highway, which runs 194 miles from Gallup north through southwestern Colorado and west to Monticello, Utah.

In the Bible, the Book of Revelations says 666 is the "number of the beast," usually interpreted as Satan or the Antichrist, and the highway was often called "the Devil's Highway."

"I'm pleased after years of controversy, this issue which has plagued ... north-

western New Mexico has finally been resolved," Gov. Bill Richardson said in a statement Monday.

New Mexico Transportation Secretary Rhonda Faught said earlier this year that the number's "negative connotation" was one officials didn't want associated with the state because it discouraged tourism and area economic development.

"This is a real win-win-win situation for all three states involved," Faught said in a statement Monday. "We are very pleased with the outcome."

The Highway Department announced in January it plans to widen the road to four lanes between Gallup and Shiprock.

The American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials is a nonprofit agency that sets national highway and transportation standards, including the renumbering of federal highways.

NATIONAL



Hemophiliacs sue companies for contaminated drugs

BY KIM CURTIS

Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — Several hemophiliacs filed a lawsuit against Bayer Corp. and other companies, claiming they exposed patients to HIV and hepatitis C by selling medicine made with blood from sick, high-risk donors.

The lawsuit alleges the companies continued distributing the blood-clotting product in Asia and Latin America in 1984 and 1985, even after they stopped selling it in the United States because of the known risk of HIV and hepatitis transmission.

The lawsuit filed Monday in federal court seeks class-action status on behalf of thousands of foreign hemophiliacs who received the product, said attorney Robert Nelson. It accuses the companies of negligence and fraudulent concealment.

"This is a worldwide tragedy," Nelson said. "Thousands of hemophiliacs have unnecessarily died from AIDS and many thousands more are infected with HIV or hepatitis C."

Bayer rejected the claims, saying in a statement from its headquarters in

"Thousands of hemophiliacs have unnecessarily died from AIDS and many thousands more are infected with HIV or hepatitis C."

— ROBERT NELSON
Attorney

Leverkusen, Germany Tuesday that it would examine the lawsuit and prepare its defense.

"Bayer at all times complied with all regulations in force in the relevant countries based on the amount of scientific evidence available at the time," the company said, adding that decisions made 20 years ago should not be judged by today's scientific knowledge.

Nelson said the lawsuit was filed in California because defendant Cutter Biological, now a division of Bayer, was formerly based in Berkeley. Several plasma donation sites also were located in the San Francisco Bay area, he said.

The lawsuit was filed less than two weeks after an investigation by The New

York Times accused the company of selling old stock of the medicine abroad, while marketing a newer, safer product in the United States.

Bayer told Times it sold the old medicine because some customers doubted the effectiveness of a new version of the product, and because some countries were slow to approve its sale.

While the company said it acted responsibly and in line with the best medical knowledge at the time, Bayer and three other companies that made the concentrate settled 15 years of U.S. lawsuits from people who took the drug, paying about \$600 million.

The medicine, called Factor VIII con-

centrate, can stop or prevent potentially fatal bleeding in people with hemophilia.

Early in the AIDS epidemic, the medicine was commonly made using mingled plasma from 10,000 or more donors. Because there was not yet a screening test for HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, thousands of hemophiliacs were infected.

The lawsuit alleges Bayer and the others refused to take precautions that could have made the product safer.

As of 1992, the contaminated blood products had infected at least 5,000 hemophiliacs in Europe with HIV. More than 2,000 had already developed AIDS and 1,250 had died from the disease, the lawsuit said.

By the mid-1990s in Japan, hemophiliacs accounted for the majority of the country's 4,000 reported cases of HIV infection and virtually all infections of Japan's hemophiliacs have been linked to contaminated blood products imported from the United States, the lawsuit said.

In Latin America, at least 700 HIV cases are linked to use of contaminated blood products by hemophiliacs, the lawsuit said.

Martha Stewart is close to being indicted, company says

BY ERIN MCCLAM

Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK — Martha Stewart's company said Tuesday the home-decorating mogul has been warned that federal prosecutors plan to seek an indictment against her soon in the insider-trading scandal that has been hanging over her head for the past year.

Her lawyer said she would fight any charges.

Stewart, who built her fortune as a symbol of gracious living and impeccable taste, has been under investigation for selling 4,000 shares of the biotechnology company ImClone Systems in December 2001, just before the stock plunged on disappointing news about a Food and Drug Administration decision on an ImClone cancer drug.

Investigators want to know if Stewart had inside knowledge of the impending FDA decision. She is friends with ImClone founder Samuel Waksal.

Her media company, Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia, said Tuesday that her attorneys have told the company that federal prosecutors in New York intend to ask a grand jury for an indictment "in the near future."

Analysts have speculated Stewart could be charged with insider trading or obstruction of justice.

The company also said that federal securities regulators, who previously notified Stewart they intend to bring civil charges against her, will probably file their

complaint soon.

Representatives of both U.S. Attorney James Comey and the Securities and Exchange Commission declined to comment.

Stewart, 61, has denied any wrongdoing. She says she had an arrangement with her broker to automatically sell the stock if it dropped to a certain price.

Stewart's chief attorney, Robert Morvillo, said Tuesday that if she is indicted, "she intends to declare her innocence and proceed to trial."

Stewart did not attend her company's annual shareholders meeting, which was held

Tuesday in Manhattan and closed to the press. In a brief video, she apologized for not attending but did not address the investigation.

Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia stock fell sharply on the news, dropping \$1.68 — or 15 percent — to close at \$9.52 on the New York Stock Exchange.

The stock has plunged from just over \$19 in June 2002 since news broke of her sale of ImClone stock. It hit a low of \$5.26 in October, when she resigned from the NYSE board of directors and an assistant to her stockbroker agreed to coop-

erate with prosecutors.

Stewart is the company's chairman and chief executive. She has her own TV show, makes appearances on other programs, and has her own line of household items. She told The New Yorker magazine in January she had lost about \$400 million because of the company's declining value, legal fees and lost business opportunities.

Waksal will be sentenced next week after pleading guilty to six counts in the insider-trading scandal. He could get to six to seven years in prison, plus fines.

Waksal has not implicated Stewart, though he has admitted he tipped off his daughter, Aliza, to sell her ImClone stock before it plummeted.

Stewart's sale of ImClone stock came one day before the FDA said it would not review ImClone's application for approval of Erbitux, which the company had touted as a promising cancer drug.

Just this week, a new study was released concluding that Erbitux was effective against cancer after all. ImClone stock rose sharply.

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INTERNATIONAL

Greenspan sees signs of a turnaround in U.S. economy

BY DAVID MCHUGH

AP Business Writer

BERLIN — Federal Reserve chairman Alan Greenspan lauded the “remarkable resilience” of the U.S. economy on Tuesday, predicting that growth will pick up soon and praising the timing of the Bush administration’s tax cut.

Speaking by video link to other top central bankers gathered in Berlin, Greenspan said indications were that a “fairly marked turnaround” was on the way.

“The most important news about the American economy in the last several quarters was evidence of a remarkable resilience that we had not been aware of,” Greenspan said in remarks to the International Monetary Conference banking forum.

The dollar rose following his remarks, but currency analysts differed on whether that was related to Greenspan’s remarks. The euro was quoted at \$1.1750 in late New York trading, down from \$1.1763 Monday.

Multiple shocks in the past several years — including the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, the bursting of the stock-market

bubble and corporate accounting scandals — would have meant a serious recession 30 or 40 years ago, Greenspan said. But years of deregulation, and the flexibility learned from the pressures of global competition, have made U.S. businesses and the economy more resilient today.

“I expect the growth rate to quicken in the United States,” Greenspan said. “... everything seems to be in place.”

Recent gains in productivity supported economists’ predictions that the economy would see an upswing in the third quarter, which begins July 1, he added.

Greenspan said the tax cuts signed into law last week by President Bush would help, even though the Fed chairman said he generally opposed trying to steer the economy with government tax and spending policy.

Tax authorities have told employers to start reducing the amount of federal income tax withheld from workers’ paychecks by July 1, which mean some employees will see larger checks starting next month — an immediate economic stimulus from the 10-year, \$350 billion package of cuts.

“Fortuitously, this particular cut in

taxes is happening at the right time,” the central banker said. But he added that the federal government could face “major problems” in years ahead with budget deficits, because “all endeavors to constrain spending have broken down and have not recovered.”

Greenspan spoke after European Central Bank President Wim Duisenberg, who forecast that Europe also would see “some acceleration in economic activity in

the second half of this year and thereafter.”

Duisenberg said the strength of the euro, which last week reached its highest-ever level against the U.S. dollar, would not dash chances for a recovery.

Other central bankers at the Berlin conference were Bank of England head Sir Edward George, Bank of France governor Jean-Claude Trichet and Toshiro Muto, deputy governor of the Bank of Japan.

Summit with Arab leaders yields pledge to fight terror

BY TERENCE HUNT

Associated Press Writer

SHARM EL-SHEIK, Egypt — Arab leaders pledged on Tuesday to renounce terror and help end violence against Israel, standing in solidarity with President Bush at what he said was “a moment of promise” for peace. Bush called on Israel to dismantle Jewish settlements in the West Bank.

In the first of two Mideast summits, the United States welcomed Arab promises to block financial support for terrorists and help the new Palestinian prime minister, Mahmoud Abbas, build a democratic state.

Secretary of State Colin Powell warned longtime Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat not “to be a spoiler” of those efforts. Arafat, considered untrustworthy by Bush, was not invited to the Arab summit.

There was an extraordinary degree of personal interaction as Bush met with the leaders of Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Bahrain and the Palestinian Authority at this Red Sea resort. Foreign ministers and note takers were excluded as the leaders talked among themselves for 90 minutes. The only outsiders were translators. Bush also took the wheel of a large golf cart and ferried the leaders around.

American officials cautioned that many obstacles have to be overcome to achieve peace, a goal that has eluded U.S. efforts for decades. There is widespread skepticism in the Middle East about whether this effort will succeed, either.

“The leaders at this table have got a responsibility,” Bush said at a brief, formal segment of the discussions. “The biggest responsibility that they have, it seems like to me, is to fight off any source of funding to terror. It’s to prevent the terrorists from gaining a foothold.”

Taking up that theme, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak said, “We will continue to fight the scourge of terrorism against humanity.”

Speaking alongside Bush and other leaders at an outdoor ceremony on the shore of the Red Sea, Mubarak said, “We will use all the power of the law to prevent support reaching illegal organizations, including terrorist groups.”

The next step comes Wednesday when Bush travels to Jordan for a summit with Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and Abbas. Bush was counting on both sides to take steps launching a three-year blueprint for the end of 32 months of violence and the creation of a Palestinian state by 2005.

Sharon will issue a statement accepting the principle of a Palestinian state, an Israeli official said. Abbas will recognize Israel’s right to exist side by side with a Palestinian state, Palestinian officials said. Powell said that in any agreement, Israel “must always be seen as a Jewish state.”

In a goodwill gesture, Israel released scores of Palestinian prisoners.

“Israel must deal with the settlements,” Bush told the Arab leaders. “Israel must make sure there’s a continuous territory that the Palestinians can call home.” The White House said Bush meant to say “contiguous,” and Powell said that meant that a Palestinian state could not be chopped up haphazardly.

Sharon has said he likely would commit Israel to dismantling settlement outposts set up in violation of Israeli law. Stopping all settlement construction is a key element of the peace plan.

For his part, Abbas was expected to pledge to stop the “military intefadah,” a reference to armed militant attacks that have killed more than 750 Israelis in the latest round of violence, including about 350 from suicide bombings.

Abbas also has been working to secure a cease-fire with militant groups including Hamas, and said earlier this week he hoped to obtain one before the summit.

“We must not allow a few people, a few killers, a few terrorists, to destroy the dreams and hopes of the many,” Bush told Arab leaders. Looking directly at Abbas, Bush said, “You, sir, have got a responsibility, and you’ve assumed it. I want to work with you and so do the other leaders here.”

The leaders gave public support to the internationally crafted peace “road map” which calls for an immediate cease-fire and then reciprocal steps by both sides.

A high-ranking Saudi official said the next move was up to Israel, and called for a halt to the use of force against Palestinians, the release of humanitarian aid, the dismantling of wire fences that restrict movement and an end to work restrictions. Those steps would help Abbas “show that his way is the way to change the lives of the Palestinians and not the way of the gun,” said the official, who briefed reporters on condition of anonymity.

The summit dodged some ticklish points. Bush did not bring up U.S. hopes that Jordan and Egypt return their ambassadors to Israel, national security adviser Condoleezza Rice said. There also was no discussion of Arab recognition of Israel, Powell said.

“If all sides fulfill their obligations, we can make steady progress on the road towards Palestinian statehood, a secure Israel and a just and comprehensive peace,” Bush said. “We seek true peace, not just a pause between more wars and intefades, but a permanent reconciliation among the peoples of the Middle East.”

Mubarak said they would help the Palestinian Authority fight terrorists “to allow it to consolidate its authority in democratic and accountable institutions” and would make sure that all aid to Palestinians goes solely to their official leadership.

Strike called as opposition vows to force president out

BY ANGUS SHAW

Associated Press Writer

HARARE, Zimbabwe — A general strike shut down much of Zimbabwe’s already crippled economy Tuesday, but security forces prevented efforts to organize massive street protests against President Robert Mugabe.

Most banks, shops, and other businesses remained closed across the troubled southern African country on the second day of a weeklong show of anti-government sentiment by an increasingly defiant opposition.

The opposition said it hoped the strike and weeklong protest would be a “final push” to force Mugabe to step down after 23 years in office.

Security forces reacted swiftly to crush street demonstrations, using rubber clubs, rifle butts, water cannon, tear gas and warning shots with live ammunition to disperse crowds.

Rather than risk confrontation with troops and police, many Zimbabweans stayed home. The general strike halted commerce in major cities, putting more pressure on a national economy near collapse.

The opposition blames Mugabe for sinking the country into political and economic ruin. There are shortages of food, medicine, fuel, and currency. Annual inflation is at 269 percent. Widespread starvation has been avoided only with international aid.

Economic hardship adds to the growing dissent in a country where ordinary people struggle to survive while the ruling elite enjoy lavish lifestyles and frequent travel abroad.

Agriculture, the biggest sector of the economy, has ground to a virtual standstill since Mugabe’s controversial land reform program was completed last year.

The majority of white-owned commercial farmland was seized for ostensible redistribution to landless blacks. Many of the prime farms, however, have gone to

Mugabe confidantes and the farms that have been given over to black farmers have largely been divided into tiny subplots.

On Tuesday, downtown Harare, the capital, was as quiet as a Sunday because of the strike while 90 percent of the businesses in Bulawayo, the second-largest city, closed, said Douglas Mwonozora, of the Monitors of the National Constitutional Assembly, an alliance of civic and reform groups.

Provincial towns, which are opposition strongholds, reported that 70 percent of businesses closed for the strike, Mwonozora said.

Authorities arrested at least 154 people, including opposition activists and at least six lawmakers, across the country Monday, police spokesman Wayne Bvudzijena said.

Opposition leader Morgan Tsvangirai was among those arrested but was later released.

The government of neighboring South Africa issued a muted response to the violence and protests.

“More than ever before, the South African government remains convinced that there is no substitute for dialogue between (the ruling) Zanu-PF and the (opposition) Movement for Democratic Change,” said a statement from South Africa’s Foreign Ministry.

The South African leaders have been reluctant to denounce Mugabe, who supported their anti-apartheid struggle.

The increasingly unpopular Mugabe pushed the passage of severe new security laws last year allowing the government to ban public gatherings.

On Tuesday, police fired tear gas as people gathered in the western Harare township of Warren Park, the Movement for Democratic Change said in a statement. No injuries were reported.

On Monday, scores of demonstrators were forced to lie on sidewalks or the ground while police or soldiers beat and kicked them.

SPORTS



Coria beats Agassi as Williams overpowers Mauresmo

BY HOWARD FENDRICH

AP Tennis Writer

PARIS — Andre Agassi huffed as he chased Guillermo Coria's drop shot, each step accompanied by an exhale: shhh, shhh, shhh.

Agassi scooped the ball over, and Coria lofted a lob. So Agassi reversed course, chugging to the baseline. His back to the court, he hit the ball over his shoulder, a shot that cleared the net but sailed wide — and Coria was right there, just in case.

A step slower than his opponent, and not nearly as comfortable on clay, the 33-year-old Agassi was made to look his age

Tuesday. Coria outslugged the eight-time major champion from the baseline, carving out a 4-6, 6-3, 6-2, 6-4 victory in the French Open quarterfinals.

"I just couldn't quite play it exactly on my terms," Agassi said, "and that had nothing to do with anything but the way he was hitting the ball."

Coria slapped 20 winners with his backhand, most finding lines, and eight with his forehand. He broke serve nine times and came as close as anyone can to breaking Agassi's will by chasing down shots in the corners and whipping the ball back.

Point after point, Coria slid into a stroke,

leaving 6-foot skid marks in the clay.

"He's a good mover," Agassi said. "It gives him a lot of options in his game, and he's a good decision-maker on the court."

For Coria, 21, it was his first victory in three tries against a player he rooted for as a kid. Coria kept one of Agassi's rackets as a souvenir Tuesday.

"He's a warrior," said Coria, seeded seventh. "I knew I had to make him run. But the thing is, everything went my way today. I knew Agassi was a bit worried."

The Argentine's first Grand Slam semifinal will come against a player who never won a match at a major until last week: Martin Verkerk, who pounded 27 aces to upset 1998 French Open champion Carlos Moya 6-3, 6-4, 5-7, 4-6, 8-6.

"You always look up to these guys, and then you play against them, and you win. It's really unbelievable," said Verkerk, who lost in qualifying at Roland Garros last year. "I don't know how it happened."

Wednesday's quarterfinals pit defending champion Albert Costa vs. Tommy Robredo, and 2002 runner-up Juan Carlos Ferrero vs. Fernando Gonzalez.

The women's final four is set, and Serena Williams was dominant in a 6-1, 6-2 defeat of Amelie Mauresmo, the last French player in the tournament. Williams won 16 of the opening 19 points and finished with a 24-5 edge in winners.

"There just comes a time when everyone has to stop and get serious," Williams said. "Usually, the quarterfinal of a Grand Slam is when I put in a new gear and say to myself: 'I have a chance to win this tournament.'"

Mauresmo was one of two players to beat Williams this year; the other was Justine Henin-Hardenne of Belgium, her semifinal opponent. Henin-Hardenne topped Chanda Rubin 6-3, 6-2, and is projected to pass Venus Williams for No. 3 in

the rankings.

Asked about playing Serena, Henin-Hardenne said: "I will feel a little bit intimidated. But we'll see on the court. We can talk a lot. It's on the court that we will have the answer."

The other women's semifinal is 2001 runner-up Kim Clijsters, another Belgian, against unseeded Nadia Petrova of Russia. Clijsters ousted Conchita Martinez 6-2, 6-1, while Petrova stopped countrywoman Vera Zvonareva 6-1, 4-6, 6-3. Zvonareva ended the streak of all-Williams major finals by eliminating Venus in the fourth round.

Serena Williams has won 33 straight Grand Slam matches and is aiming for a fifth straight major title. She's also bidding for a calendar year Grand Slam, something that won't happen in men's tennis this year, because Agassi won the Australian Open.

When Agassi won the French Open to complete his career Grand Slam in 1999, Coria won the junior title at Roland Garros. Their match Tuesday was Agassi's 999th, Coria's 127th. It was Agassi's 31st major quarterfinal, Coria's first.

"Perhaps I made a few mistakes, but very, very few," Coria said. "Otherwise, I won't be able to win at this level."

In December 2001, he was suspended for seven months by the ATP after testing positive for a banned steroid. "What happened to me is behind me," he said after beating Agassi, "and now I'm living through the happiest moment of my life."

Agassi thrives on control, but his only taste of it came in winning the first set's final five games. He was bothered by a brief interlude of rain, by the placement of Coria's shots, and by his rackets.

After one point, Agassi pointed to his racket and motioned to his coach. A minute later, a ball boy ran out with four fresh rackets.

Spurs now must stop a different type of fast break

BY CHRIS SHERIDAN

AP Basketball Writer

SAN ANTONIO — The New Jersey Nets plan to run, and the San Antonio Spurs plan to stop them from running.

The NBA Finals begin Wednesday night, and if the best-of-seven series can be broken down into one central theme, that's it.

If the Nets are successful with their fast break, as they were in the first three rounds, they'll have a much better chance of erasing everyone's collective memory of their dreadful performance in the finals a year ago, when they were swept by the Los Angeles Lakers.

If the Spurs can stop them, San Antonio will dramatically increase its chances of taking home the franchise's second championship.

"I think it's going to pretty much be the series, in the sense of who can force their will on the tempo," Nets guard Jason Kidd said. "The key is to put the ball in the basket, that always helps. But if you can force your tempo and maintain that, whoever does it the longest will probably win the series."

San Antonio also had to stop an opponent's transition game in its last series, but that was against a Dallas Mavericks team that liked to run and shoot jump shots — especially 3-pointers.

The Nets are different.

"These guys will be going to the rim. Dallas had guys run to spots," Spurs forward Bruce Bowen said. "We're accustomed to running back in general, but the Nets and Dallas are totally different teams."

The Nets outscored the Pistons 94-15 in fast-break points during the Eastern Conference finals after outscoring the Boston Celtics 78-22 in the same category during the conference semifinals. New Jersey swept both series.

"If we can limit their transition baskets, we'll have a great opportunity. If not, it'll be a long night for us," Bowen said.

The Spurs held the Mavericks to no more than eight fast-break baskets in five of their six games during the Western Conference finals, and they were only outscored in that category 91-64 over the course of that series.

In order to keep the Nets from running, the Spurs will need to sprint back on defense while staying aware of where the ball is.

Kidd is a master at creating fast-break baskets with his pinpoint passing, and he's surrounded by a team of finishers, including Kenyon Martin, Richard Jefferson and Kerry Kittles, all of whom are adept at closing a fast break in style with an alley-oop dunk.

Martin had 105 dunks during the season, which the Nets said was tied for fourth-most in the NBA. Jefferson had 67 dunks, and Kittles 37. As a team, New Jersey had 295 dunks — fourth in the league behind the Lakers, Nuggets and Bulls.

The Nets will look to run whenever they can — off steals, off missed shots, even off made shots. But the key will be turnovers.

"Our weakness is obviously at the free-throw line and committing turnovers," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said. "Hanging onto the basketball is really a priority for us."

Only five NBA teams had more turnovers during the regular season than San Antonio, and New Jersey led the NBA with an average of 18.7 fast-break points per game — 2.6 more than the second-place Memphis Grizzlies.

Also, the Spurs were ranked 26th in the 29-team league in free-throw shooting at 72.5 percent. During the playoffs, they've made only 71.4 percent.

"If you rebound the ball and get stops, hopefully we can beat Tim (Duncan) and David (Robinson) down the court with the run," Martin said. "Everyone we've played so far, people were saying we couldn't run, and we have. So hopefully we can transfer that over to now."

Both teams will be well-rested when the series finally begins, the Nets to a much greater degree than the Spurs.

New Jersey will have been off for 10 days when Game 1 tips off shortly after 8:30 p.m. EDT, while San Antonio hasn't played since last Thursday.

Duncan, Robinson, Malik Rose and Steve Kerr are the only remaining members of the Spurs' 1999 championship team, which had to wait 10 days to begin the finals after sweeping Portland in the Western Conference finals.

"It's the perfect amount of time to detox and get some good practice in. I think we're in the perfect spot," said Kerr, who also had a nine-day layoff prior to the 1996 finals, when he played for the Chicago Bulls.

Chicago was the last Eastern Conference team to win an NBA title, doing it in 1998 — Michael Jordan's final season with the Bulls.

The last four titles have been won by teams from the West, but the Nets — with their wide-open style and affinity for running — often are described as a Western Conference-style team stuck in the East.

If that personnel can get out and run, the Nets might just have a chance.

If not, San Antonio will become the NBA's Titledown.

School: Doctor destroyed records after player's death

BY NICOLE ZIEGLER DIZON

Associated Press Writer

CHICAGO — A Northwestern University doctor destroyed records of a routine physical exam of a football player who died three weeks later during practice, the school said Tuesday.

The doctor, Mark Gardner, also indicated he knew Rashidi Wheeler had been taking dietary supplements, according to a deposition taken in a lawsuit Wheeler's family filed against Northwestern, the Chicago Tribune reported Tuesday.

School lawyers contend ephedra-containing supplements caused the player's death in 2001.

Attorney Johnnie Cochran Jr., who is representing Wheeler's mother, Linda Will, accused the school of covering up the documents' destruction for months.

"It is hard to believe the amount of deception and lack of character that has been demonstrated by all of these parties at Northwestern University," Cochran said Tuesday.

Cochran said he plans to add Gardner as a defendant in Will's lawsuit against the university.

University spokesman Alan Cubbage said Northwestern filed court documents as early as July 2002 indicating that records of the physical no longer existed.

"The destruction of medical records

obviously is against university policy, and that destruction was done without anyone at the university, other than Dr. Gardner of course, having any prior knowledge of it," Cubbage said.

Gardner's attorney, Dick Donohue, declined to discuss the case.

"Dr. Gardner will be giving his deposition at some point in the litigation and will state his position," Donohue said.

Gardner, the former director of student health services at Northwestern, took a leave of absence four days after Wheeler's death and resigned last year.

Wheeler's parents sued Northwestern, claiming the university did not give their son proper medical attention.

Wheeler collapsed during conditioning drills on Aug. 3, 2001. Bronchial asthma was listed as the cause of death, although toxicology reports showed he had ephedrine in his system.

Ephedrine is the active compound in ephedra, a diet supplement blamed for nearly 120 deaths. It also is suspected in the death of Baltimore Orioles pitcher Steve Bechler.

Gardner performed a physical on Wheeler on July 12, 2001, Cubbage said. The university tried to find out what happened to the records of that physical, but Gardner's attorney and his doctor prevented the school from speaking with him until April 2002, he said.

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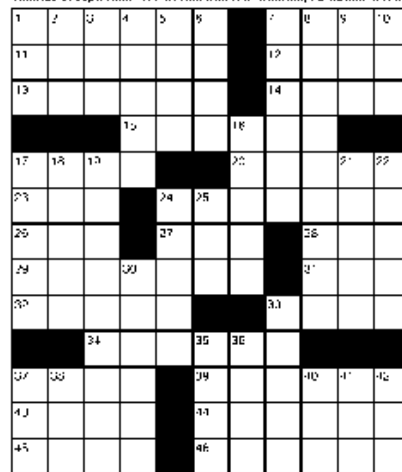
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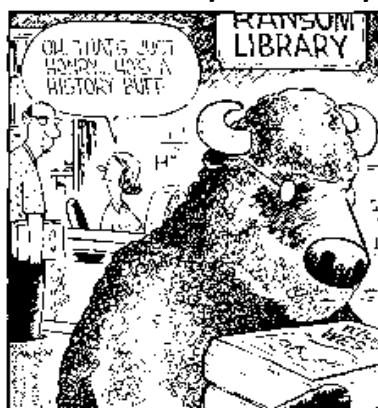
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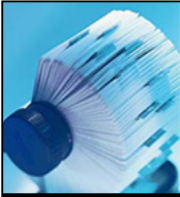
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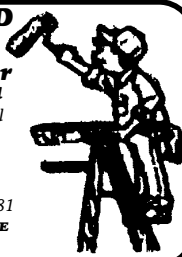
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BY DAVID GERMAIN

AP Movie Writer

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The institute unveiled its ranking Tuesday night of the top good and bad guys in American film on the CBS special "AFI's 100 Years ... 100 Heroes & Villains."

Finch, played by Gregory Peck in the 1962 classic, was a faultlessly noble widower raising a daughter and son amid Southern racial unrest as he defended a black man accused of raping a white woman.

"I think Atticus Finch just represents the goodness all of us want to see in others and feel in ourselves," said Jean Picker Firstenberg, the institute's director. "This is a hard time in human history, and we look for the bright spots that show us the way."

Harrison Ford's Indiana Jones from "Raiders of the Lost Ark" was No. 2 on the heroes list, and Sean Connery's James Bond from "Dr. No" came in third.

Lecter, played by Anthony Hopkins in the 1991 thriller plus the sequel "Hannibal" and the prequel "Red Dragon," was a delectably fiendish serial killer who boasted about eating a man's liver with fava beans and a nice Chianti.

Norman Bates (Anthony Perkins) of "Psycho" was second on the bad-guy list, and Darth Vader (played by David Prowse and voiced by James Earl Jones) placed third for "The Empire Strikes Back."

Arnold Schwarzenegger, host of the AFI special, was the only actor to place essentially the same character on both lists. His malevolent cyborg from "The Terminator" was No. 22 among villains, while his nice-guy cyborg in "Terminator 2: Judgment Day" placed 48th among heroes.

"I am absolutely ecstatic about it," Schwarzenegger said. "To say you are one of the 50 favorite villains and one of the 50 favorite heroes in the history of American motion pictures, that is unbelievable, and I felt very honored."

The 100 heroes and villains were chosen from 400 character nominees on ballots sent to 1,500 actors, directors, critics and others in the movie business.

The heroes list included one dog (Lassie in "Lassie Come Home," No. 39), two comic-book heroes (Superman in the 1978 movie version, No. 26, and Batman in the 1989 film, No. 46), and loads of real-life figures.

Along with T.E. Lawrence, heroes based on real people included Oskar Schindler (Liam Neeson) in "Schindler's List," No. 13; Norma Rae Webster (Sally Field) in "Norma Rae," No. 15; Mahatma Gandhi (Ben Kingsley) in "Gandhi," No. 21; Gen. George Patton (George C. Scott) in "Patton," No. 29; and Erin Brockovich (Julia Roberts) in "Erin Brockovich," No. 31.

The villains list contained a range of non-humans, including the HAL 9000 computer in "2001: A Space Odyssey," No. 13; the murderous extraterrestrial in "Alien," No. 14; the shark in "Jaws," No. 18; and the Martians in "The War of the Worlds," No. 27.

Humanity as a whole made the list:

"Man," whose encroachment menaced forest wildlife in "Bambi," ranked as villain No. 20.

AFI list of top 20 of 100 screen heroes, and villains

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The American Film Institute's list of top 20 (out of 100) movie heroes and villains, with character and performer names (where applicable), and the film:

Heroes:

1. Atticus Finch (Gregory Peck), "To Kill a Mockingbird."
2. Indiana Jones (Harrison Ford), "Raiders of the Lost Ark."
3. James Bond (Sean Connery), "Dr. No."
4. Rick Blaine (Humphrey Bogart), "Casablanca."
5. Will Kane (Gary Cooper), "High Noon."
6. Clarice Starling (Jodie Foster), "The Silence of the Lambs."
7. Rocky Balboa (Sylvester Stallone), "Rocky."
8. Ellen Ripley (Sigourney Weaver), "Aliens."
9. George Bailey (James Stewart), "It's a Wonderful Life."
10. T.E. Lawrence (Peter O'Toole), "Lawrence of Arabia."
11. Jefferson Smith (James Stewart), "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington."
12. Tom Joad (Henry Fonda), "The Grapes of Wrath."
13. Oskar Schindler (Liam Neeson), "Schindler's List."
14. Han Solo (Harrison Ford), "Star Wars."
15. Norma Rae Webster (Sally Field), "Norma Rae."
16. Shane (Alan Ladd), "Shane."
17. Harry Callaghan (Clint Eastwood), "Dirty Harry."
18. Robin Hood (Errol Flynn), "The Adventures of Robin Hood."
19. Virgil Tibbs (Sidney Poitier), "In the Heat of the Night."
20. Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid, (Paul Newman and Robert Redford), "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid."

Villains:

1. Hannibal Lecter (Anthony Hopkins), "The Silence of the Lambs."
2. Norman Bates (Anthony Perkins), "Psycho."
3. Darth Vader (David Prowse, voiced by James Earl Jones), "The Empire Strikes Back."
4. The Wicked Witch of the West (Margaret Hamilton), "The Wizard of Oz."
5. Nurse Ratched (Louise Fletcher), "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest."
6. Mr. Potter (Lionel Barrymore), "It's a Wonderful Life."
7. Alex Forrest (Glenn Close), "Fatal Attraction."
8. Phyllis Dietrichson (Barbara Stanwyck), "Double Indemnity."
9. Regan MacNeil (Linda Blair), "The Exorcist."
10. The Queen (voiced by Lucille LaVerne), "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs."
11. Michael Corleone (Al Pacino), "The Godfather Part II."
12. Alex DeLarge (Malcolm McDowell), "A Clockwork Orange."
13. HAL 9000 (voiced by Douglas Rain), "2001: A Space Odyssey."
14. The Alien (Bollaji Badejo), "Alien."
15. Amon Goeth (Ralph Fiennes), "Schindler's List."
16. Noah Cross (John Huston), "Chinatown."
17. Annie Wilkes (Kathy Bates), "Misery."
18. The Shark, "Jaws."
19. Captain Bligh (Charles Laughton), "Mutiny on the Bounty."
20. Man, "Bambi."

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