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Clergy rally to support union at area hotels

BY ANDREW H. FIXMER
Daily Press Staff Writer

The fight to unionize Santa Monica's hotel workers has taken on a higher meaning.

An organization of clergy members influential in enacting Los Angeles' living wage ordinance held a vigil Tuesday morning in front of the Loews Santa Monica Beach Hotel to support unionization efforts there.

Leaders of "Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice" say Robin Weiner and Jose Avelar were fired from their jobs at the hotel late last year because they supported unionization efforts — a claim Loews' management vehemently denies.

The group has vowed to hold similar vigils every month until the two workers are given their jobs back. The workers also received \$150 and groceries from the Los Angeles Alliance for a New Economy, which pushed through Los Angeles' living wage ordinance.

Organizers said neither of the workers were paid for speaking at the vigil and their speeches weren't scripted.

"Nobody would take a \$150 instead of a job," said Alexia Salvatierra, a Lutheran minister and executive director of the clergy group. "These two individuals were leaders in their workplace and when they began speaking



Andrew H. Fixmer/Daily Press
Rabbi Neil Comess-Daniels, of Beth Shir Shalom, leads union activists in prayer in front of Loews Santa Monica Beach Hotel on Tuesday. A living wage banner hangs in the background, despite that the gathering was intended to unionize workers at the hotel.

out they were fired."

Hotel officials said both employees were fired for performance reasons — not for being affiliated with a union.

"Management has no idea which workers are supporting the union and which aren't," said Loews spokeswoman Sara Harper. "Our decision was purely based on performance."

Organizers with the Hotel Employees & Restaurant Employees Union and clergy members are advocating for what is called a "card check election." The process would prevent hotel management from conducting a campaign against the union and allow hotel workers to take a public vote on whether they want union representation.

"We're basically asking the company to say nothing and let the workers decide for themselves if they want a union," said union organizer Lorena Lopez. "When the company is involved the workers are put under a lot of pressure and they do not feel safe in their workplace."

However, the management of several local hotels have said they would agree to an election administered by the National Labor Relations Board which allows both sides to campaign and provides for secret ballots.

"We believe that's the fairest way to assess whether

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NTSB rules pilot to blame in airplane crash

Ruling may help Santa Monica law firm's case

BY CAROLYN SACKARIASON
Daily Press Staff Writer

A ruling by the National Transportation Safety Board that the pilot of a plane owned by a Santa Monica-based producer was to blame for its fatal crash in Aspen, Colo. last year, has given a local law firm more ammunition in its wrongful death suit against the charter company.

The family of a Los Angeles man who was killed when the chartered jet crashed filed suit in March against the plane's owner and operator, as well as the estates of the pilots.

The family of Mario Aguilar, represented by Santa Monica-based attorneys Brian Panish and Kevin Doyle, sued Airborne Charter Inc., the company that the jet was registered to and Avjet Corp., which housed the plane in a hangar at Burbank Airport.

Airborne Charter is run by Santa Monica-based Cinergi Pictures founder and producer Andrew G. Vajna, who is responsible for films like "First Blood," "Total Recall," "Air America" and "Jacob's Ladder."

The estates of pilot Robert Frisbie and co-pilot Peter Kowalczyk also are targeted in the suit, which was filed in Los Angeles Superior Court downtown.

The families of several other victims have filed similar lawsuits, some of which

have been settled, according to Panish.

On March 29, 2001, the 20-year-old Gulfstream twin engine jet, which was en route from Los Angeles to Aspen, slammed into a hillside just 500 yards short of the runway in a light snowstorm. All 15 passengers and three crew members aboard died. The passengers were headed to Aspen for a ski weekend to celebrate the birthday of one member of the group.

The NTSB ruled Tuesday that the pilot came in too low and could not see the runway. The board blamed the accident on the flight crew's failure to follow normal procedures.

Aviation Safety Director John Clark said the pilot was allowed to fly below the minimum 10,200 feet when trying to land

but only if he could see the airport runway.

"It's clear to us he didn't have it in sight the whole time, if he saw it at all," Clark said.

The pilot is supposed to abort the landing if he loses sight of the runway, Clark said, but the board said he was under pressure from the person who chartered the plane to land at Aspen rather than divert to another airport.

Doyle, the co-counsel representing Aguilar's father, Julius Szabo, said the NTSB's ruling backs up the suit's claim.

"We know that when the plane took off it wouldn't put it in Aspen before the curfew," he said Tuesday. "It shouldn't have taken off from the get-go."

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Fewer sea lions washing ashore dazed and confused

Environmentalists fear long-term damage may have been done to area's sea lion population

BY ANDREW H. FIXMER
Daily Press Staff Writer

Fewer sea animals are washing up on the shores of Santa Monica and other beachside cities in the past two weeks.

A poisonous algae that has caused a large number of animals to be dazed and confused since spring seems to

be subsiding.

"Things are tapering off," said Joe Cordaro, wildlife biologist for the National Marine Fisheries Service and coordinator of the Marine Mammal Stranding Network. "I think it's following the general pattern that the first two months are the most intense, and then we see a tapering off."

Marine biologists and environmentalists say they have witnessed the same trend locally.

"It has just been a major drop-off," said Peter Wallerstein, head of the Whale Rescue Team, a Santa Monica-based non-profit that patrols the beaches of Los Angeles County attending to sick sea animals.

"The bloom dies out and then the fish are able to safely

flush the toxins through their bodies so when mammals eat them they no longer are affected by the poison," he said.

Usually the algae, which is known as bridal plankton, blooms during a two-month period each summer. However, for some unknown reason it has bloomed early this year, catching many animals — especially sea lions, dolphins and pelicans — off guard.

At least 70 dolphins died and 250 sea lions became ill after they ate anchovies, other small fish and shellfish that fed on the plankton, according to the National Marine Fisheries Service and the Marine Mammal

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Your strong sense of direction heads you down a new path. Return calls and messages, but also zoom in on what needs to be done to launch a heartfelt project. Your sense of humor makes light of a major issue. Is this wise? Tonight: Network to your heart's delight.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ Your devil-may-care attitude could attack your checkbook. Is this really what you want? It might be wise to back off of spending for a while. Consider a second job if you want to continue in this manner. Tonight: Re-evaluate your budget.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Hop off the back burner and take action. You might not be able to hold yourself back once you get going. Others could be a bit taken aback, as you might be acting so atypical. Flow with this high energy. Someone close misses your softness. Tonight: The world, Moonchild, is your oyster.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ Don't settle with a situation that makes you a bit uncomfortable. Rather, speak your mind, and others will listen. You cannot keep swallowing your feelings as you have been lately. Do needed research as well. You do best on your own. Tonight: Take a break from it all.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Jump on another's ideas. Let this person run with the ball, especially as it appears he or she has the same objective as you. This person can drive a harder bargain than you, right now. Schedule an important meeting. You will need a different perspective. Tonight: Where the gang is.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Take charge at work. What you can accomplish right now could surprise even you. Avoid a run-in with a boss or authority figure. You will not be able to undo an argument for a while. Chill out and think in terms of success and new direction. Tonight: In the limelight.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ News comes forward, demanding immediate action. You cannot put a key matter on the back burner any longer, nor can a trip be put off any longer. Think possibilities. You'll jump past any hurdle. You know what you're doing. Tonight: Listen to music.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Someone close comes to you, making a rather strong stand. Carefully consider your potential and possibilities. You might want to back down rather than getting into the war of the roses. You could be most pleased by the end result. Tonight: Where the action is.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Others make the first move. You would be well advised to do little and stay mellow. Besides, you badly need some downtime. Let others play their cards and don't you lift a finger or voice an opinion. When the time is right, you'll make your move! Tonight: Just don't be alone.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Don't push yourself too hard. You have a lot of work to get done, and you will, as long as you close the door and handle a matter carefully. Schedule a tension-busting session at the gym, as well, or maybe take a long walk. Tonight: Do your thing.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Depending on your priorities, success will follow. You might need to add more interest in your work to keep your attention. Allow creativity to play a bigger role in all facets of your life. A child or loved one would like you to be absorbed in him or her! Tonight: Forget work. Enjoy a loved one.

QUOTE of the DAY

“Honesty has ruined more
marriages than infidelity.”

— Charles McCabe (1915-1983)

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LOCAL

Three planes failed to land before fatal crash

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The cockpit recorder and facts revealed in the investigation indicate that the pilots failed to consider vital information in an attempt to beat Aspen's 7 p.m. curfew.

The plane, which took off from Burbank, stopped at LAX to pick up more passengers, but it was already running late. The flight plan showed the plane landing in Aspen at 6:46 p.m., 12 minutes before the curfew.

The voice recorder box picked up conversations that indicate the two pilots didn't want to miss curfew but the weather in Aspen was becoming increasingly more dangerous as a light snow was coming from the north, the same direction they were traveling, according to an article on AINONLINE.com, an Internet site for aviation news.

Doyle said Avjet ultimately may be responsible for the crash, since it allegedly put its customers' wishes before safety concerns.

"We know there was an error, but how high up on the food chain did the error occur?" he asked.

Frisbie had more than 10,000 flight hours, according to Avjet officials. Kowalczyk had recorded more than 5,500 flight hours.

"The aircraft was operated by a highly experienced crew and as the primary crew assigned to the aircraft, had flown multiple trips to and from Aspen during the month of March," Marc Foulkrod, president of Avjet, told the Aspen Daily News in a pre-

pared statement days after the crash.

The weather around Aspen that night was fairly clear, except for the area near the airport, where a squall of snow was circling. Witnesses say they saw the airplane approach the runway and then bank to the right, where they crashed into a bluff directly in front of the runway and next to the only highway leading into the ski resort.

The approach to the airport in the Colorado resort community requires planes to sharply descend to a single runway surrounded by mountains. The approach to the Aspen airport requires a steep descent to a single runway.

Three planes trying to land before the Gulfstream had to abort their attempts, and only one managed to touch down at the airport.

Two days before the crash, the Federal Aviation Administration had restricted certain nighttime landings that required the pilot to use instruments to help locate the runway. But the notice never reached the Aspen airport, and air traffic controllers gave Frisbie permission to land in light snow.

In addition, while controllers in California told Frisbie of the FAA restrictions before he took off, safety board officials said the warning was not clear and may not have been understood by the pilot.

After the crash, the FAA issued a second notice, prohibiting all nighttime instrument landings.

The safety board said the unclear wording of the notice and the failure to



File photo

The plane owned by a local producer crashed in March, 2001, killing all 18 aboard.

tell Aspen controllers of the restrictions contributed to the crash. FAA spokesman Les Dorr said the agency had

changed its procedures.

(The Associated Press contributed to this story.)



Southwest exposures see a building, inconsistent swell, early morning minus tides, and low winds today. Spots north of Malibu will be big, so strap your stick to the roof rack and check out County Line or Zuma. Elsewhere, be ready for inconsistent knee- to waist-

occasional chest-level mediocrity as wind swell fades.

A mix of a new swell from the southwest is in store for Thursday. It will give the best exposures another foot on top of Wednesday's height.

Extended storm reports predict further increased swell activity Friday; four and five footers on tap for the weekend.

(Information compiled by Jesse Haley.)

Location	Wednesday	Thursday	Water Quality
County Line	2-3'/Fair	3-4'/Fair	A
Zuma	2-3'/Fair	3-4'/Fair	A
Surfrider	1-2'/Poor	1-3'/Fair	B
Topanga	1-2'/Fair	1-3'/Fair	A
Breakwater	2-3'/Fair	2-3'/Fair	A
El Porto	2-3'/Fair	2-4'/Fair	A



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However, Southern Californians are optimistic that their basketball team will prevail. Flags are being flown and parties are being thrown.

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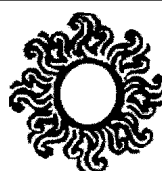
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OPINION LETTERS

Jerry Rubin a 'win-win' kind of guy

Editor:

In support of Jerry Rubin, peace activist, I comment concerning the "Funny Paperz" cartoon of June 8.

Jerry Rubin exemplifies non-violence in our community, even at his own peril. His guidance on win-win solutions inspires many of us. I was inspired while working on the Veterans Memorial placement.

Jerry both works and plays peace activism, while knowing that vigorous debate in a democracy is what replaces "killing each other."

Jerry Rubin currently campaigns for city council. His election would never disservice Santa Monica and its citizens.

Rudy Krause
Santa Monica

Madison campus could be elementary again

Editor:

Society fluctuates in relatively computable cycles. At some point, this neighborhood will once again be populated with enough school-age children to warrant the re-opening of the Madison School site as an elementary school.

Only 54 years remain on the lease to Santa Monica College. The estimated cost of the proposed theater project is \$15 million. Divide by 54 (or 53 or 52, by the time it is built, for years of use left on the lease). The SMCC district will spend \$277,778 per year for its use, and then possibly lose it when it is re-claimed by the Santa Monica-Malibu School District, with this lovely capital improvement for which they did not have to pay. Wouldn't we all accept someone else providing such a grand capital improvement on our property?

SMC only recently paid to re-surface and stripe the current parking lot, install concrete medians, and plant the landscape. According to the proposed diagram, it was a waste of funds, as the parking spaces and landscape will be completely re-figured, requiring a total change in all of the above.

Flo Ginsburg
Santa Monica

Clergy calls on hotel for action

Editor:

(This letter was originally addressed to Mr. John Tucker, general manager, Loews Santa Monica Beach Hotel.)

We are writing to you to express our urgent concern about a series of decisions affecting workers at your hotel.

As you know, in the aftermath of Sept. 11, many of your workers have lost much of their financial security. Hours have been cut, positions eliminated and workloads increased. Heads of households have lost any guarantee that they will be able to work enough hours to support their families.

As if this suffering were not enough, we have become aware that a number of worker leaders may have been unfairly targeted for disciplinary action. We are concerned that they may be being penalized for their leadership in supporting the living wage and the displaced workers ordinance, and in standing up for better working conditions in the hotel. We are particularly upset about the termination of Robin Weiner, a Santa Monica resident and single father, and Jose Avelar. We know these workers personally, have heard them testify and are particularly concerned about their treatment.

As Santa Monica residents and leaders in local religious congregations, we are determined to see workers in our community treated justly and fairly. We call on you to reinstate Robin Weiner and Jose Avelar in their positions and to stop the unfair treatment of worker leaders now.

Sincerely,

Paul Landau, Temple Beth Am; Kathy Rosenblatt, Temple Beth Am; Rev. Francisco Canas, First Methodist Church of Los Angeles; Rabbi Leonard Beerman, Leo Baeck Temple, Rita Ries, Westwood Presbyterian Church; Bonnie Blustein, Unitarian; Al Albergate, Sokkai Gai International; Rev. Dr. David Wheeler, First Baptist; Rev. Judith Meyer, Unitarian Universalist Community Church of SM; Stephen Rohde, Rohde & Victoroff; Cindy McQuade, First Methodist of Santa Monica; Rev. Thomas C. Ziegert, Venice United Methodist Church; Rev. James Boline, St. Paul's Lutheran Church; Steve Svendsen, Hope Lutheran Church; Herman Fischer, Kol Tikvah; Fr. Joseph Frazier, St. Andrews' Episcopal Church; Lisa Smithline, Office of the Americas; Marie Egan, St. Mary's College; Imam Ali Siddiqui and Jaleelah Yusuf Siddiqui, Muslim Community; Susan and Carlos Stouffer, University Christian Church; Fr. Mike Walsh, St. Vincent's Catholic Church; Fr. Mike Gutierrez, St. Anne's Catholic Church; Rev. Sandie Richards, Church in Ocean Park; Rev. Joyce Stickney, St. Augustine's Episcopal Church; Rabbi Neil Comess-Daniels, Beth Shir Shalom; Rev. Ronald Williams, First AME by the Sea; Rochelle Lewis, Alicia Gonzalez, Julie Lopez Dad, Dana Von Blofman, Georgina Acosta, Edith M. Yapkovitz, Rocelio Mendez, Marie J. Colindez, Vilma Reyes, Gloria Alaceres, Raul Alaceres, Delmy Falla, Ramon Rodriguez, Jaime Aguilar, Ianne Lavigne, Rev. Jay Cuunane, St. Thomas; Sen. Sheila Kuehl, Rev. Anna Olson, Holy Faith Episcopal Church; Gail Young, Sisters of Social Service.

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LOCAL

Clergy vow monthly vigils until workers are re-hired

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the workers want the union representing them in the hotel or not," Harper said. "Under a neutrality agreement we feel we would basically be selling out our workers for union dues."

Harper said the hotel management believes the clergy are being organized by HERE, which has been waging a public battle to organize both Loews and the Doubletree Guest Suites Hotel for the past two years.

Clergy officials deny those claims.

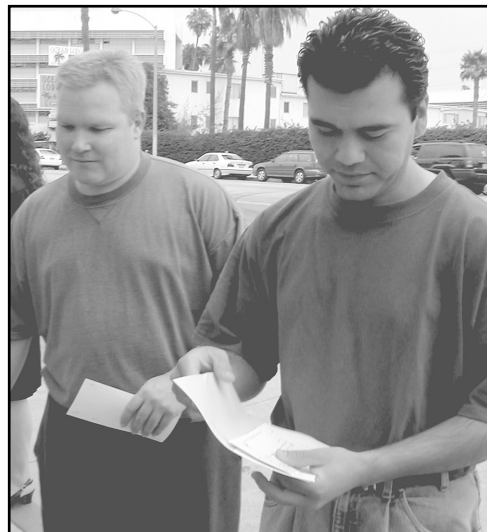
"We are not here to promote the union," said Salvatierra, who admitted some overlapping of the two groups existed. "We have different methods but we both want justice for the workers."

Clergy members held a sit-in prayer service late last month at a restaurant inside the Doubletree to support a worker who had allegedly been suspended for passing out pro-union pamphlets. The worker was re-instated less than a week later.

"Anything worth having is worth struggling for," said Rev. Ronald Williams of the First A.M.E. Church by the Sea. "Dignity is worth having and dignity is what we are fighting for."

"This is a fight that we must win, and if we stand together we will win."

After about 30 minutes of speeches,



Andrew H. Fixmer/Daily Press
Robin Weiner and Jose Avelar receive \$150 checks from the Los Angeles Alliance for a New Economy on Tuesday.

hymns and prayers, the group then tried to present a letter to Loews General Manager John Tucker. However, hotel security guards blocked the entrance and refused to accept the letter or deliver it to Tucker.

Salvatierra said the group has been sending clergy members to the hotel to meet with Tucker, but all of their attempts have been rebuffed.

Long-term effects feared for sea lion population

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Stranding Network.

The toxin affects the animals' nervous systems and can cause disorientation, violent seizures, comas and death.

The substance doesn't appear to affect people because they do not swim far enough to come into contact with it. But scientists warned that humans can become ill after eating fish poisoned by the algae.

"This should be a major red flag to what we can expect on the effects it will have on the entire West Coast's environment."

—PETER WALLERSTEIN
The Whale Rescue Team

Compounding the problem, female sea lions usually give birth in April and May. In their weakened state, many pregnant sea lions are giving birth prematurely.

"Sea Lions will nurse for a year, but many of those mothers died before finishing weaning their young," Wallerstein said.

If those pups are too weak to fight off predators and hunt for food, an entire generation of sea lions could be lost.

"We're very, very concerned with the numbers we've seen on our beaches alone," Wallerstein said. "This should be a major red flag to what we can expect on the effects it will have on the entire West Coast's environment."

Wallerstein believes that in urban areas like Santa Monica the bulk of the Sea Lions could be saved but in more secluded areas, like the Channel Islands, many died on the beaches.

He also believes many more sea lions had seizures in the water while they were swimming and likely drowned before reaching the shore.

"The numbers the federal government are giving out is much lower than the actual numbers," Wallerstein said.

Biologists also fear demoic acid may have caused lesions on the animals' brains, which could have a long-term effect on how the animal population recovers.

"They could still have future seizures," he said. "It could be continued with the ones that supposedly recovered, and if this happens again at the same time next year the entire population of the sea lions could be devastated."

(The Associated Press contributed to this story.)



File photo
Peter Wallerstein, who heads the Whale Rescue Team, attempts to rescue a sea lion near Venice recently. The number of sick animals washing ashore appear to be subsiding.

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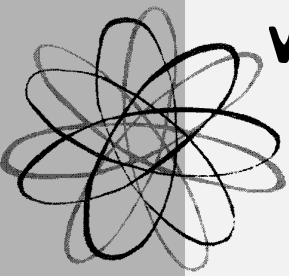
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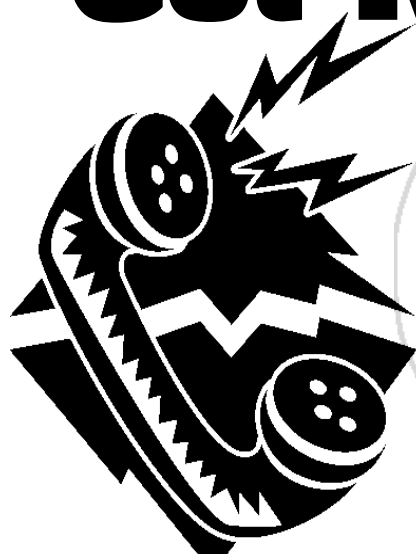
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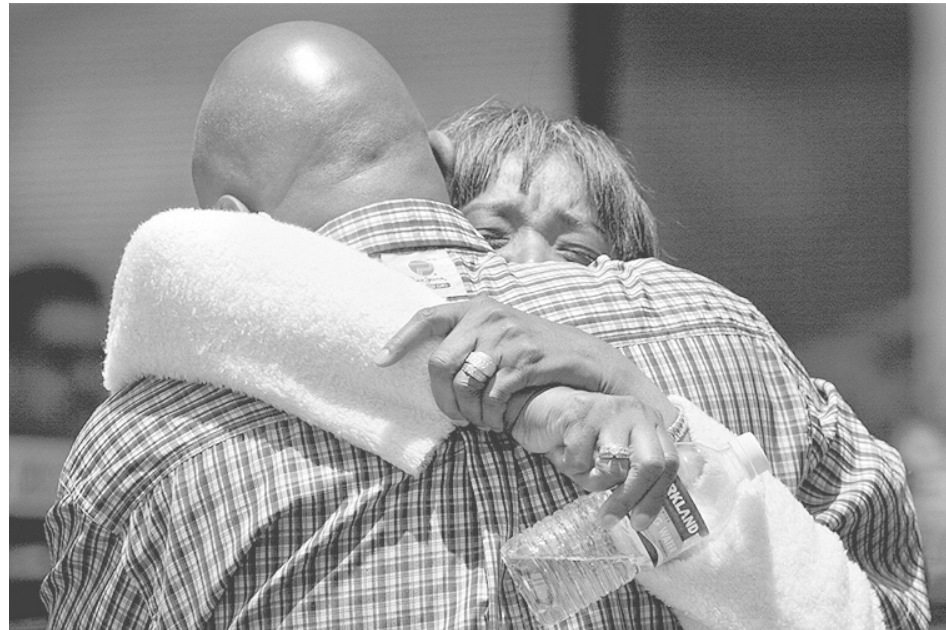
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Family shot



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Freddie Kessee, facing camera, is comforted by Esau McLeod on Monday in Lake Forest, Calif., outside an apartment where the bodies of a husband and wife and their teen-age son were found. The man killed his wife and son and critically wounded his 22-month-old daughter before shooting himself in an apparent murder-suicide, authorities said. Kessee, the grandmother of the children, had telephoned Orange County sheriff's deputies that she was concerned for their safety, sheriff's spokesman Jim Amormino said.

L.A. schools consider Saturday classes for kids

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The sprawling Los Angeles Unified School District, trying to find room for all of its 736,000 students, is looking into the possibility of adding Saturday classes and putting some of its schools on two shifts a day.

Nearly 200 schools that serve almost half of the district's students already operate on year-round schedules in which two groups of students are enrolled at any given time while a third group is on vacation.

That system offers about a half hour of additional class time each day but only provides a school year of 163 days, 17 under the statewide standard of 180. The shortened school year has led to complaints from parents, students, teachers and state officials that students are being denied the education they deserve.

"We have to find a way to make this work, so that everybody has 180 days and everybody has an equal opportunity," said Board of Education member Mike Lansing.

District officials say they hope to overcome some of the problems if district voters pass a \$3.3 billion school construction bond measure in November and California voters OK a \$13 billion statewide measure.

But even with that money for new schools, they say they may still need to take additional measures to provide everyone a complete education.

One option under consideration is operating campuses six days a week under a plan that would have some students attending Mondays through Wednesdays while others take classes Thursdays through Saturdays. Vacations would also be shortened to give each student a 180-day school year.

Another is running two shifts a day at schools, which would keep them open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. each weekday. Under this option, students would have shorter school days but would attend for as many as 220 days a year.

Both proposals create potential headaches for parents attempting to arrange child care, vacations and extracurricular activities for their children, but school board members say something needs to be done to beef up the 163-day calendar.

Palm Springs may become more than weekend getaway

By The Associated Press

PALM SPRINGS — This desert region could become more than a weekend getaway for Hollywood executives if efforts to build a local film industry succeed.

Two publicly traded entertainment companies have started selling stock in their plans for the area.

AmeriDream Entertainment Inc. began trade on the Nasdaq over-the-counter bulletin board at \$2 Monday. It also announced plans for a \$200 million studio to specialize in low-budget films and a theme park.

Two weeks earlier, La Quinta-based informercial producer Thane Inc. launched an initial public offering on the Nasdaq stock exchange.

Sunny weather and low-cost local crews lured production companies last year that spent \$26.7 million in the arid region 100 miles east of Los Angeles, according to the Inland Empire Film Commission.

Founded by producer Lang Elliott, Bermuda Dunes-based AmeriDream wants to capitalize on the advantages of the desert by focusing on small budget projects ranging from \$5 million to \$25 million.

STATE



Man sentenced to prison in \$8 million golf club scam

By The Associated Press

SANTA ANA — A man who bilked golfers out of \$8 million through bogus promises about expensive golf clubs was sentenced to more than three years in federal prison.

U.S. District Judge David O. Carter on Monday also ordered Jonathan Cohen, 29, to pay \$2 million in restitution.

Cohen and Mitchell Gold, 44, were accused of enticing people from Alaska to New York to place security deposits of up to \$1,300 with Platinum Pro Tour and State of the Art Golf for the right to test new golf clubs.

Federal prosecutors allege Gold, a San Juan Capistrano telemarketer, and Cohen,

a telemarketing employee from Tustin, took deposits by credit card from 1998 through 1999. The victims were told that if they liked the clubs, the sets would be customized for their use at a cost of about \$2,500, federal prosecutors said. The security deposits were to be returned when the clubs were returned.

But prosecutors said the two men sent the victims cheap clubs and refused to refund deposits.

Gold and Cohen were indicted in September on an unrelated telemarketing charity scam and accused of stealing \$27 million.

Gold is scheduled to be sentenced later this month on the golf scam.

Marshals catch fugitive in L.A. movie theatre

BY KATE BERRY
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES — U.S. Marshals arrested one of their most wanted fugitives, Darrell Dwight Bellamy, while he was in a theater showing the movie "The Sum of All Fears."

Members of a marshal's Los Angeles task force received a tip on Bellamy's whereabouts. He was wearing a baseball hat low over his face when marshals followed him Monday from an apartment complex to a movie complex in Long Beach, 25 miles south of Los Angeles.

"We showed a photo to the ticket sales office and they confirmed that he was our guy," Deputy Marshal Supervisor Kurt Ellingson said Tuesday.

Bellamy was wanted for his alleged role in a cocaine and marijuana distribution ring that extended to several states, including Oklahoma, Kansas, Illinois and Michigan.

He was added to the Marshal Service's "15 Most Wanted" fugitive list

in April at the request of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Oklahoma.

Bellamy and his co-conspirators allegedly took a drug courier — suspected of skimming profits — to an apartment and dipped her feet in a pot of boiling oil, made her remove her clothing and burned her arm with a hot iron, Ellingson said.

Bellamy's co-defendants in the drug distribution ring are in the middle of a trial in Tulsa, Okla., Deputy U.S. Marshal Rick Holden said from his Tulsa office, which got the initial tip and relayed it to Los Angeles.

"We just happened to get a lucky break that led us to him," Holden said. "We finally got our man."

Marshals believe Bellamy knew he was being followed, bought the movie ticket and ducked into the theater hoping to shake his pursuers.

"He only got to watch the last 15 minutes of the movie," Ellingson said.

Playboy's Hugh Hefner's Mercedes limo up for sale

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The limousine that ferried Playboy founder Hugh Hefner from place to place can now be in your driveway.

The black 1969 Mercedes-Benz Pullman, one of only 100 six-door limos built for royalty, heads of state and, in this case, Playboy's pajama-clad patriarch, is on the auction block at this week's Barrett-Jackson Auction at the Petersen Automotive Museum.

"If it could only talk," auction chief Craig Jackson said Tuesday, estimating the Hefner limo would fetch up to \$60,000. It recently underwent a \$25,000 mechanical restoration.

Bidders get a chance at 200 collector and specialty cars, including the 1982 Mercedes-Benz once owned by "What's New Pussycat?" singer Tom Jones and Fred Astaire's 1981 Chrysler Imperial.

Also on the auction block is one of the most sought after collectibles: A 1948 Tucker, serial No. 7. It was expected to fetch \$250,000 to \$300,000.

"Very rarely a good Tucker ever comes up for sale. And this is a good one," said Jackson, noting that less than 10 Tuckers are roadworthy.

Classic motorcycles on the block include a 1931 Brough Superior that was owned by actor Steve McQueen.

The Friday and Saturday auction is part of the annual California Classic Weekend celebration that includes the Petersen's "Cars and Stars" Gala on Thursday, preview of its "Million Dollar Cars" exhibit and the Father's Day Concours on Rodeo Drive.

Thirty of the most valuable vehicles in the world — featuring nameplates like Bugatti, Duesenberg, Ferrari, Jaguar and Rolls-Royce — are on display at the Petersen.

"These are cars that most people have only seen in their dreams," museum director Dick Messer said. "Many of these vehicles are unique in their execution and styling, and all of them meet collectors criteria as standout examples of \$1 million-plus vehicles."

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Disney Co. signs \$1 billion advertising mega deal

BY GARY GENTILE

AP Business Writer

LOS ANGELES — In what is likely the biggest deal of its kind, the media buying arm of the advertising agency Omnicom Group will spend more than \$1 billion on behalf of its clients over the next year on the ABC Television network, ESPN and other outlets of The Walt Disney Co.

The deal will place ads from OMB USA clients such as Pepsi, Gillette and Apple Computer on the Super Bowl, Academy Awards and other shows to be broadcast on ABC next season. The deal also includes ads on NBA playoff games broadcast by ABC and ESPN and spots on Disney-owned cable channels and Internet sites as well as radio stations.

Much of the money will be spent during prime time on

ABC, which is trying to reverse a ratings slump and will introduce seven new shows this fall — more than any other network.

The deal is significantly larger than the \$300 million Procter & Gamble committed last year to tout its products on Viacom Inc.'s CBS, MTV, Nickelodeon and other television outlets.

Neither Disney nor OMD would give a breakdown of how the money will be spent. Mike Shaw, president of sales and marketing for ABC Television Network, said the deal includes a commitment for spending, but does not specify how much will be allocated to ABC, ESPN or cable channels Disney partly owns, such as Lifetime and the A&E Networks.

Some of the money coming from OMD clients is included in the \$1.7 billion in ad inventory ABC recently sold in the "upfront" market, Shaw said.

The deal runs from Oct. 1 through Sept. 30, 2003.

"I think both parties were eager to get a deal done for a variety of reasons," said Jack Myers, chief economist of The Myers Report, a media industry newsletter. "OMD to validate the clout of large deals and Disney to show they are still a big player who can compete with the big boys for cross media deals."

In return for its advance advertising purchase, OMD received discounts off the prices ABC was able to command during the recent upfront sales, according to an industry observer.

"At \$1 billion, I'm sure there were some significant market advantages for both sides," Myers said.

Disney recently announced a deal with Home Depot where the home improvement retailer would spend \$100 million over three years across Disney's television networks.

Number of pirated CDs nearly doubled in 2001

BY SIMON AVERY

AP Business Writer

LOS ANGELES — Worldwide sales of pirated music CDs nearly doubled last year to a record 950 million units, an industry trade group said Tuesday.

Illegal shipments came from large manufacturing plants and small garage operations around the world, according to the International Federation of Phonographic Industries, which represents 1,400 record producers and distributors in 76 countries.

Illegal recordings of music, meanwhile, which may have been put on CD or cassette, totaled nearly 2 billion in 2001, up just slightly from a year earlier. The figure means that two out of every five recordings sold world-

wide in 2001 was an illegal copy.

Illegal music sales outnumbered legal sales in 25 countries, compared with 21 countries a year earlier, the group said.

China, Russia and Brazil led the world in piracy. Ninety percent of all music sold in China is pirated, according to the federation.

Sales of pirated materials around the world amounted to \$4.3 billion, up from \$4.2 billion in 2000. The dollar value increase was marginal because of sharply falling prices for pirated CDs, the federation said.

The organization did not estimate losses to the music industry but said they were far greater than \$4.3 billion.

On average, it costs about \$2 to manufacture and distrib-

ute each CD, but marketing costs can range from \$3 to \$10 a CD depending on the success or failure of the release.

Law enforcement agencies tripled their seizure of pirated discs in 2001, but were not able to keep pace with organized piracy. They confiscated only 10 million CD-Rs, compared with 450 million that made it to market. Illegal factory-manufactured discs totaled 500 million units in 2001, the federation said.

The group called on governments to toughen their stand on intellectual property infringement.

"The global recording industry is responding to this problem but it critically needs help from governments," said Jay Berman, chief executive of IFPI. "We need proper laws and above all effective enforcement of those laws."

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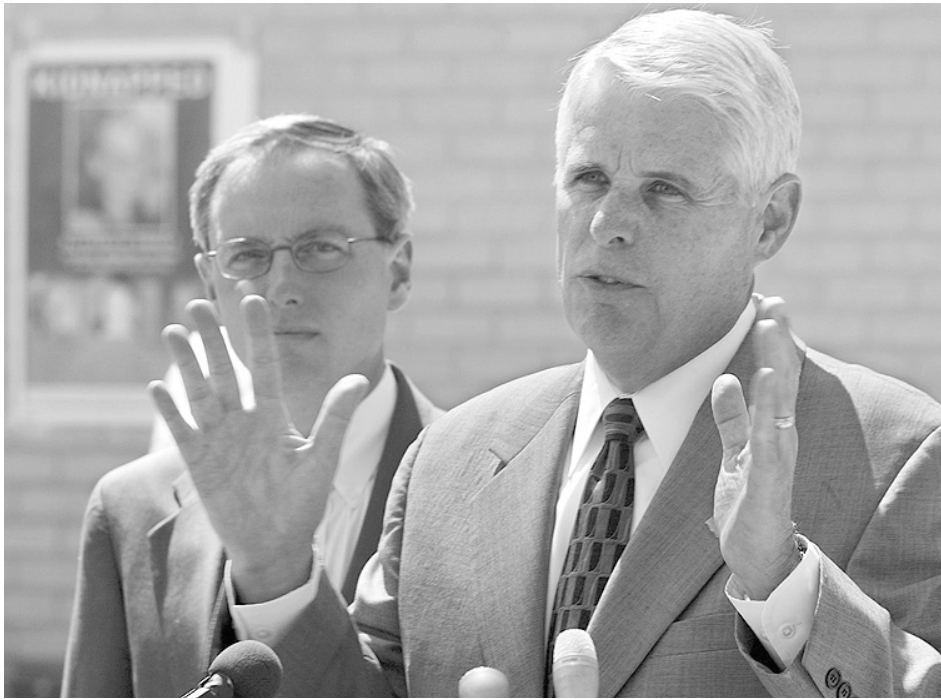
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Search for girl continues



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FBI Assistant Special Agent Dan Roberts, left, listens while Salt Lake City Police Chief Rick Dinse updates the media with new developments in the case of missing 14-year-old Elizabeth Smart on Tuesday in Salt Lake City. For the first time since Smart was reported missing authorities say they are close to finding a suspect who they think is still in the area. Smart was taken from the bedroom she shares with her 9-year-old sister June 5, 2002.

NYPD rejects proposal for armed citizen patrols

By The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The police commissioner says New York doesn't need armed bands of citizens to protect its neighborhoods, flatly rejecting a proposal by a Jewish group to begin patrols next week.

"The department will not tolerate anyone brandishing weapons under the guise of protecting others," Commissioner Ray Kelly said Monday. "Anyone attempting to patrol the streets armed with weapons will be arrested."

On Sunday, Rabbi Yakove Lloyd, president of the right-wing Jewish Defense Group, proposed armed patrols, citing comments a suspected terrorist made on CBS' "60 Minutes" about targeting certain Jewish neighborhoods.

"Any move in this direction is counterproductive," Kelly said. "The tenor of this is wrong. We don't need this."

Lloyd said the patrols would go ahead. "What the police commissioner does not understand is that no matter what he says ... those who have the legal right to carry firearms can carry firearms," he said.

Closing arguments begin in case against R.I. mayor

BY BRIAN CAROVILLANO

Associated Press Writer

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — Graft was rampant at City Hall under Mayor Vincent Cianci Jr., and everything from tax breaks to jobs could be bought, prosecutors said Tuesday in closing arguments at Cianci's corruption trial.

"The city of Providence, the so-called Renaissance City, was a city for sale ... and the evidence shows the price of admission was often \$5,000," federal prosecutor Richard Rose said.

"Want a job with the city? \$5,000 ... Want to grease the chairman of the tax board? \$5,000. Anything for a price."

But defense attorney Richard Egbert reminded the jury of all the tourist attractions and development the mayor has brought to downtown Providence, and said the government's case was based on the word of liars.

Referring to former city tax officials David Ead and Joseph Pannone, Egbert said: "We know they're bums. We know

they're thieves. We know they're liars."

He added: "We know David Ead and Joseph Pannone would take 50 bucks to lower your taxes. I mean how low can you go? How much closer to the underbelly of a snake can you get?"

Cianci, his former top aide Frank Corrente, and businessman Richard Autiello are accused of taking kickbacks often disguised as campaign contributions. They are charged with racketeering and other offenses.

The jury is expected to begin deliberating on Wednesday.

During seven weeks of testimony, jurors heard 55 witnesses and more than 1,000 pieces of evidence, including dozens of FBI surveillance tapes made by undercover informant Antonio Freitas.

Rose argued that Cianci and his cohorts engaged in corruption to benefit him "personally and politically," describing a City Hall that doled out tax breaks, jobs, contracts, favors, "and yes, ladies and gentlemen, even a free lifetime membership to the University Club of Rhode Island."

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U.S. prisons seen as breeding ground for terrorist groups

BY CHRISTOPHER NEWTON
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Prisons are attracting increasing attention from law enforcement as breeding grounds for terror groups seeking malcontents who can use their American citizenship to blend into society and carry out attacks.

The capture of homegrown terror suspect Jose Padilla, who the United States says was plotting for a radioactive "dirty bomb," is a reminder that the nation could have potent enemies within.

"Our prisons are stuffed full of people who have a hatred of the prison administration, a hatred of America and have nothing but time to seethe about it," said Robert Fosen, former assistant commissioner of New York state prisons.

"Oftentimes they want a way to lash out or feel important. They are very likely to join groups that facilitate that anger. Anti-American feelings help all sorts of gangs recruit in prison."

Padilla, 31, a New York City native and former Chicago gang member who also goes by Abdullah al Muhajir, is the first American accused of bringing al-Qaida's terrorist campaign to U.S. soil.

In 1992, Padilla was sent to a

Florida jail for pulling a gun on another driver. When arrested, he identified himself as Catholic, according to police. U.S. officials believe Padilla converted to Islam while in jail and headed to Afghanistan and Pakistan in the late 1990s.

Tracked for some time, he was arrested May 8 upon his arrival at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport on a flight from Pakistan.

Being in prison not only contributes to hard feelings, it can sometimes provide a harbor for terrorists to act against the United States within its own borders.

Sheik Omar Abdel-Rahman, serving a life sentence in New York for plotting to blow up landmarks, is accused of sending messages from prison through visiting attorneys that directed terrorist acts to followers.

Officials at the U.S. Marshals Service, responsible for guarding accused American Taliban John Walker Lindh and Zacarias Moussaoui, accused of conspiracy in the Sept. 11 attacks, say they are taking extra precautions to make sure no criminal contacts occur.

Prisons and jails are adjusting to the nation's need to keep track of dissidents.

In New York, a senior prison official said the prisons have asked Islamic religious groups whether they support

terrorist groups. The official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said one group has been barred from ministering at the prisons. The official declined to identify the group.

In Florida, prison officials said the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks have not led to new policies — security was already high — but they raised awareness that some religious groups could be linked to illegal activities.

"We examine and look at every group, religious included, as a possible threat to security of the institution, to the staff and to inmates," said Sterling Ivy, spokesman for the Florida prison system. "We are constantly analyzing all aspects of religion in prison, but at the same time we must maintain a sense of religious freedom based on the Constitution."

Alex Taylor, chief chaplain for Florida prisons said, "After Sept. 11, a lot of prisoners tried to tell us that this is what the Muslim prison groups were preaching. It was looked into and there were no sustainable accusations."

Authorities have also been monitoring contacts between American extremists and foreign terrorist groups to make sure they don't collaborate on attacks. These include neo-Nazis, white supremacists and Black Muslim factions.

All three of those groups have a history of recruiting in prison. In the 1980s, several groups of skinheads used prisons in Los Angeles as a recruiting ground. In the 1960s, the Black Panthers reached out to prisoners, offering legal advice and membership.

Under federal law, prisons must allow inmates access to religious leaders and texts. But they don't have to allow religious groups that advocate violence to minister.

"If they stir up conflict, security hears about it right away and it is terminated," Taylor said.

Jennifer Wayton, a researcher at Texas Tech University who studies released prisoners, said security alone won't solve the problem.

"Just trying to keep terrorist groups or criminal groups out of prison won't be effective," Wayton said. "We've tried that for years and gotten nowhere."

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India moves warships away from Pakistan

BY LAURINDA KEYS
Associated Press Writer

NEW DELHI, India — India moved some warships away from Pakistan's shore Tuesday as Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld arrived with ideas for helping the nuclear-armed neighbors avoid another war over Kashmir.

Still, shelling and small-arms fire killed at least seven people overnight along the disputed province's frontier, and pro-militant groups in Pakistani territory vowed to continue their guerrilla insurgency.

Pakistani President Gen. Pervez Musharraf said the threat of war remained real as long as troops were nose-to-nose on the Kashmir border.

"As long as that capability remains, the situation will remain dangerous," he said.

President Bush said he was pleased by the easing of tensions, "but so long as there's troops massed and people are still hostile toward each other, there's always the threat that something can happen."

The Indian navy recalled its warships to Bombay a day after the government said it would allow Pakistani aircraft to fly over India after a six-month ban.

"Ships of the western fleet, which were

patrolling different areas of the north Arabian Sea, have been recalled to their base as per the government decision," navy Cmdr. Rahul Gupta said.

He was not more specific. The western command includes India's only aircraft carrier, several submarines, missile destroyers and multipurpose frigates.

Five other ships were withdrawn from near Pakistan but remained in the Arabian Sea.

The two rivals reached war footing in December after a deadly attack on India's Parliament that New Delhi blamed on Pakistan and Islamic guerrilla groups based there.

Pakistan denied involvement and announced a crackdown on the groups, but diplomatic, commercial and transportation ties were slashed while 1 million troops gathered along the 1,800-mile frontier from the Arabian Sea to China.

The warships moved near Pakistan after a May 14 militant attack on an Indian army camp in Jammu-Kashmir state in which most of the 34 people killed were soldiers' wives and children.

Rumsfeld's trip is part of an international effort to avert a fourth war between India and Pakistan since their 1947 inde-

pendence from Britain. Two of the previous wars were over Kashmir, which both countries claim in its entirety.

The defense secretary said he had concrete ideas about "a whole series of things" to help ease tensions, but he would not elaborate.

"We're not going in with a single proposal, nor am I a mediator, as such," he told reporters flying with him from Doha, Qatar, after he visited U.S. troops and government officials in the Persian Gulf region.

Rumsfeld offered a mildly upbeat assessment of the prospects for averting war.

"I cannot say I see a trend line that it's getting better or worse," he said Tuesday. "Both sides have been saying things that are helpful and behaving in a responsible way."

He added, however, that intelligence indicators showed virtually no improvement in the military standoff.

The chief dispute between India and Pakistan is their conflicting claims to Kashmir, where Islamic militants have waged a 12-year fight for the independence of the region or its merger with Muslim Pakistan. The insurgency has killed at least 60,000.

"We are looking for genuine steps from the Indian side, not peripheral and cos-

metic steps," Musharraf said Tuesday while visiting the United Arab Emirates. "The genuine step, as I have laid down, is the initiation of a dialogue on the Kashmir dispute, and all other issues."

India Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Nirupama Rao responded, "I believe the Pakistan government should recognize the import of these moves and the fact that these are substantial gestures."

India's government refuses to talk with Pakistan's until it is satisfied that Islamic militants no longer are crossing the Line of Control dividing Kashmir. India accuses Pakistan of financing and training the militants.

International diplomacy hopes to elicit confidence-building measures, starting with Musharraf's assurance — relayed through a U.S. envoy — that he ordered his forces to prevent the crossings.

In Pakistan, however, dozens of militants vowed to defy Musharraf's ban on infiltrating India and demanded Islamabad stop cooperating with Washington in neighboring Afghanistan.

"Jihad in Kashmir will continue," said retired Gen. Mirza Aslam Beg, a former Pakistani army chief.

Gorbachev interpreter attempts to translate 'going postal' in book

BY SARAH KARUSH
Associated Press Writer

MOSCOW — As Mikhail Gorbachev's interpreter, Pavel Palazchenko was the Soviet leader's trusty assistant in his campaign to end the Cold War. Now he is fighting to rid the world of another wedge dividing East from West: bad translation.

In "My Unsystematic Dictionary," published in Moscow, Palazchenko tackles the things they don't teach you in language class — such as "to go postal" and "no-brainer."

Covering Russian bureaucratism as well as American political correctness, it's both a guide to good translation and a handbook for cultural understanding.

One side effect of the changes unleashed by Gorbachev is that in today's Russia, translations from and into English are everywhere, from restaurant menus to Hollywood blockbusters. But often they do more to confuse than to enlighten.

"Sometimes, a bad translation can really be a problem. It sometimes really impedes understanding," Palazchenko told The Associated

Press. "This has become a mass profession, ... so I think there is some cause for alarm."

The bald, mustachioed Palazchenko was a fixture at Gorbachev's summit talks with President Reagan, and he stayed Gorbachev even after the Soviet reformer was shoved off the political scene. At 53, he continues to interpret at Gorbachev's many international appearances and also handles his media relations.

Gorbachev, known as a big talker with a love for colorful phrases and complex metaphors, is no easy ride for an interpreter.

Palazchenko recalled how Gorbachev surprised him at the first summit with Reagan in Geneva in 1985 by quoting extensively from the Bible — highly unusual for the leader of a communist regime. Palazchenko was ready. He had studied Bible phrases in depth years before, and was able to render perfectly the long passage from the Book of Ecclesiastes that begins "To every thing there is a season ..."

Memorizing passages from the Bible is not enough to prepare today's

translators, and Palazchenko's book offers translations of newer expressions and concepts.

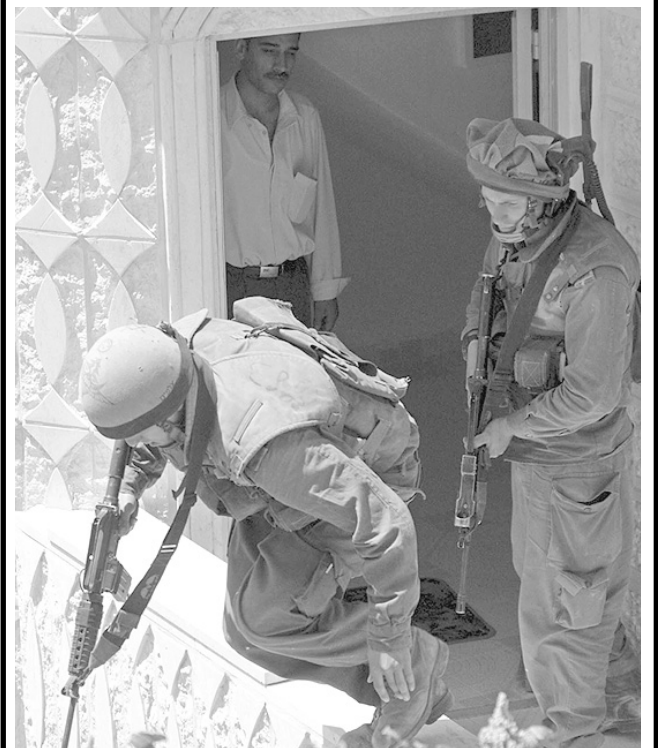
The book offers a comprehensive section on Russian slang, including "otstoi," a word teenagers use to mock anything old-fashioned. Palazchenko translates it as "square," though today's American kids might find the word itself to be otstoi.

American slang entries include "no-brainer," which Palazchenko translates as "eto yozhu yasno" — clear to a hedgehog.

Palazchenko devotes a page-and-a-half to "challenge" — a word with no direct equivalent in Russian. Possible substitutes include "problem" or "a task requiring great effort," he suggests. He also gives advice on the, er, challenge presented by new American euphemisms, such as "physically challenged." It means "disabled," he writes.

Translating "going postal" depends on the context, Palazchenko explains. It can mean a murderous rampage, or simply to be extremely — but nonviolently — upset. The Russian term would be "krysha poyekhala" — "losing your roof," he writes.

Bombing still suicidal



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Israeli soldiers carry out house-to-house searches in the Palestinian village of Bani Naim near the West Bank town of Hebron following a bombing on Tuesday. A bomb exploded at the gates of a West Bank orchard Tuesday as a group of Israeli teenagers were leaving the field after helping with the cherry harvest. Three 15-year-old boys were injured, one seriously.

Cuba leads poor countries in demand to curb hunger

BY NICOLE WINFIELD
Associated Press Writer

ROME — Led by Cuba, developing countries on Tuesday demanded greater access to international markets and an end to export subsidies, saying fairer free trade was the only way to end world hunger.

On the second day of the U.N. World Food Summit, leaders of the world's poorest countries called on the United States, European Union and other exporting nations to give poor farmers a competing chance to sell their wares.

"We are poor. You are rich. Level the playing field!" Teofisto Guingona, foreign minister of the Philippines,

said. "Do not in the name of free trade deny us time to integrate our resources, and having integrated them deny us access to your rich markets."

Many poor countries say the current international trade framework leaves farmers in the developing world unable to compete with subsidized crops from richer countries.

The issue of freer markets has dominated the four-day summit, designed to accelerate efforts to meet U.N. targets of reducing the number of the world's hungry from 800 million to 400 million by 2015.

Leaders adopted a resolution Monday promising to work harder to meet the goal — and to develop in two years a voluntary set of guidelines recognizing the right to food for the world's 6 billion people.

The United States, which opposed recognition of that right in the past, may register a reservation to the final document or may not sign, human rights groups say.

The European Union pushed for the summit to consider food a human right. Several EU leaders also acknowledged that high export subsidies — among them in the EU — were part of the world's hunger problem.

Italy's agriculture minister, Gianni Alemanno, said the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization, which is hosting the summit, should play a balancing role to the World Trade Organization.

"FAO must be strong and credible ... to avoid that the processes of globalization be dominated only by a purely commercial logic devoid of an ethic of solidarity," he said.



SPORTS

Lakers on verge of first NBA sweep in seven years

BY JENNA FRYER

AP Sports Writer

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Shaquille O'Neal remembers the night Houston fans banged brooms against his team bus following the last sweep in the NBA Finals. Seven years later, O'Neal considers it one of the four lowest moments of his life.

O'Neal can bring his own broom to Game 4 and smack it all over New Jersey if the Los Angeles Lakers finish this series Wednesday night.

The Lakers have a 3-0 lead over the Nets in the best-of-seven series and a Los Angeles win on Wednesday would mark just the seventh sweep in Finals history.

O'Neal refused Tuesday to dwell on the looming opportunity of being on the winning side of a sweep.

"I don't like to use that word, because it's kind of bad luck," he said. "I'm not the one to count my chickens before they hatch."

But surely there's nothing O'Neal could want more than to reverse the worst night of his basketball career.

O'Neal was a member of the Orlando Magic when he made his first trip to the NBA Finals, which the Rockets won in a four-game sweep. Until O'Neal won his first of consecutive titles two years ago, that 1995 disaster was a defining point of his career.

O'Neal remembers it took the Magic bus two hours to get from the Houston arena to the team hotel as overzeal-

ous fans attacked the vehicle with the brooms they'd been waving throughout the game in celebration of the sweep.

"They were hitting the buses with the brooms and throwing bricks and rioting," he said. "I was just sitting there crying, looking out. They were laughing at me."

It left a permanent mark on a man who knows for certain he's only cried four times in his life — the first time his father hit him, when both of his grandmothers died and the 1995 Finals.

"It was a hard feeling. I said to myself, 'If I ever have the opportunity to make it to the Finals again, I won't let my teammates down. I have to make my presence known. We just have to win,'" he said.

He's also told his Los Angeles teammates many times what it felt like that night in Houston, urging them to never let it happen to them.

"He said it was one of his most hurtful experiences to have to go through," Kobe Bryant said. "He said it was a lot of pain to be swept in the NBA finals and be on the road and have to get on the bus and leave the arena with all the fans hitting the brooms up against the window of the bus. So, it would feel good to return a favor."

Brian Shaw and Robert Horry don't need O'Neal's recollection of the sweep — Shaw, then with Orlando, was on the bus with O'Neal, while Horry, then a member of the Rockets, was inside celebrating.

Like O'Neal, Shaw would like to make New Jersey the latest team swept out of the Finals.

"It would help redeem that situation a little bit — I know that it has helped motivate us to do better up to this point," Shaw said.

As much as the Lakers want to end the series, the Nets want desperately to avoid ending their season at home on Wednesday night.

Sure, New Jersey knows that no team has ever overcome a 3-0 deficit to win the Finals. But the Nets are refusing to lay down and give it away to the Lakers.

"Dignity and pride, this team has been playing with that all season," guard Kerry Kittles said. "Everybody in this locker room has pride in each other and themselves. We don't want to get swept."

No one expects the Nets to come back in this series, so it would seem a single victory would do little but extend New Jersey's season a few more days. In reality, the mental impact of at least one win could last all the way into next season.

"It would help us feel a little better about ourselves," Nets coach Byron Scott said. "But I don't think it's going to diminish what we've done all season long."

To the Nets, losing four straight games would be forever remembered as a debacle.

"Getting swept means the other team had its way the entire series," Kittles said. "We'd like to think we did some good things and can compete against these guys and make it a series."

New Jersey Nets know they have to cool off L.A. Lakers

BY BILL BARNARD

AP Sports Writer

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — The Los Angeles Lakers are shooting exactly 50 percent from the field (109-for-218) for the NBA Finals, and four of their five starters have made at least half of their shots.

Shaquille O'Neal is shooting 59.4 percent (38-for-64), Kobe Bryant 53.7 percent (29-for-54), Derek Fisher 52.2 percent (12-for-23) and Rick Fox 50 percent (10-for-20). Fisher and Bryant are a combined 10-for-16 on 3-point attempts.

"If we shoot better than 50 percent, there is no way we shouldn't win," said Nets forward Keith Van Horn, referring to New Jersey's 51.8 percent shooting in a 106-103 loss to the Lakers on Sunday. "We need to get them into the low 40s, and we haven't done that this series."

THE BIG UNIT: Lakers forward Robert Horry took advantage of a night off Monday to attend the baseball game at Yankee Stadium, where a late grand slam by Shane Spencer beat the Arizona Diamondbacks after 6-foot-10 Randy Johnson left with a lead in the eighth inning.

Horry said Tuesday he was sure Johnson picked the right sport.

"He's too skinny for basketball, but maybe he could've done it if he put some meat on his bones," Horry said.

WHO WAS THAT MASKED MAN? Nets backup guard Lucious Harris took off his protective mask in Game 3 of the Finals, but the change didn't pull him out

of a shooting slump.

Harris is 2-for-19 against the Lakers, including 0-for-4 from 3-point range. He was outstanding in the first three rounds, making 54 of 101 shots.

"It was good luck going into the Finals, but it's retired now," Harris said of the mask that protected the jaw he broke during the regular season. "I'm going to keep it, but the mask is out of here. I'll send it to the Hall of Fame or throw it in the swamp."

CELTIC MEMORIES: Rick Fox said he spent some time watching the Boston Celtics in the playoffs in case they reached the Finals against the Lakers.

"I was getting ready for Paul Pierce," Fox said Tuesday. "They have some good players, and I'm sure Antoine Walker would have talked the whole series."

Fox was a teammate of Walker's on the Celtics in 1996-97, when Fox was the captain and the team went 15-67.

"Yes, I captained that Titanic ship to 15 wins," Fox said.

SHAQ ATTACK? Fans could get a chance in Game 4 to see what Shaquille O'Neal can really do when given the opportunity to score at will.

Lakers coach Phil Jackson said Monday that if the team's concentration lags with the luxury of a 3-0 lead in the NBA Finals, he might play O'Neal more minutes and get him the ball even more than usual.

"I've been in this situation before and it's very difficult to keep a team focused," Jackson said. "They're thinking about something entirely different, like 'This season is going to be over if we win,' and they forget about the fact they have to win."

"You have to continue to keep their nose to the grindstone and make them understand that nothing comes easy; every game has its critical moments. If we have to play Shaquille a lot of minutes to bring that about, I'm going to try and bring it about."

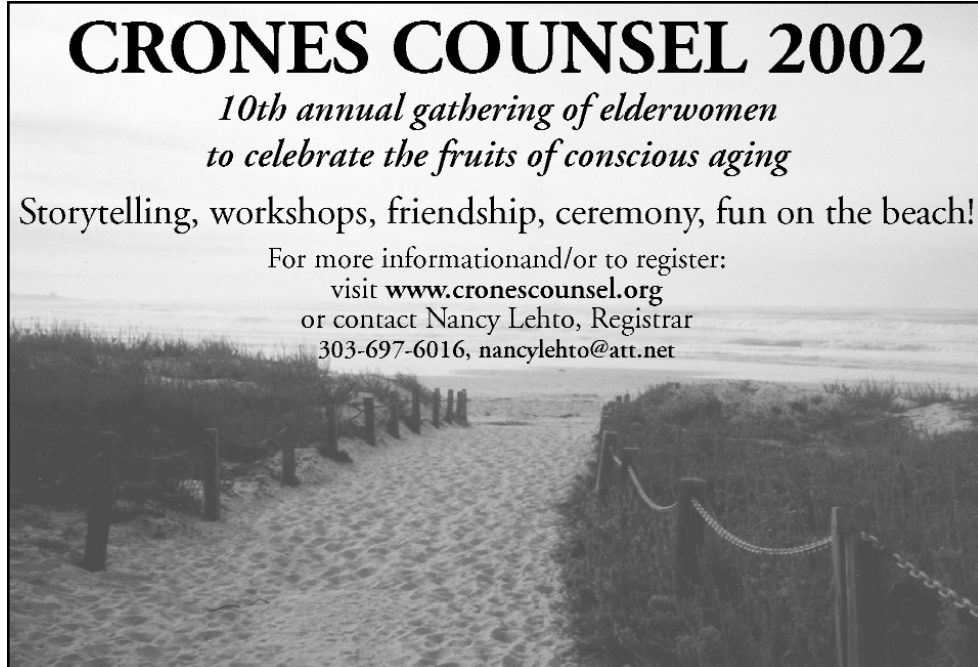
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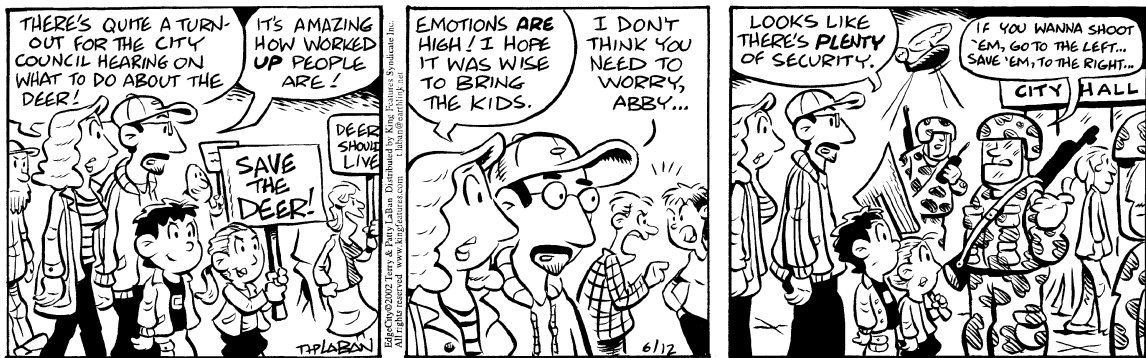
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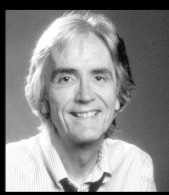
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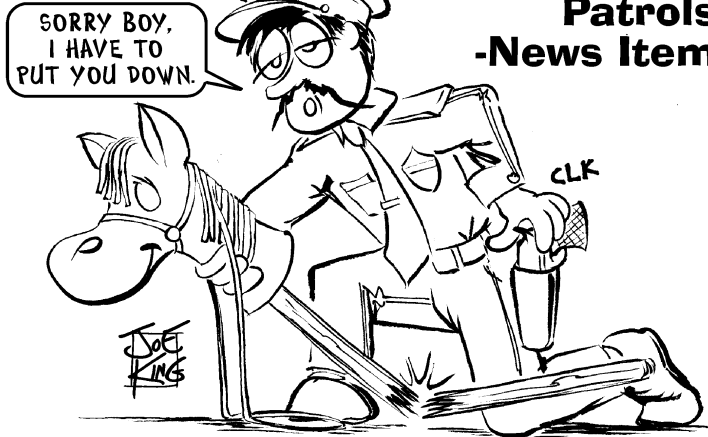
by Chuck Shepard

Dodgeball banned from Los Angeles schools

- According to a Los Angeles Times story, a handful of school districts in six states have banned dodgeball, intending to save kids from the violence and hurt feelings that result from humans throwing objects at other humans (March).
- People who watch TV and relate to the characters tend to believe they have more friends and a more lively social life than they really do, according to a study by a professor at Indiana University of Pennsylvania (May).
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Wednesday, June 12, 2002

Movies

AERO THEATRE 1328 Montana Ave

Late Marriage (NR)
5:30, 7:30, 9:30

AMC THEATRES SANTA MONICA 7 1310 3rd Street

Spider-Man (PG-13)
12:30, 2:00, 3:45, 4:45,
7:15, 7:30, 9:55, 10:15

Star Wars: Episode II -
Attack of the Clones
(PG)
12:30, 1:00, 3:30, 4:10,
6:40, 7:20, 9:45, 10:25

Undercover Brother (PG-
13)
12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:45,
9:00, 10:00

Spirit: Stallion of the
Cimarron (G)
12:35, 1:45, 2:45, 4:20,
5:10, 7:00, 7:40, 9:40

LAEMMLE MONICA 1332 2nd St.

Y Tu Mama Tambien (NR)
12:00, 2:35, 5:10, 7:45,
10:15

Dogtown and Z-Boys
(PG-13)
12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30,
9:55 CQ (R) 12:15, 2:35,
4:55, 7:15, 9:30

Cherish (R)
12:00, 2:30, 5:00. 7:40,
10:10

LANDMARK NU- WILSHIRE 1314 Wilshire Blvd

Thirteen Conversations
About One Thing (R)
11:00, 1:30, 4:15, 7:00,
9:30

Kissing Jessica Stein (R)
2:15, 7:15

The Cat's Meow (PG-13)
11:45, 4:45, 9:45

LOEWS THEATRES BROADWAY CINEMAS 1441 Third Street At Broadway

Unfaithful (R)
12:45, 3:45, 6:45, 9:45

About a Boy (PG-13)
12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30,
10:00

The Sum of All Fears
(PG-13)

11:45, 1:15, 2:45, 4:15,
5:45, 7:15, 8:45, 10:15

MANN CRITERION 1313 Third Street

Divine Secrets of the Ya-
Ya Sisterhood (PG-13)
10:45, 1:00, 1:30. 4:00,
4:30, 7:00, 7:30, 10:00,
10:30

Bad Company (PG-13)
10:50, 1:40, 4:40, 7:40,
10:45

Insomnia (R)
11:00, 1:50, 4:50, 7:45,
10:40

My Big Fat Greek
Wedding (PG)
1:45, 7:10

Enough (PG-13)
4:10, 10:10

TODAY

ENTERTAINMENT

Snapple Dye Hard Tour will be giving Manic Makeovers to people who want to push "life to the limit" for the day or beyond - with outrageous haircuts (including Buzz cuts, Mohawks and Mulletts), colorful hair extensions, wigs, glitter, fake eyelashes and body paint! 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., Venice Beach Recreation Center

Massive Reggae with Mongoose and DJ Ron Miller at West End, 1301 5th St., (310) 313-3292.

Steranko (UK Rock) at Rusty's Surf Ranch, 256 Santa Monica Pier, (310)393-7386.

Road to Blue at Harvelle's, 1432 4th St., (310)395-1676.

Earthsave Benefit (Monkeygrass, Thalamus Flynt, Mama Sutra) at 14 Below, 1348 14th St., (310)451-5040.

THURSDAY

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Westside Walkers, a FREE program sponsored by UCLA Healthcare's 50-Plus Program! Walking programs for adults 50 or older looking for safe, low-impact exercise in a comfortable environment. The Westside Walkers meet Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 8 a.m. To 10 a.m., at Westside Pavilion, Pico Blvd. Between Overland Ave. and Westwood Blvd. In West LA. For more information about the program, call (800)516-5323.

COMMUNITY

Santa Monica Farmer's Market featuring flowers and fresh produce. 2nd and Arizona. 9 a.m.- 2 p.m.

Santa Monica Strutters for seniors. UCLA Healthcare-sponsored. Santa Monica Place, 3rd level community room, 8 a.m.- 10 a.m.

ENTERTAINMENT

Vinyl at Temple Bar, 1026 Wilshire Blvd, (310)393-6611.

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