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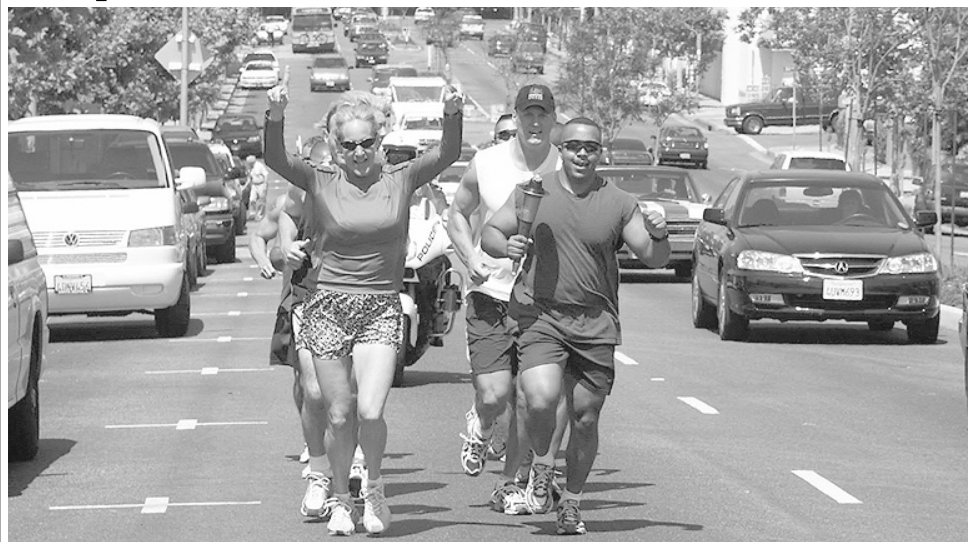
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Santa Monica Police Lt. Marianne Fullove and Officer Mike Boyd lead the pack of members from SMPD's special enforcement teams along Pico Boulevard carrying the Special Olympics torch Thursday. Officers from the Los Angeles Police Department handed off the torch to SMPD at the city limits, located at Centinela Avenue and Pico. The group ran 3.5 miles, escorted by SMPD motorcycle officers, along Pico to Lincoln Boulevard and Rose Avenue. The Special Olympics Summer Games begin today in Long Beach.

Schwarzenegger sues over 'Terminator' slot machine

BY ANDREW H. FIXMER
Daily Press Staff Writer

Arnold Schwarzenegger is suing a Nevada-based gambling company for \$20 million for allegedly using his likeness without permission on one of its slot machines.

International Game Technology built a prototype slot machine called "The Terminator," which it displayed once at a trade show almost two years ago. Schwarzenegger is suing the company in Santa Monica Superior Court to block the device from ever reaching casino floors.

The gambling device is modeled after the 1984 hit-movie of the same name that starred Schwarzenegger as an evil robot from the future sent back in time to assassinate a rebel leader before he's born.

The slot machine pictured Schwarzenegger dressed in a black leather jacket wearing dark sunglasses atop a motorcycle. Ed Rogich, IGT's marketing vice president, said his company secured the licensing rights to use the image from Canal+, which produced the original "Terminator" movie.

However, Schwarzenegger argues that the image is of himself — even if it is taken directly from the movie — and that it cannot be used without his permission.

He is suing Canal+ for violating its

licensing agreement with his company — Santa Monica-based Oak Productions, Inc., — by not seeking permission to use his likeness. If Schwarzenegger is successful, Canal+ will have to pay a per-

"Those products that use Mr. Schwarzenegger's likeness can be construed as an endorsement of them. A (slot machine) is not something Mr. Schwarzenegger wishes to be connected with."

— CHARLES J. HARDER
Arnold Schwarzenegger's attorney

centage of IGT's \$20 million in damages. "Canal has the rights to 'Terminator,'" said Rogich. "It really comes down to a contract dispute between those two parties."

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Courthouse overflows with deluge of lawsuits

Judges juggling up to 500 cases at a time

BY CAROLYN SACKARIASON
Daily Press Staff Writer

Judging by the caseload at the Santa Monica Courthouse, this is one litigious city.

There are more lawsuits filed here than in any other similarly-sized court in the Los Angeles Superior Court system. During the past year and a half alone, civil case filings in Santa Monica have increased between 18-20 percent.

The dramatic increase in litigation has taxed the court system in Santa Monica and forced judges to juggle up to 500 cases at a time.

Everything from personal injury slip-and-fall-cases to criminal prosecutions to high-profile civil lawsuits are heard in Santa Monica.

However, the lion's share of cases here are medical malpractice suits, landlord-tenant disputes, motor vehicle claims and breach of contract disputes, judges say.

Over the years, the stakes have gotten higher on the westside not only because its business district has expanded significantly, but because the kind of people living and working here has changed too.

"The demographics of the west district are such that you have so much business activity and a lot of criminal prosecutions within the city so the socio-economics of what goes on here make the extremes tremendous," said Alan Haber, the supervising judge who oversees six courthouses and 46 judges on the westside.

"When you have people living in multi-million homes and expensive condominium projects, the stakes get high," he added.

Throw in the fact that much of the entertainment industry is now in Santa Monica and it becomes a breeding ground for lawyers.

Many judges speculate that Santa Monica is seen as a better option by attorneys than the downtown Los Angeles Courthouse, which sees about 21,000 cases filed a year.

"My hunch is lawyers prefer the convenience of the west district," Haber said.

Haber spends his morning looking at court calendars to see which judges may be bogged down and need assistance. Sometimes, he'll transfer a jury trial over to another courtroom if necessary.

"I'm like a traffic cop," Haber said. "I direct traffic every day."

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New York City can't chase homeless off church steps

BY LARRY NEUMEISTER
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK — The city will fight a federal appeals court ruling that says the city cannot stop homeless people from sleeping outside a midtown Manhattan church, Mayor Michael Bloomberg said Thursday.

In a ruling released late Wednesday, the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said it could not see the logic in the city's decision to roust homeless people camped outside the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church.

The mayor said the city was fighting for the homeless.

"We think ... letting people sleep outside without bathroom facilities, without security, without a bed, is just wrong. It's not compassionate," Bloomberg said. "We have tried and we will continue to

try to convince the church that these people would be better served in the city's shelter system."

The church argued the city was violating the First Amendment's protection for religious activity.

Appeal attorney Gene C. Schaerr said the ruling would be "very important to churches around the country because it makes very clear that it really is up to the church to decide how to fulfill its own religious mission to the homeless."

The church sued the city Dec. 17 after police began shooing homeless away from the front of the church at night, prodding them with threats of arrest.

The court upheld a temporary ruling in January by U.S. District Judge Lawrence M. McKenna. The court noted the homeless stay at the church voluntarily and if the city sought to stop it, they likely would sleep elsewhere on the streets.

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★★-So-so ★-Difficult

♈ ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ Good news surrounds friendship. You might think an associate is delusional. A child or loved one goes out of his or her way to make you happy. Revise plans, if need be, so you can make the most out of a special offer. Tonight: Do something you loved as a kid.

♉ TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Honor strong feelings about your home and personal lives. Right now you could find that a boss has an easy touch. Think in terms of excitement. Variety and potential develop professionally. Know that you can make what you want happen. Tonight: Invite others over.

♊ GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ You hear news that puts a spring in your step and a smile on your face. Understand that nearly anything is possible when you beam like this. A difficult associate might even change his or her tune — fortunately for both of you. Make a caring overture. Tonight: Make a fun suggestion.

♋ CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Treat another; indulge him or her. You might find that by walking more carefully, you draw others. Develop your strong suit: your sensitivity. Others respond, though be careful about a financial offer. It might not be right on. This person might not be intentionally deceiving you. Tonight: Just offer.

♌ LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Venus moves into your sign, adding to the already famous charisma. Another might even stumble over his or her words speaking to you! He or she might be more taken than you realize. Adjust plans to what would make you happy. Tonight: Kick up your heels.

♍ VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ You have a lot on your mind, and you could be overly sensitive without meaning to be. Understand that you might be more fragile than usual in making decisions and choices. Remain positive in your dealings and don't jump to negative conclusions. Tonight: Get some extra zzz's.

♎ LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Aim for what you want. Others become far more disposed to do what you want. In a meeting, you have impact. When smiling at a new friend, he or she might tumble hopelessly in love. Use your intrinsic magic in the next few weeks. Tonight: The world really is your oyster.

♏ SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Someone key to your success sees you most positively. Start working on your "I want a pay raise" speech or your oration about a promotion. Others respond positively in the next few weeks. Timing chimes in with the moment. Tonight: All eyes look to you.

♐ SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Reach out for a loved one at a distance. You also might decide to schedule a long-overdue trip. You might get a lot of advice, perhaps causing you to back off a plan. Thank others for their helpfulness. You actually might adapt your plans as a result. Tonight: Be practical.

♑ CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Suddenly, someone quite significant wants to bestow good news. This person will do a lot to make your life easier. Don't undermine yourself; rather, aim for precisely what you want. Negotiations turn out much more as you would like them to. Tonight: With that special person.

♒ AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ You might confuse another, but this person likes what he or she sees. Be careful about someone putting you on a pedestal, as you can only fall off. Carefully consider an opportunity that surrounds a friendship. You might need to adjust a goal. Tonight: Play the night away.

♓ PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Be clear. Associates want to work with you. Remain optimistic about what might be going on. Realize not everyone has to agree with you. Aim for more of what you desire professionally. Be happy to pick up some loose ends. Tonight: Out with co-workers.

QUOTE of the DAY

"Where do you get anorexia?"
— Shelley Winters

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LOCAL

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Public invited to evaluate superintendent

By Daily Press staff

The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Board of Education is inviting all district personnel, parents, and community members to evaluate Superintendent John Deasy's performance.

Beginning June 17, the district's first community-wide assessment survey will begin. Responses must be received by June 25.

To fill out a survey, go to the district's home page at www.smmusd.org, then click on "Superintendent's Evaluation."

If you do not have access to a computer, please go to one of the cities' public libraries and use a computer with Internet access.

Council approves extension of run-off system

By Daily Press staff

The Santa Monica City Council approved \$1.6 million extension of its run-off water collection and distribution system Tuesday.

The newest phase of the system will expand an existing network of pipelines carrying recycled water to the Water Gardens Development at 26th Street, the Woodlawn Cemetery at 17th Street and to Delaware Avenue.

A new line also will be constructed to serve the future Public Safety Building, which is currently under construction behind City Hall, and the proposed Rand Corp. building on Main Street.

The Santa Monica Urban Runoff Recycling Facility located on Colorado Boulevard was built to collect and treat water from storm drains throughout the city and from the Santa Monica Pier.

When water washes over residential yards and city streets it picks up contaminants and carries those particles into the aquifer system and eventually into the Santa Monica Bay.

The Surfrider Foundation recently named the bay as one of the 10 most polluted stretches of the state's coast.

In Santa Monica, the runoff water is rerouted to the water collection facility where it is treated and then reused for irrigating the Santa Monica Freeway's landscaping, the city's parks and some cemetery landscaping.

The city has recently added water pumps and new lines to carry the recycled water from Colorado Boulevard to the intersection of Olympic Boulevard and 17th Street.

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Minus tides wreak havoc on dawn patrol so sleep in today. By late morning the new southwest swell will begin to fill in, building to a peak Saturday. Wind swell won't factor in until Sunday when weather forecasts call for onshore gusts.

Best exposures are north of Malibu and south of the Santa Monica Pier.

Forget Topanga and Surfrider, which are directly in the shadow of near-shore island San Nicolas.

The spot to be, in this surfer's humble opinion, will be Zero's. The long left had steady, clean, waist to shoulder high waves Thursday and should hang in the chest high range Saturday and Sunday.

(Information compiled by Jesse Haley.)

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



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Potter Mary Swann, of LaVerne, Calif., sets up her wares as part of the Contemporary Crafts Fair, opening this weekend at the Civic Center Auditorium in downtown Santa Monica.

The Q Line

Laker victory apparently not a priority

In anticipation of the Lakers' sweep of the New Jersey Nets two days ago, Q-Line asked, "What would be the best thing about the Lakers winning the NBA championship and how should we celebrate when the Nets are dunked?" Not many of you cared. What follows are the responses we received — all of them.

■ "Whether the Lakers win another championship or not should be the last thing to be worrying about right now. We in this country should be more concerned about the danger of terrorists putting nerve gas in our nation largest city's underground subways and the safety of California's water supply, which is wide open from one end of the state to the other. We must also be concerned about the threat of the possibility of the dirty bomb. There is also the problem with India and Pakistan. For goodness sake people, wake up and smell the coffee, America is at war. Our very way of life is at stake. If the Lakers win, fine! If not, it won't be the biggest problem facing our nation. We have our priorities upside down."

■ "As far as throwing the Lakers a big bash for their championship, or for that matter any other team's win, parades,

etc., are totally unnecessary. These guys are out to win games, and are paid obscene bucks for their so-called sports-manship. Actually, far too much money is paid too them. This country has their priorities upside down big time. Conspicuous consumption and waste abound here more than any other place around the world."

■ "At the NBA finals time, I am, as defined by your sports writer, a Laker maniac! I will arrive early on the day of the Laker victory parade in a new Laker T-shirt. Early enough to Figueroa Street to nab a spot on the curb up front...I hope anyway!"

■ "I think we should celebrate the Lakers championship by taking all the money that would have been spent on some sort of celebration and put it into sports programs for inner-city kids."



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OPINION

LETTERS

Historic district debate misleading

Editor:

Recently, north of Montana residents received fliers asking them to attend a city council meeting in support of a woman who was denied a permit by the Landmarks Commission to build a subterranean garage underneath her home in the Third Street Neighborhood Historic District.

While this appeal did not seem to have anything to do with my north of Montana neighborhood, the flier's author, attorney Tom Larmore, sought to make it an issue by targeting my neighborhood with a flier filled with misleading information (e.g., the flier's first sentence: "As you know, the Landmarks Commission is considering the creation of several historic districts north of Montana." They're not. They are merely doing an inventory of homes in our area, which, as everyone, including Mr. Larmore knows, is what a Landmarks Commission is supposed to do).

Mr. Larmore's flier also gives the impression that he is acting as a concerned citizen, when he is, in fact, the attorney for the applicant. Inflaming the north of Montana neighborhood with misleading information in order to help his client win an appeal seems "ethically challenged" at best.

Mr. Larmore also neglected to point out that building a subterranean garage, which is what he was asking north of Montana residents to support, is something that would not be allowed to ANY north of Montana home, historic or not.

As I understand it, since the creation of the Third Street Historic District, this was the first time an area homeowner was denied a permit to do a desired remodel. The guidelines, designed by district residents themselves, allow for great flexibility. However, there must be SOME restrictions or a historic district would quickly cease to be historic.

Judging from Mr. Larmore's past statements, this appears to be his goal. But misleading my neighbors to get a big turn-out at city hall in support of his client does a disservice to everyone.

Victor Fresco
Santa Monica

Being towed is traumatic

Editor:

Your story brought to mind my own nightmare over being towed from private property recently. In fact, it felt as though it opened up old wounds from which I have yet to recover.

If the city placed signs on Santa Monica Boulevard after cars were already parked there, and then towed them, I think that is an abomination. I don't know what exactly is going on, but it does not bode well in my opinion.

Quite frankly, since the city denied that there was assigned parking on the property from which I was towed, when in fact that was exactly what I was towed from — an assigned parking space — I would not be so inclined to believe what has been said regarding the posting of the temporary no parking signs.

I find this very disturbing, and those owners who had their cars towed have my complete sympathy. Having one's car towed is very upsetting, not to mention the financial impact. I don't wish it on anyone, and if those who do the towing had it done to them, then maybe they would not be so quick to act.

I would not be so sure that those people will get their money back.

Fighting city hall is no easy task, but I wish them luck.

Julia Reeves
Santa Monica

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ENTERTAINMENT



Matt and Ben: Competition strengthens their friendship

BY SEAN DALY
Special to the Daily Press

One way to spice up any relationship is to throw in a dash of good, old-fashioned competition.

Just ask Matt Damon and Ben Affleck. They've been best friends since the early days of Pac-Man, shared an Oscar for "Good Will Hunting," even dated a pair of best friends — Winona Ryder and Gwyneth Paltrow.

But can their close ties survive a head-to-head battle at the multiplex?

Youbetcha!

"There is no rivalry between us," insists Affleck, now 10 months sober and still beaming from the success of his blow-'em-up thriller "The Sum of All Fears."

It was number one again last weekend (earning \$18.7 million), but Affleck remains in obvious denial of his box-office clout.

"I certainly don't think I am a bigger star than Matt," he says.

Still, the number-crunchers at Forbes magazine disagree. They rank the University of Vermont dropout No. 44 out of America's 100 most famous celebrities. Damon failed to make the list.

That's okay, says the buzz-cut Harvard grad, who will try his hand as an action star this weekend in "The Bourne Identity."

"Neither of our successes depends on the other's failure," Damon notes, denying reports that a falling-out occurred when Damon's cameo appearance as a waiter was snipped out of Affleck's movie. "We're always keeping our fingers crossed for each other."

It's been that way since Affleck and Damon first deposited their allowance money into a joint bank account to fund audition trips to Manhattan, and began organizing "business lunches" in the cafeteria of Cambridge Ridge Latin High School, near Boston in the early 1980s.

"We'd sit there with our trays and little crappy 50-cent chicken sandwiches and we'd say things like 'We're going to be big actors,'" Affleck remembers with a smile. "We're going to really take the town by storm!"

And they did.

In 1998, with their mothers as dates, Affleck, 29, and Damon, 31, stood center stage at the Academy Awards to claim their trophies for the screenplay of "Good Will Hunting."

"Neither of them really changed that much after the movie took off," says friend and director Kevin Smith.

In fact, in the four years since, Affleck insists the two actors have grown even closer.

"We're probably better friends now," he says. "I think we value our friendship more and understand how rare it is to have a good friend."

There are, of course, occasional problems, but nothing that most best friends don't learn to laugh about.

"Matt and I have strains in our relationship the way I have strains with the rest of the friends I have known my whole life," Affleck says. "Matt's a #%@&-ing slob and he won't clean and he can be annoying. He comes over and he leaves his [stuff] around and I say, 'I'm not your #%@&-ing maid. Pick up your dishes.'"

In recent years, the pair has seen their careers drift in slightly opposing directions.

Affleck has become more of the "pop-corn movie" actor, starring in big-budget



Ben Affleck and Matt Damon

fare like "Pearl Harbor," "Bounce," and "Shakespeare in Love." Damon, on the other hand, has gravitated toward more artistic, less commercial projects.

And not always with the same amount of success.

"The last few movies that I've headlined ('All The Pretty Horses,' 'The Legend of Bagger Vance') have not been very successful," he acknowledges. "So I know a lot is riding on 'The Bourne Identity.'"

In his first foray into action movies, Damon stars as a young man who washes ashore in the Mediterranean and races to recover his memory while evading assassins.

The film is based on a novel by the late Robert Ludlum (which also served as the basis for a 1988 television movie starring Richard Chamberlain). It's the first in a trilogy of Jason Bourne stories: Up next, "The Bourne Supremacy" and "The Bourne Ultimatum."

"I didn't sign up for a sequel," Damon reveals. "I think they have everyone else locked up for a sequel. This was my first foray into this type of a movie and I didn't really know if I was going to like it."

Despite the pressure to deliver at the box office, Damon says he is proud of his previous choices — all of them — and even allowed Affleck to poke fun at him last summer in Smith's comedy "Jay & Silent Bob Strike Back."

"I'm sorry I dragged you always from whatever gay serial killers who ride horses and like to play golf, touchy-feely picture you were going to do this week," Affleck taunts a scene where the two actors are working on the fictitious sequel "Good Will Hunting 2: Hunting Season."

"I take it you haven't seen 'Forces of Nature,'" Damon chides back.

Says Smith, "They felt like enough time had passed and they were both of the mind of 'Let's skewer the public personas and how people see us before someone else does it,'" says Smith.

Affleck is currently filming the sci-fi move "Daredevil" with director Mark Steven Johnson, while Damon is giving his final performances in the London stage production of "This Is Our Youth."

Affleck was in the audience on May 25 to cheer on his pal (and his brother Casey, who also appears).

"That's the secret to a good friendship — you always support the other person," Affleck says. "Whether it is Matt or my brother or whoever. You know you are not good friends with somebody if his success pisses you off. So even if my career totally falls apart or I have one of those tragic P-R disaster things — like I get arrested with a male hooker or something — I still hope Matt does well."

(Sean Daly is a Santa Monica-based writer and president of Showtime Entertainment.)

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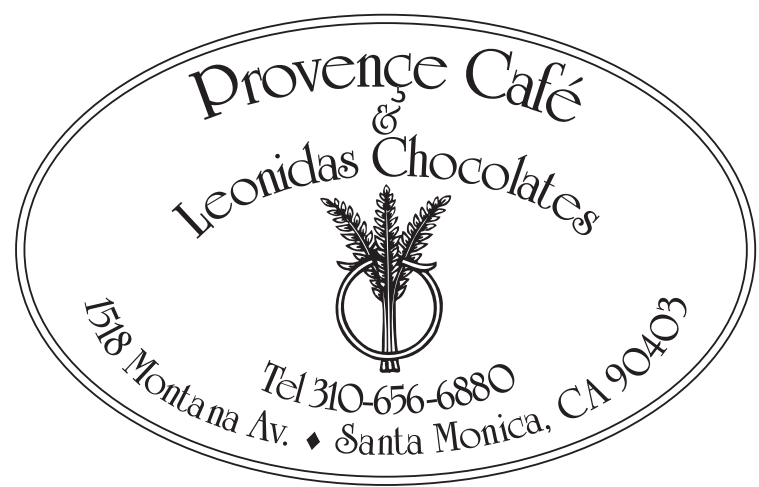
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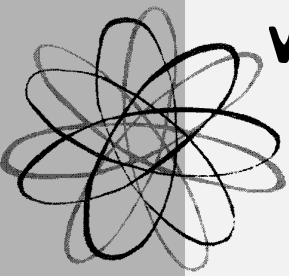
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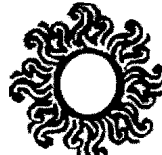


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Drug networks linked to cartel gang raided in U.S.

BY KATE BERRY
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES — Four networks that distributed illegal drugs across the nation for the Tijuana, Mexico-based Arellano Felix cartel were dismantled Thursday with raids in California and four other states, law enforcement authorities said.

Thirty-two people were arrested and arrest warrants were issued for 38 others in the latest round of a continuing investigation called Operation Vice Grip, local, federal and state officials announced at a press conference.

Search and arrest warrants were served at 30 locations in Southern California. Others were served in New York, Arizona, Minnesota and Connecticut.

Some 400 law enforcement officers and agents were involved in the raids targeting major Mexican drug transporters in the Los Angeles area. The drug cartel shipped narcotics from Los Angeles via commercial airlines and trucks for distribution in Boston, Cincinnati, Minneapolis, New York, and Newark, N.J., police said.

The Arellano Felix organization is Mexico's largest drug gang. Before Thursday's raids, authorities had already seized \$13.9 million in narcotics, including 13.5 tons of cocaine, 46 pounds of methamphetamine, and 4,768 pounds of marijuana, and made 234 arrests during the two-year nationwide investigations.

But drug shipments have not halted. "We still see major loads of cocaine coming across the border," said Michele Leonhard, a U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration special agent in Los Angeles.

Mexico's attorney general said this week that the Arellano Felix organization remains strong despite the death of top enforcer Ramon Arellano Felix, who was shot by police in February, and the capture a month later of his brother, Benjamin, who oversaw daily operations.

The gang is believed to have shipped tons of cocaine and marijuana through the border city of Tijuana and on to distributors in California and the Midwest over the past two decades. It also is believed to have been behind more than 300 murders.

Los Angeles Police Chief Martin Pomeroy described the group as "a poison that is affecting our children."

The new attack on the organization included nearly 10 provisional arrest warrants served in Mexico for alleged drug lieutenants Ismael Higuera-Guerro and Mario Alberto Russel-Gamez, both of whom were arrested in May 2000.

Los Angeles County District Attorney Steve Cooley is seeking extradition of the men and is still looking for others, including Bernardo DelaCerra, known as "Don Ben," who is a fugitive.

"This narcotics trafficking is nothing more than organized crime," said Cooley.

He said that Thursday's raids also included arrests of Juan Ramon Camacho and Rosario Uriarte, alleged to be leaders of Los Angeles cells in the trafficking network. Arrests were made in Los Angeles, Compton, Inglewood, Riverside, San Diego and South Gate said Los Angeles police Detective Gerard Kennelly.

The investigation of the Arellano Felix organization has involved the dismantling of drug cells from 26 cities in 18 states since Operation Vice Grip began, police said.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

BRIEFS, from page 3

SOULstice Celebration set for Sunday

By Daily Press staff

The Main Street Merchants in Santa Monica will sponsor their 2nd Annual Summer SOULstice Celebration and Sidewalk Sale on Sunday, June 16 from Noon until 6 p.m., on Main Street between Pico Boulevard and Marine Street.

The celebration will include music, an art show, and children's activities and more. Activities will be in parking lots and courtyards all day.

From 12:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. there will be all kinds of live music: jazz, folk-rock, Irish, Latin, rock n roll, Flamenco, Australian Aborigine, country rock and more.

DJs, including Jason Bentley and Liza Richardson from KCRW, will be providing music, and, for the kids, there will be pony rides, a petting zoo, and a touch tank. There will also be an art show.

All day parking is available at the beach lots two blocks away for \$5.

Below is the schedule (subject to change):

- "Urth Caffe lot," corner of Hollister & Main: petting zoo, Window On Our Water's tidepool and touch tank, and (after 2:30 p.m.) pony rides.

- "Shoop's/Global Grooves" lot, 2400 Main, westside: Global Grooves DJs

spinning music.

- Edgemar Courtyard, 2430 Main, eastside: live music including the Cristian Amigo Trio (Latin music, 1:30 p.m.) and Sounds of the Dreamtime (Australian Aborigine & World music, 3:30 p.m.).

- "Lost Planet" lot, 2515 Main, just south of Mani's: art show.

- Norman Place and Library lawn: John Muir school talent show & bake sale, and Joe Gaeta's Jazz Quartet (2-4 p.m.).

- Victorian entrance area, 2640 Main, westside: after the Farmer's Market ends, the live music and pony rides will resume at 1:45 p.m. with singer/songwriter Sara Messenger & The Marginal Prophets ("Soulfolk conFusion", 1:45-3:15 p.m.) and The Gary Gordon Band (folk/blues/country-rock, 3:30 -5 p.m.).

- New Orleans Building Courtyard, 2665 Main, eastside: Flamenco guitarist & dancer.

- First Federal lot, 2811 Main, eastside: All-day party with Joey Ecktor & Friends (jazz, 12:45 p.m.), Los Pinguos (Latin music, 2 p.m.), KCRW's Jason Bentley and Liza Richardson, the MILA Samba School (4:30 p.m.).

- Kinney Ave., westside: live music: Paul Arnoldi & Friends (folk/country, 12:30 p.m.), Maria Butterly & Her Band (Irish/American folk & rock, 2 p.m.), The Nancy Luca Band (rock, 3:30 p.m.)

- Fro Bar, 2941 Main, eastside: After event party 6 p.m.

LOCAL



Most lawsuits settled out of court, judge says

LITIGATION, from page 1

Superior Court Judge Paul Flynn almost had to do some redirecting earlier this week when his court calendar showed three jury trials scheduled for Monday.

But Flynn was able to divert two of them by taking the parties into his chambers and convincing them to reach a settlement.

Last month there were 39 cases filed in Flynn's department. Usually the number of cases filed each month is between 40 and 50 in each of Santa Monica's nine civil litigation courtrooms.

Sometimes judges can reduce their workload either by working with the litigants or sending them to a less busy courtroom, which isn't common, Flynn said.

"Everybody's stuffed," he said. "You have to carry your own snakes, so to speak."

About 5,700 cases are filed every year in the superior court's west district, which is comprised of Santa Monica, Malibu, West Los Angeles, Beverly Hills, Culver City and the Airport courthouses.

"This district has the highest number of general civil filings of all the courthouses," Haber said. "These are heavy case-loads but we are trying to bring them down to about 400 for each judge and then it's manageable."

The judges in Santa Monica certainly don't fit the stereotype.

"You don't fold up your tent and go play golf," Haber said. "You really have to put in a hard day's work here."

Despite the increased workload, Haber believes the Santa Monica Courthouse is one of the more desirable posts in the superior court system. However, some may want to stay away on purpose for that very reason.

"There are some judges who have very

low numbers (of cases) who don't want to come here," Flynn said.

Former Superior Court Judge Debra W. Yang, who left the Santa Monica Courthouse in May to become U.S. Attorney for the Central District of California, said she admired her colleagues for handling such a rigorous workload and would miss their work ethic more than anything. She passed her 500 pending suits to Judge Jacqueline Connor knowing it would be an arduous task to become familiar with the cases.

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"We could stand to have a few more judges here," Yang said.

The average case takes 15 months to resolve, but judges always try to settle the case while it continues to live at the courthouse.

"Statistically between 97 and 98 percent of the cases get settled here," Haber said.

But as the litigants become more high profile, their cases become more complicated.

"The more money people have to spend the more they spend on their lawyers," Haber said.

Gambling company uses celebrity images often

SLOT MACHINE, from page 1

Rogich's company failed to convince Santa Monica Superior Court Judge Terry Friedman earlier this month that the case should be moved to a Nevada Superior Court.

IGT's California attorney, Ryan S. Hedges, said the company will continue to "actively defend itself against the lawsuit."

"We feel we are not at fault in the matter," Hedges said. "And I think it's safe to say the company will continue to do everything in its power to protect itself from this."

Neither Jill Eisenstadt, Schwarzenegger's publicist, nor Canal+ attorneys returned calls and e-mail messages requesting comment on the lawsuit.

However, Schwarzenegger's attorney Charles J. Harder wrote in the lawsuit's brief that Schwarzenegger protects his image closely and hardly ever allows it to be used for commercial purposes.

In addition, Harder wrote that Schwarzenegger does not agree with the practice of gambling and does not want his image associated with a slot machine or any other gaming device.

"Those products that use Mr. Schwarzenegger's likeness can be construed as an endorsement of them," wrote Harder in his brief. "A (slot machine) is

not something Mr. Schwarzenegger wishes to be connected with."

Schwarzenegger has been picked by President George W. Bush to lead the nation's physical fitness campaign. Schwarzenegger is also an active campaigner for Republican candidates throughout the state and the country. Last year the California Republican party considered asking Schwarzenegger to run for the governor's office.

IGT has produced dozens of slot machines modeled after popular television shows and movies — including "Austin Powers," "The Pink Panther" and "The Creature from the Black Lagoon." The company also has games modeled after celebrities such as Marilyn Monroe, Ingrid Bergman, Humphrey Bogart, Frank Sinatra, Elvis Presley, and Regis Philbin.

"In the early days they would say, 'You can use the name and the logo and that's it,'" Rogich said. "But now they give us almost every clip from the movie and say 'OK, do what you want.'"

"So now because of the technology that's available, we can incorporate a lot of video taken right from the movie into the game," he said.

The deal with Canal+ was only for images and limited sound from the movie. No video was incorporated into the slot machine.

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IRS tests honest woman

By The Associated Press

MARSHALL, Mo. — Getting a check from the Internal Revenue Service is usually a good thing. Diana Doss has learned to think otherwise.

For the second year in a row, she's been sent a refund for almost \$200,000 — a surprise for a woman who juggles jobs at a rehabilitation center and a local Wal-Mart.

After her first mistaken refund, Doss contacted the IRS and was told to write "VOID" across it and send it back. She did.

On June 3, she got another check, this time for \$188,368.44.

"When I open the mail, I'm just devastated," Doss said. "It's a lot of stress on me to try to get this straightened out, and they're not getting it straight."

Generally, when such mistakes are pointed out to the IRS, they're corrected without a problem, said Kris Moore, an IRS spokeswoman.

"If we didn't fix the problem, I apologize for that," Moore said. If Doss or someone else in a similar situation did cash the check, Moore said, the person would be responsible for repaying the amount plus interest to the IRS.

Bucky the badger costume stolen

By The Associated Press

MADISON, Wis. — University of Wisconsin-Madison officials are wondering where a Bucky badger costume has burrowed.

One of about four Bucky costumes was stolen from its off-duty location at Camp Randall Stadium some time between May 30 and June 4, UW-Madison Police Sgt. Pete Ystenes said Tuesday.

"It's not something you could stick under your shirt and sneak out easily," Athletic Department spokesman Vince Sweeney said.

The costume, valued around \$4,000, should stand out in a crowd.

The outfits are stored in a duffel bag at the stadium when they are not being used by one of four to six people chosen each year to play Bucky, Sweeney said.

But he advised that the thieves might not want to suit up on a Wisconsin summer day. "It's warm in there," he said. "They have a unique odor by the end of the semester."

Cheney invites 5-year-old to fund-raiser

By The Associated Press

WILBRAHAM, Mass. — Benjamin Crevier recently got a personal invitation from Vice President Dick Cheney to a \$2,500-a-plate dinner with President Bush.

The only problem is, Ben is just 5 years old.

It seems his name came to the attention of the dinner organizers as part of a magazine subscription list. Ben's parents had filled out some subscriptions years ago in their son's name as part of an airline deal.

Ben's father, David Crevier, said he's a lifelong Democrat but registered Republican to vote for John McCain in 2000. He sent Cheney a thank-you note, signed by Ben, explaining that his son couldn't make the dinner because he was a bit short on the \$2,500 tab.

"I currently have \$11.97 ... in my piggy bank and about \$200 in U.S. Savings Bonds and my dad has promised me an allowance beginning at age 8," the note said. "Would you be willing to lend me the balance? I promise I am good for it."

Desperate man gets creative

By The Associated Press

GASTONIA, N.C. — Danny Talley admits he's a desperate man.

Talley put up a sign in front of house reading, "Marry Danny," complete with two stenciled hearts and his phone number.

The 57-year-old said he's been divorced for 10 years and had been taking care of his mother until she died last year.

Talley had been out of the dating game so long that he hardly knew how to get back in. He got the idea for the sign from a story about a woman in Texas who put up a billboard touting her single status.

"I thought about her, but Texas is a long ways away," he said.

Talley couldn't manage a billboard, so he decided to go with a front yard sign, using a folding table and some spare paint.

Talley hadn't received any responses as of Tuesday, but he held out hope.

"If it works it works, if it doesn't then it doesn't. But I think it's going to work out," he said. "I'm ready for it."

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Astronomers find planets, solar system similar to ours

BY PAUL RECER

AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON — For the first time, astronomers have found a distant planetary system with at least one planet whose orbit resembles a member of our solar system.

Geoffrey Marcy of the University of California, Berkeley, and Paul Butler of the Carnegie Institution of Washington said Thursday they have found a planet about five times the size of Jupiter circling a sun-like star at an orbital distance very like that of the solar system's biggest planet.

The newly discovered planet is one of three planets circling a star, called 55 Cancri, that is about 51 light years away from Earth.

"This is the first time that we've found a family of planets that has some similarities to our own solar system," Marcy said Thursday at a news conference.

The new planet circles 55 Cancri at a distance of 5.5 Astronomical units, close to the 5.2 AU orbit of Jupiter. An AU is the distance between the Earth and the sun, about 93 million miles.

The two other planets around 55 Cancri are also Jupiter- or Saturn-sized bodies, but they orbit much closer to the parent star. One is in an orbit of about 9 million miles and the other is about 23 million miles.

Marcy and Butler also announced they had found 13 other planets orbiting distant stars, bringing to 91 the total number of known extrasolar planets.

Just a decade ago, the concept of other stars having planets was "in the realm of science fiction," noted Anne Kinney, director of NASA's astronomy division.

The Marcy-Butler team has found most of the 91 extrasolar planets. The group uses a technique that measures the very slight wobble of a central star and then uses the magnitude of this motion to determine the presence of orbiting planets, the size and shape of their orbits and their mass. The technique works only for larger planets and cannot detect those much smaller than about half the mass of Saturn.

Marcy and Butler said they had a hint years ago that 55 Cancri had a large planet in a Jupiter-like orbit, but to confirm the conclusion required measurements for at least one complete orbit of the planet. The new planet takes about 13 years to circle its star, close to the 11.86 years it takes Jupiter to orbit the sun.

"All other extrasolar planets discovered up to now orbit closer to the parent star and most of them have had elongated, eccentric orbits," said Marcy. "This new planet orbits as far from its star as our own Jupiter orbits the sun."

The planet-hunting team is in the midst of a long-term project to search each sun-like star in the Milky Way up to a distance of 150 light years. A light year is the distance light travels in a year in a vacuum, about 5.8 trillion miles. The Milky Way is the home galaxy of the solar system and contains about 200 billion stars.

The astronomers are using large telescopes at observatories in both the northern and southern hemisphere to probe the entire sky visible from Earth.

Although the 55 Cancri planet is the first to resemble a solar system-like orbit, Butler said he expects the astronomers will find

many such planets over the next decade.

The Marcy-Butler team has been trying to detect extrasolar planets for more than a decade. A planet must make one whole orbit of its star before astronomers can be certain of its characteristics. Planet candidates first detected five to 10 years ago are now being confirmed on an almost daily basis, and it is not unusual to confirm two or three new planets a week, he said.

Over the next decade, he said, the team should be able "to give hard numbers" on

how many solar systems like our own are in the Milky Way.

Marcy said astronomer Greg Laughlin of the University of California, Santa Cruz, calculated it is possible for an Earth-sized planet to exist in a stable orbit between the two inner planets of 55 Cancri and the giant planet orbiting at 5.5 AU.

The calculations suggest small rocky planets like the Earth or Mars could be present in orbit of 55 Cancri, said Marcy, but that theory cannot yet be tested.

Reforms pondered



Rick Wilking/Associated Press

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops gathers for the opening meeting of their conference in Dallas on Thursday. The bishops considered proposals to reform the way the church handles molestation claims, including zero tolerance—the issue of whether to oust any priest found guilty of a single case of abuse.

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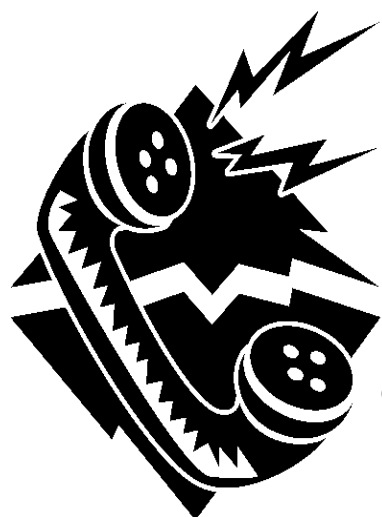
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NATIONAL

Shark experts: bites will increase as crowds grow

BY VICKIE CHACHERE

Associated Press Writer

TAMPA, Fla. — While the chances of being bitten by a shark are still minuscule, the number of attacks by the predators will rise as people continue to swamp beaches and not take precautions, shark experts said Thursday.

The increase in bites will come even though the world's shark populations are declining, a fact the scientists called "ironic" but attribute to the rising number of swimmers and surfers entering the shark's lair.

"Humans are swamping out sharks in their own waters," said University of Florida shark attack expert George Burgess.

"When we enter the water, it's a wilderness experience. It's not like entering the YMCA pool," he said.

About 200 marine scientists have gathered for a three-day meeting to discuss last year's spate of shark attacks — dubbed "The summer of the shark" — and the protection of the species which is being threatened by overfishing worldwide.

The problem with both issues, the experts agree, is that much about sharks continues to be misunderstood.

While people are terrified of the beasts, they don't seem to take the precautions needed to protect themselves in the water. And while people are fascinated by the beasts, there isn't much public pressure to protect the animal which keeps the ocean's ecosystem in balance, the scientists said.

"The real story here is not shark bites man, but man bites shark," Burgess said.

In 2000, more than 264 million people went to U.S. beaches and 23 were bitten by sharks, the United States Lifesaving Association reported. By comparison, 132 people died from drowning, heart attacks or other accidents on the beach, the lifeguard organization said.

Burgess, director of the International Shark Attack File for the Florida Museum of Natural History, said the number of attacks has increased, but the rate of attacks — once the increase in beach population is factored in — has remained

steady over the decades.

In Florida, there have been 474 shark attacks since 1882, including 19 fatalities.

Volusia County — where surfers, large schools of bait fish and sharks converge in the same waters — had the most attacks during the past 120 years with 134 documented incidents. Last year, there were 73 documented shark bites worldwide, 22 of them happened on Volusia beaches.

The bites often occur when sharks are chasing fish in murky waters, become confused and bite a person instead. Lifeguards at the conference said many of the bites documented as shark attacks are no more serious than a nip from a small dog.

"The surfers look at it as a badge of courage," said Volusia County Beach Patrol director Joe Wooden. "They know the sharks are out there and they actually enjoy it."

Wooden said surfers were outraged last summer when 10 people were bitten during a 10-day period, forcing the closing of a popular Ponce Inlet beach.

Alex Peabody, a lifeguard supervisor in Santa Cruz, Calif., said beachgoers should be more concerned about budget cuts that are reducing by one-third the number of lifeguards on the beach available to watch for hazards such as dangerous rip tides or sharks.

Others said the public needs to be more concerned with the dwindling numbers of sharks inhabiting the oceans than the number of shark attacks.

Internationally, shark populations are on the decline due to overfishing and a lack of international regulation, said Merry Camhi of the National Audubon Society. In 1999, about 100 million sharks were caught or killed by international fishermen, she said.

"It's clear that shark populations cannot sustain these catches," she said, noting that 16 shark species are currently threatened with extinction.

"We really need to change our perspectives on sharks. We have been vilifying them and continue to do so ... Ultimately, we have become the apex predator in the ocean."

Surfer was bitten by shark, not bluefish as reported

By The Associated Press

NEW SMYRNA BEACH, Fla. — A surfer who was bitten in the foot last weekend was the victim of a shark, not a bluefish as was originally thought, hospital officials said.

Craig Taylor was sitting on his surfboard Sunday off New Smyrna Beach when he was bitten. Volusia County lifeguards who bandaged his foot first said the bite pattern could have been left by a bluefish.

He was taken to Bert Fish Medical Center, where the wound was further treated and he was released. Spokeswoman Cathy Vaughn said the emergency room physician concluded that the wound was consistent with the bite of a shark.

Taylor, 50, said he was surprised to hear lifeguards thought he had been bitten by a bluefish.

Bluefish bites generally are a U-shaped and about 3 inches long. Taylor said his bite was about 6 inches long, with a "double row of gashes and deep cuts."

The Volusia County Beach Patrol previously has downplayed shark attacks, preferring to call less serious ones "nips."

"We're not experts on bites," Beach Patrol Capt. Rob Horster said Wednesday. "I bandage them up and ship them off."

There were 76 unprovoked shark attacks in the United States last year, 37 of them in Florida, according to the International Shark Attack File in Gainesville. Of the 37 attacks in Florida, 22 were in Volusia County.

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Mayors very concerned about threats to cities

BY SARAH WYATT

Associated Press Writer

MADISON, Wis. — Many U.S. mayors are worried about the threat of chemical or biological attacks on their cities and say they do not have enough money to deal with such an emergency, a survey found.

Those concerns, and President Bush's plan to create a Cabinet-level department for homeland defense, are likely to be major topics of discussion this weekend in Madison, where more than 300 mayors are gathering for the annual policy meeting of the U.S. Conference of Mayors.

The survey of 122 mayors found that 73 percent expressed "very high" or "high" concern about the possibility of chemical attacks, 71 percent were very concerned about biological threats, and 67 percent expressed

high concern about bomb threats.

Almost four out of five mayors said they had inadequate funding to detect threats, and three out of four said they did not have enough money for emergency response equipment or programs to protect city infrastructures.

"Mayors are on the front lines of homeland security, and we need the resources to do our jobs and prepare our cities," said Boston Mayor Thomas Menino, who is president of the group, which released the survey Thursday.

"Everybody says you've got to be prepared, but give us something to prepare ourselves."

Among the resolutions the mayors will consider is one calling on Washington to distribute about \$3 billion in block grants for homeland security directly to cities and counties rather than through the states, as Bush proposed

in his budget.

"When you call 9-1-1 you don't get the highway patrol, you get a local cop, a local firefighter, a local EMS person; when we talk about first responders we're talking about local government," Reno, Nev., Mayor Jeff Griffin said.

The mayors also will consider a resolution calling on Congress to support an increased flow of information among local and federal law enforcement agencies.

The conference, which is expected to draw more than 300 mayors, will include addresses by Homeland Security Director Tom Ridge, FEMA Director Joe Allbaugh and Transportation Security Chief John Magaw.

Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson, who served as Wisconsin's governor for 14 years, will also speak at the conference, which starts Friday.

Shadowy foreign ships may be a risk, lawmakers told

BY JIM ABRAMS

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Foreign flag vessels, many of shadowy origins, now account for 90 percent of shipping into and out of the United States and could pose a security risk to the country, lawmakers were told Thursday.

Of greatest concern is the "flag of convenience" system where ship owners often have no connection to the country under which their ship is registered, witnesses told a House Armed Services Committee panel.

This system, said William Schubert, maritime administrator with the Transportation Department, "can inadver-

tently open the door for criminal and terrorist activity that would be impossible under the U.S. flag registry."

"From my review of certain registries," said Rep. Duncan Hunter, R-Calif., chairman of the panel, "it is apparent that we have virtually no idea who owns, or who controls a number of these ships."

Rep. Frank Wolf, R-Va., singled out Liberia, citing U.N. reports that revenues from its flag registry were channeled to a Russian arms dealer with ties to the Taliban and al-Qaida. Without guarantees that those revenues are transparent and serve the needs of the Liberian people, the registry should be shut down, he said.

Wolf said he had taken his concerns about Liberia to the Bush administration

and been "disappointed" with its reaction.

Ship operators in the United States and other developed countries have long registered their vessels in countries that offer lower fees, less restrictive laws, lower taxes and cheaper crews.

Liberia has hosted a U.S.-based shipping registry since 1949 and now ranks second to Panama in total shipping tonnage in U.S. ports. One-third of imported oil arrives on Liberian-flagged tankers.

The system brings in about \$18 million a year for Liberia's war-torn government and its former warlord leader Charles Taylor.

The Liberian operation is run by the Vienna, Va.-based firm Liberian International Ship & Corporate Registry

and is regarded as one of the more high quality registries. Its chief executive officer, Yoram Cohen, told the hearing that the firm has taken steps to increase security, devoting revenues to a database of crew and their qualifications, and introducing biometric identification measures for seafarers.

Steps were also being taken to assure transparency in how Liberia used its revenues, he said.

Beyond Liberia, Rear Adm. Paul Pluta, assistant commandant for the Coast Guard, cited reports that Osama bin Laden covertly owns a shipping fleet and used a cargo ship in 1998 used to deliver supplies used in the bombings of the U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania.



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Plane crash kills Americans



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An injured serviceman lying on a stretcher is carried into a waiting ambulance at the Ramstein, Germany, U.S. Air Base on Thursday, just after arriving from Afghanistan on a military transport plane. The man was wounded when a U.S. military plane carrying special forces troops crashed and caught fire after taking off from a field airstrip in Afghanistan, killing three Americans and injuring seven on Wednesday. The crash was the deadliest in the Afghan campaign since seven Marines were killed in January. A total of two injured from the crash were flown to Ramstein Thursday for treatment at the nearby Landstuhl Regional Medical Center.

The Department of Defense identified the dead as: Sean Corlew, 37, of Glendora, Calif.; Air Force Staff Sgt. Anissa A. Shero, 31, of Grafton, W.Va.; and Army Sgt. 1st Class Peter P. Tycz II, 32, of Tonawanda, N.Y.

Suspect visited Asia to find radioactive material

BY MUNIR AHMAD
Associated Press Writer

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — “Dirty bomb” suspect Jose Padilla went to a Central Asian country in search of radioactive components before returning to the United States, where he was arrested last month, Pakistani officials said Thursday.

The officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, refused to identify the Central Asian country nor say whether Padilla was successful. He was arrested by the FBI on May 8 in Chicago after stops in Switzerland and Egypt, U.S. officials say.

According to the Pakistani authorities, the search for the Brooklyn-born Padilla, 31, also known as Abdullah al Muhajir, began shortly after the arrest in March of Osama bin Laden’s top lieutenant, Abu Zubaydah, who was detained in a raid on a safehouse in Faisalabad.

Zubaydah is currently in U.S. custody.

Padilla had apparently been assigned by Zubaydah to explore the possibility of causing “maximum damage to Americans,” Pakistani intelligence officials said.

“We had received information from the FBI in April that some al-Qaida men were planning attacks in the United States. The same information was shared with us by the CIA and intense weeklong efforts led to his arrest,” said a senior government official on condition of anonymity.

Pakistani intelligence officers said at least two Padilla associates are now in custody in Pakistan, undergoing questioning by the FBI at an undisclosed location. One was identified as Benjamin Ahmed Mohammed, but officials would not reveal any of the nationalities.

A half-dozen other American citizens were believed to be among the 300 al-Qaida suspects handed over to the United States by Pakistan in the past six months, intelligence officials said.

Authorities began to track Padilla in early April after the FBI gave photos of the former Chicago gang member to Pakistan’s spy agency, Inter-Services Intelligence, the officials said.

Using false documents and aliases, Padilla traveled to an undisclosed Central Asian country in April, the officials said. They would not say how long he remained there nor whom he contacted.

The officials said Padilla returned to Pakistan and left Karachi in late April or early May for Zurich, Switzerland. U.S. authorities have said Padilla made trips from Switzerland to and from Egypt before flying to Chicago, where he was arrested May 8.

Pakistani officials are expanding their search for more Padilla associates in the tribal areas along the Afghan border, where many al-Qaida fugitives are believed to have taken refuge.

The FBI is particularly interested in finding five Arab women, seven children and several al-Qaida men believed to have close contacts with Zubaydah and Padilla.

Pakistani sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said U.S. and Pakistani agents raided an Islamic cleric’s home in the North West Frontier Province this week looking for the women and children, but found no one.

Barr alleges defamation in lawsuit against Clinton, Carville and Larry Flynt

BY JEFFREY MCMURRAY
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Rep. Bob Barr, R-Ga., is suing former President Clinton, Democratic analyst James Carville and Hustler magazine publisher Larry Flynt, contending they harmed his reputation and caused him emotional distress during the Clinton impeachment.

Barr, a vigorous Clinton critic who called for the president to resign, is seeking at least \$30 million, along with attorney’s fees and other costs.

He filed the lawsuit March 7 in U.S. District Court. Flynt, who says he was notified last week, made it public this week.

“It’s ridiculous,” Flynt said Thursday in a phone interview from his Los Angeles home. “He’s been out of the limelight for a while so maybe he’s looking for some attention.”

The lawsuit, filed along with various news articles and television transcripts, alleges the three defendants took part in a “common scheme and ongoing conspiracy to attempt to intimidate, impede and/or retaliate” against Barr and other House impeachment managers.

Specifically, it accuses Carville of providing Flynt with FBI files and other classified information on Barr’s private life

for use in a smear campaign. It alleges Clinton approved of the actions.

“I don’t know if it’s more silly or more frivolous,” Carville said. “It’s just a political stunt. I think the best thing to do is let the courts handle it.”

Flynt printed a 27-page story in Hustler alleging the congressman was a hypocrite who embraced family values in public but didn’t follow those standards in his own life.

Flynt denies having contact with Carville or anyone else at the White House, insisting most of the information came from a private investigation and court documents from Barr’s divorce.

Barr said in a statement, “James Carville can preach his lies about people on television and Larry Flynt can print whatever he wants in the pages of his smut magazine, but at the end of the day they are going to be held accountable.” He said, “Their lies, smears and intimidation will end, and I look forward to this case moving forward.”

Democratic-friendly redistricting has pushed Barr, first elected from his suburban Atlanta district in 1994, into a primary fight against fellow GOP Rep. John Linder. The primary election is Aug. 20.

Carville said he suspects Barr filed the lawsuit for political gain among conservative Georgia Republicans.

Arafat meets with smaller Cabinet after blockade ends

BY IBRAHIM HAZBOUN
Associated Press Writer

RAMALLAH, West Bank — Yasser Arafat convened his new, streamlined Cabinet at his West Bank headquarters Thursday, four days after Israeli tanks blockaded the complex and caused a delay.

Israel ended the blockade in Ramallah on Wednesday, and on Thursday five new ministers put their hands on a Quran and swore allegiance to the Palestinian Authority. The slimmer Cabinet — down to 21 ministers from 31 — came after Israel, the United States and Europe demanded that Arafat reform his corruption-ridden Palestinian administration.

One of the ministers who was held over from the previous Cabinet, Planning Minister Nabil Shaath, flew to Washington Thursday to provide Palestinian input for U.S. ideas for Mideast peacemaking. His trip came after Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon met President Bush and congressional leaders on Monday and Tuesday.

The convening of the Palestinian Cabinet happened at the Palestinian Authority headquarters complex in Ramallah. The new ministers came before Arafat, who was seated at the head of a three-sided table.

The Cabinet was appointed Sunday and had been scheduled to meet Monday, but the Israeli military moved into Ramallah early Monday and caused a postponement.

The Israeli forces surrounded Arafat’s headquarters as soldiers searched the

town for suspects, arms and explosives after a series of Palestinian attacks in Israel. In the two-day operation, the Israelis arrested more than 50 Palestinians, and the military said soldiers found an explosives laboratory and car bombs.

Addressing his Cabinet, Arafat charged that Israel’s incursion was an attempt to “sabotage” Palestinian efforts to run their affairs and work for a state in the West Bank and Gaza Strip “with Jerusalem as its capital.”

Arafat said the new Cabinet must “guarantee the restructure of the ministries and institutions of the Palestinian Authority to be more efficient.” It also must “rebuild the damages caused by Israel’s escalating aggression,” he said.

Pressure on Arafat to reform his administration has come from not only from the outside, but also from his own people. Arafat has proposed cutting the number of his security branches from 12 to six, and Palestinian officials say elections for president and parliament will be held in about six months.

The main difference in the Cabinet, besides its streamlined size, is the appointment of an interior minister, Maj. Gen. Abdel Razak Yihyeh, who is to oversee Palestinian security forces. Arafat previously held the position.

Also, Salem Fayad was appointed finance minister. Fayad has broad experience in international financial circles, and his appointment is seen as an attempt to reassure international donors that the Palestinian Authority will adopt transparent accounting for aid.

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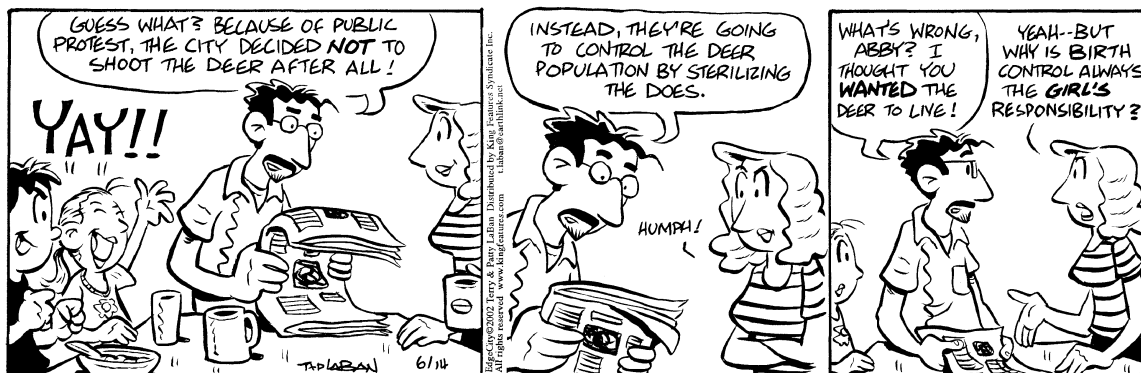
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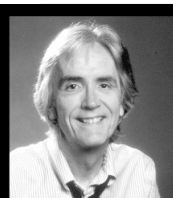
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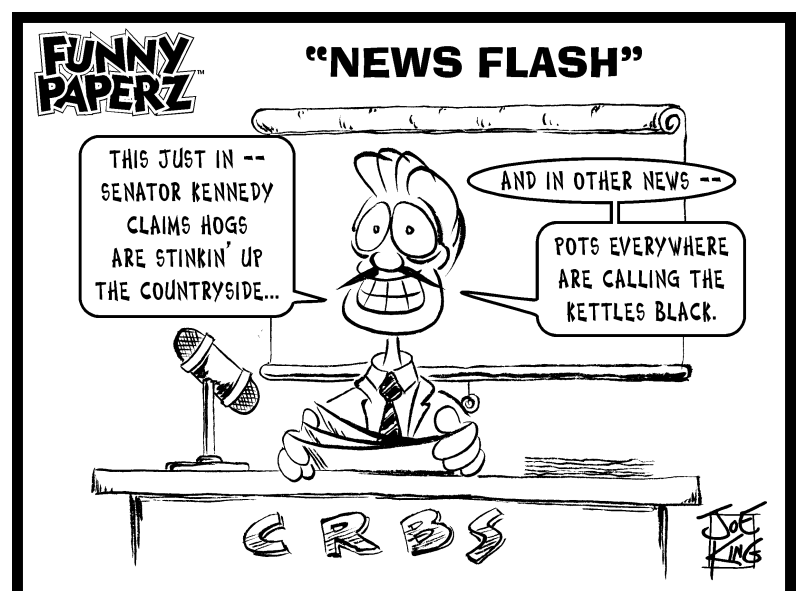


NEWS OF THE WEIRD by Chuck Shepard

Cows, Cuba and pig vibrators

•In a May dispatch from Cuba, The Wall Street Journal reported that Fidel Castro proposed in 1987 to alleviate a chronic milk shortage by trying to get his scientists to clone the most productive cows, shrunk to the size of dogs so that each family could keep one inside its apartment. The cows would feed on grass grown inside under fluorescent lights. Cuba was the home of the late Ubre Blanca, the Guinness book record-holder as the most milk-productive cow of all time.

•A Dutch livestock-breeding-device manufacturer recently began selling a \$27 vibrator that supposedly relaxes sows during artificial insemination to increase the chances of fertilization. Said the sales manager at the company Schippers Bladel BV, "Once the vibrator is inserted, the pig's ears will go up and she will stand ready to be serviced." The company also makes a remote-controlled plastic pig whose movements, mating sounds and scents supposedly encourage the sow to be serviced.



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The Calendar

Friday, June 14, 2002

movies

Loews Broadway Cinema
1441 Third St. at Broadway
About a Boy (PG-13) 11:45, 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 *The Sum of all Fears* (PG-13) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00.

Mann Criterion
1313 Third St.
Windtalkers (NR) 12:30, 4:00, 7:20, 10:40. *Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood* (PG-13) 11:10, 12:45, 3:45, 4:45, 7:00, 7:30, 10:00. *Bad Company* (PG-13) 11:15, 2:10, 5:00, 7:45, 10:30. *Insomnia* (R) 11:00, 1:50, 4:50, 7:45, 10:45. *My Big Fat Greek Wedding* (PG) 11:20, 1:45, 4:30, 7:10, 9:40. *Enough* (PG-13) 2:00, 10:15.

AMC Theatre SM 7
1310 3rd Street
Spider-Man (PG-13) 11:15, 2:00, 4:50, 8:00, 10:45. *Star Wars: Episode II - Attack of the Clones* (PG) 11:45, 12:45, 3:15, 4:05, 6:45, 7:30, 9:55, 10:40. *Scooby Doo* (PG) 11:30, 12:30, 1:55, 2:55, 4:20, 5:20, 7:00, 7:45, 10:10. *Undercover Brother* (PG-13) 12:00, 2:20, 4:40, 7:20, 9:40. *Unfaithful* (R) 9:30, 10:55. *Spirit: Stallion of the Cimarron* (G) 11:55, 2:10, 4:30, 7:00, 8:50.

Landmark Nu-Wilshire
1314 Wilshire Blvd.
Thirteen Conversations About One Thing (R) 11:00, 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:30. *Monsoon Wedding* (NR) 11:15, 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 9:45.

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. *The Importance of Being Earnest* (PG) 12:00, 2:25, 4:50, 7:15, 9:45. *Cherish* (R) 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:40, 10:10.

today

community

Santa Monica Strutters, 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 Santa Monica Strutters meet Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, from 8 a.m. To 10 a.m., at Santa Monica Place, Fourth St. and Broadway Ave. in Santa Monica.

Santa Monica Place will host a Flag Raising Ceremony and an opening reception for OLD GLORY: CELEBRATING AMERICA, a special art exhibit. Community Focus Gallery, at the 3rd Street and Broadway entrance. 9:30 a.m. To 10:30 a.m. For more information, please call (310) 394-1049.

Contemporary Crafts Market will be held today at the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium. 1855 Main Street, Santa Monica. 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Admission is \$6.00. For more information please call (310) 458-8551.

Senior Suppers - Discounted meals for people AGE 55 or older are served daily, from 3:30 p.m. To 7 p.m., in the cafeteria at Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center, 1250 16th Street in Santa Monica. \$3.69 Info only: (310) 319-4837.

Bay Cities Jewish Community Center will be closing their doors and would like to invite anyone who has ever been affiliated with Bay Cities to attend their Final Graduation from 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. Graduation Ceremony and Program followed by refreshments. To RSVP or for more information please call (310) 828-3433.

entertainment

LUSH 2020 Wilshire Blvd., Santa Monica. Three bars, plenty of booths, sofas, leopard-print carpet and a sunken dance floor. Mexican grill serves dinner after 5 p.m. Full bar. Over 21. Cover \$5 - Free. (310) 829-1933.

Rusty's Surf Ranch, 256 Santa Monica Pier. Walls and ceilings are lined with one of the area's largest collections of pre-1970's surfboards. Cover varies. Full bar. All ages. (310) 393-7386.

The Joint, 8771 W. Pico Blvd., W. LA. One of the most exotic rooms in the local rock-facility pantheon. Pizza. Cover \$10 - \$5. Full bar. Over 21. (310) 275-2619.

Temple Bar, 1026 Wilshire Blvd., Santa Monica. This candlelit lounge fosters a community atmosphere. Kitchen features a full menu. Cover \$10 - \$3. Full bar. Over 21. (310) 393-6611.

McCabe's, 3101 Pico Blvd., Santa Monica. Wander through the gee-tars and other stringed things to this one-of-a-kind li'l shrine to live music. Music at 8 p.m., except Sunday, 7 p.m.; cover \$20 - \$10. No alcohol; coffee, tea, and sweets. All ages. (310) 828-4403 or 828-4497.

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Emeritus College, Santa Monica College's acclaimed program for older adults, will hold its Spring Celebration with music, refreshments, and the presentation of the 2002 Outstanding Community Member Award. The celebration will be held at 10:30 a.m. In the SMC Concert

Hall, 1900 Pico Blvd. The event is free, as is parking. Call (310) 434-4306.

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theatre

Santa Monica Children's Theatre Co. presents a newly forming musical theatre company for children. Every Saturday from 10:15 a.m. - 2:15 p.m., Quest Studios, 19th & Broadway in Santa Monica. Tuition is \$325 per month - cov-

ers cost of all classes and productions. Contact Janet Stegman at (310) 995-9636.

Santa Monica Playhouse is proud to present Picon Pie! The World Premiere of a joyous and poignant musical play about the life and loves of legendary Molly Picon. Admission is \$23.50. Show starts at 8:00 p.m. 1211 4th Street, Santa Monica. For more information please call (310) 394-9779 or visit www.santamonica-playhouse.com.

classes

Creative Producing From A to Z. FREE lecture today from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. Myrl Schreiman presents a practical, step-by-step guide for organizing and running a film shoot from production to finished product. Located at Take One! 11516 Santa Monica Blvd., W. Los Angeles. For more information please call (310) 445-4050.

sunday

community

The Main Street Merchants in Santa Monica will sponsor their 2nd Annual Summer Soulstice Celebration and Sidewalk Sale, Sunday, June 16th, from Noon to 6 p.m., on Main Street, Santa Monica, between Pico and Marine. The celebration includes music, an art show, and children's activities fun for the whole family and more!

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CELEBRATE THE SOULSTICE ON MAIN STREET, JUNE 16TH

"A World Away From the Ordinary, A Block Away From the Beach"



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The Celebration includes music, an art show, and children's activities—fun for the whole family, and more!

Activities will be in parking lots and courtyards all day.

Main Street merchants will be offering items on sale as part of the Sidewalk Sale, and many merchants will also be having customer appreciation open house specials and activities.

From 12:30pm to 5pm there will be all kinds of live music: jazz, folk-rock, Irish, Latin, rock n roll, Flamenco, Australian Aborigine, country rock and more!

DJs including Jason Bentley and Liza Richardson from KCRW will be providing music, and, for the kids, there will be pony rides, a petting zoo, and a touch tank.

There will also be an art show, and, since it's Father's Day, there will be an opportunity to purchase homemade Father's Day cards from John Muir school-children, and an opportunity for kids to make their own Father's Day cards. And handmade cards for other parents can be purchased or made.

The Summer SOULstice is produced by the Main Street Merchants Association and is co-sponsored by New Times. All day parking is available at the beach lots only two blocks away for only \$5. Below is the current schedule (subject to change):

- "Urth Caffe lot", corner of Hollister & Main: Petting zoo, Window On The Water's touch tank, and (after 2:30) pony rides.
- "Shoop's/Global Grooves" lot, 2400 Main, west side: Global Grooves DJs spinning music.
- Edgemar Courtyard, 2430 Main, east side: live music including the Cristian Amigo Trio (Latin music, 1:30) and Sounds of the Dreamtime (Australian Aborigine and World music, 3:30)!
- "Lost Planet" lot, 2515 Main, just south of Mani's: art show.
- Norman Place and Library lawn: John Muir school talent show & bake sale, and Joe Gaeta's Jazz Quartet (2pm-4pm)!!
- Victorian entrance area, 2640 Main, west side: after the Farmers Market ends, pony rides and live music will resume at 1:45pm with singer/songwriter Sara Messenger & The Marginal Prophets ("Soul Funk conFusion", 1:45pm-3:15pm) and The Gary Gordon Band (folk/blues/country-rock, 3:30pm-5pm).
- New Orleans Building Courtyard, 2665 Main, east side: Flamenco guitarist & dancer.
- First Federal lot, 2811 Main, east side: Joey Ecktor & Friends (jazz, 12:45), All-day party with Los Pinguos (Latin music, 2:00), KCRW's Jason Bentley and Liza Richardson, the MILA Samba School (4:30), and more!
- Kinney Ave., west side: live music: Paul Arnoldi & Friends (folk/country, 12:30pm), Maria Butterly & Her Band (Irish/American folk & rock, 2pm), The Nancy Luca Band (rock n roll, 3:30pm)
- Fro Bar, 2941 Main, east side: After event party!!! 6pm til...

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june 16
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& sidewalk sale

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