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## City may freeze funding to local organizations

BY ANDREW H. FIXMER  
Daily Press Staff Writer

For the first time in more than a decade, Santa Monica may not increase the amount of funding it provides to local non-profits.

Every three years the city increases the amount of money it provides to local organizations and charities that provide essential social services.

But this year the city had to cut \$23.5 million from its books to balance this year's proposed budget. Though more than \$20 million of those cuts came from delaying capital improvement projects, each department in the city had to cut at least 2.5 percent of their costs.

The Community and Cultural Resources Department which administers the city's Community Development Program, provides money to community

service non-profit organizations.

The department was able to meet its required budget cuts in part by freezing the grants to last year's amounts.

"We try to give a cost of living increase to keep (grantees) ahead of the game in terms of inflation," said Barbara Stinchfield, director of the city's community and cultural resources department. "We attempted to do that this year, but when we were asked to cut our budgets we were only able to hold them constant."

The city council is expected to enact next year's budget at its Tuesday, June 18 meeting at City Hall. The council may make changes to what City Manager Susan McCarthy has proposed.

"Without a government commitment a lot of these non-profits could not do what they do," said Mayor Mike Feinstein. "This

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## Landlord wins in court; plaintiff's claim full of holes

BY ANDREW H. FIXMER  
Daily Press Staff Writer

By all appearances Wayne Reiner's case against his former landlord was rock solid. But his credibility wasn't.

"Credibility is an issue in all of these matters," said Santa Monica Small Claims Judge Pro Tem Hugh Siegman. "The stories you hear are diametrically opposed to each other, so someone isn't telling the truth."

Siegman found major inconsistencies in Reiner's testimony and therefore ruled against him. That's despite that Reiner

produced photographs, letters and a sworn affidavit from a witness supporting his claims.

Reiner took the owners of an apartment complex at 1015 Second Street to court for \$5,000. He claimed when he moved into the apartment in November, 2001 the electricity in the kitchen would flip the breaker in his unit's utility box.

He said the building manager, Sindy Jensen, told him to turn the breaker back on when it happened. He testified that she never called in an electrician to fix the

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## In your face



Andrew H. Fixmer/Daily Press

Steven Kiefer practices a flying kick Friday with sparring partner Jarno Vinsencius. The two are students at Shotokan Karate at 1218 Fifth Street — which is the Southwest United States headquarters for the teaching of Shotokan, a style of karate that originates from Japan.

## Woman promises to 'behave like an old lady should'

By The Associated Press

**PASADENA** — An 80-year-old Altadena woman with a history of neighborhood confrontations, including trying to run down residents with her car, pleaded no contest to battery for spraying bug killer on a neighbor she considered a pest.

Superior Court Judge Judson W. Morris Jr. on Thursday reluctantly freed Dixie Carlene Granat, who spent two months in jail, after she promised to stay sober, attend Alcoholics Anonymous meetings and avoid trouble.

"I will behave like an old lady should," Granat said. "I will sit in my rocking chair ... I'll only drink lemonade."

The judge repeatedly emphasized he was apprehensive about releasing Granat,

whose recent cases include trying twice to run people over with her pink Suzuki Samurai, which has been impounded. He ordered her to return July 9 for a probation-violation hearing.

"I'm really holding my breath on this one," Morris said. "You gotta behave."

Granat has said in past court appearances that she has psychological problems.

"I'm bi-polar, bi-coastal and bi- a few other things," said the woman who brags of a storied life as a Vegas showgirl, actress, celebrity publicist, war correspondent and ally of late United Farm Workers union founder Cesar Chavez.

Officials have been holding conservatorship hearings to determine if Granat should live in an assisted-care facility. The next hearing is June 26.

## Golf tournament suspected of offering prostitution

By The Associated Press

**NORCO, Calif.** — Riverside County sheriff's deputies raided a golf tournament Friday where participants were allegedly offered prostitutes, authorities said.

"They were having a private golf tournament," said Deputy Lisa McConnell said. "Illegal acts of sex for money was offered during the tournament."

Numerous women could be seen detained on the grounds of Hidden Valley Golf Club and there were small tents placed on several of the greens, KABC-TV reported from its helicopter over the course. About 50 men were detained also, KABC said.

Phone calls to the Hidden Valley Golf Club were unanswered. The 18-hole course is arrayed in a desert setting about 40 miles east of Los Angeles.

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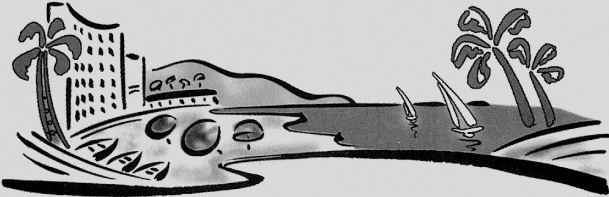
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★★★★★ A serious conversation or a bad mood punctuates your morning. Move through the issue and start enjoying yourself. Others help you get past yourself. Don't be stunned by others, just join in the spontaneity. Tonight: Add more spice to your life.



#### TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ Don't push a partner or loved one, or you could have a sharp reaction, which might have you regrouping. If you invite others over, prepare for some wild times. You might not have as much control as you would like. Tonight: You don't have to go far.



#### GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ If you can, don't wander too far, as the unexpected could occur when you're out of town. You still could have surprising news. Go with the moment and enjoy the excitement. You won't be able to complain about boredom — that's for sure. Tonight: Off to a concert or movie. Just escape pressures.



#### CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ Your finances seem to have their own whirlwind energy. You cannot stop an impending expenditure, but you might want to cut back. Work with others openly. Don't hold back information from a loved one or associate. Don't get depressed. Tonight: Curb your running around.



#### LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ Where your friends are is where you want to be! A partner might act up if he or she doesn't feel as if he or she is getting enough attention. You know how to make this person feel better. Why not? Listen to feedback. Tonight: Where happiness can be found.



#### VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ Work might demand greater attention than you would like. Even if you're not involved in a formal work situation, a project cannot be put on a back burner. Realize more of what you want through greater efficiency. Take a nap sometime during your day. Tonight: Vanish, if you would like to.



#### LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ Even if you plan to have a quiet day or a quiet few hours, you can forget that. You need to wander and head out the door. Join friends and enjoy yourself. Another acts up, but actually you might enjoy the tumultuousness, especially if you detach. Tonight: Go to the wee hours.



#### SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ A parent or boss might have expectations that you need to meet. Think about how much you want to do. You might also disappoint a family member, causing yourself angst and problems. Make solid decisions here. Tonight: Cover all bases.



#### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ Realize what might be happening in a special relationship. You might want to discuss your long-term objectives here. Visit with someone on the phone. Reach out for relatives and friends that you haven't talked to in a while. Tonight: Follow the music.



#### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★★ Someone puts in his or her two cents. You can decide how to react. You could become upset or you could work with this person. Do relate to him or her individually. Be careful with your finances and the commitments you make right now. Tonight: Wine and dine someone you care about.



#### AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ Others seek you out. You'll enjoy today's momentum, but be careful about doing something too far-out. Others could remember what you would like them to forget later on. Be exuberant, but use some self-discipline. Tonight: You're the party.



#### PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ Consider your options well. The truth is that you do need extra R and R. You could surprise yourself, as you suddenly discover that you need to reverse your direction. Take care of yourself first. Make this a generally lazy day. Tonight: Make it easy.



### QUOTE of the DAY

**“The best way to keep  
one's word is not to give it.”**  
— Napoleon (1769-1821)

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## LOCAL

# Santa Monica students ride 575 miles for AIDS

*Samohi juniors make trek on mountain bike; beach cruiser*

BY JONATHAN PERSKY

Special to the Daily Press

Santa Monica residents Max Dean Goldstein and Mark Hunter rode their bicycles onto Corsair Field at Santa Monica College last Saturday after six days on the road.

The two 17-year-olds, who are juniors at Santa Monica High School, had just completed the last part of a 575-mile week-long bicycle journey that started at Fort Mason in San Francisco.

They were among the five youngest riders, out of the 715 people who participated in the California AIDS Ride, which was organized to raise funds for AIDS, increase awareness and educate people about AIDS and AIDS prevention.

Both teens had their own reasons for riding.

"I like bike riding and I am involved in AIDS awareness and peer education programs at school," Hunter said. "I wondered if I could put those things together. When I found out about the California AIDS Ride, I thought it would be a great thing to do."

Goldstein did it because he thought it was a good cause.

"It's not often that this much money

gets donated to charities like AIDS Project Los Angeles," Goldstein said. "I thought it would be a challenge in many ways ... not just to raise the money."

Goldstein raised almost \$3,000.

It was last December when Goldstein told his mother he wanted to ride. His mom, "thought it was a wonderful idea," Goldstein said. "She even let me use her credit card to pay the registration fee."

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— MAX DEAN GOLDSTEIN  
Santa Monica High School student

Hunter, who just learned to ride a bike a year and half ago, committed himself to the ride two months before it was scheduled to start.

"I don't know if I can ride the distance but I am going to try," he said at the time. Hunter put a majority of the suggested

fund-raising amount of \$2,700 on his credit card.

He decided he would be able to re-pay himself by raising the money during and after the ride. Hunter ended up raising about \$1,600 during the week. He hopes his friends will help him to raise an additional \$2,000.

Goldstein made the trek on a regular 21-speed mountain bike.

"I put on road tires which cost about \$20," he said. "While some people got as many as two flats a day, neither Hunter nor I got one flat tire during the entire ride."

Hunter rode a seven-gear beach cruiser.

The goal, set by the organizers of the event, was to ride anywhere from 55 miles to a little less than 100 miles a day.

The two would wake up about 5:30 a.m. and be on the road by 7 a.m. The two didn't ride together always as their paces were different.

They often would connect with each other at rest stops about every 15 to 20 miles along the route. Bicyclists could get water, a snack and any medical attention, if needed. They would talk with people for a few minutes and swap encouraging words.

"The second day was super hot and was a 102-mile day," Goldstein said. "By the end of the day ... my knees started to hurt and I was like 'what is going on?' I kept pushing myself. You need to keep going, pedal after pedal. You may be tired and sore but you will feel great when you get to base camp."

Hunter spent a lot of time reflecting while on the road.

"While riding I would be thinking about school because it ends in two weeks," he said. "I was also thinking about people living with AIDS and how they are dealing with it and what I can do to do my share."

By the fifth day, "I had done so much that there was no way I was going to give up. I had gained a lot of confidence by then just by doing so many miles," Goldstein said, adding quitting wasn't an option.

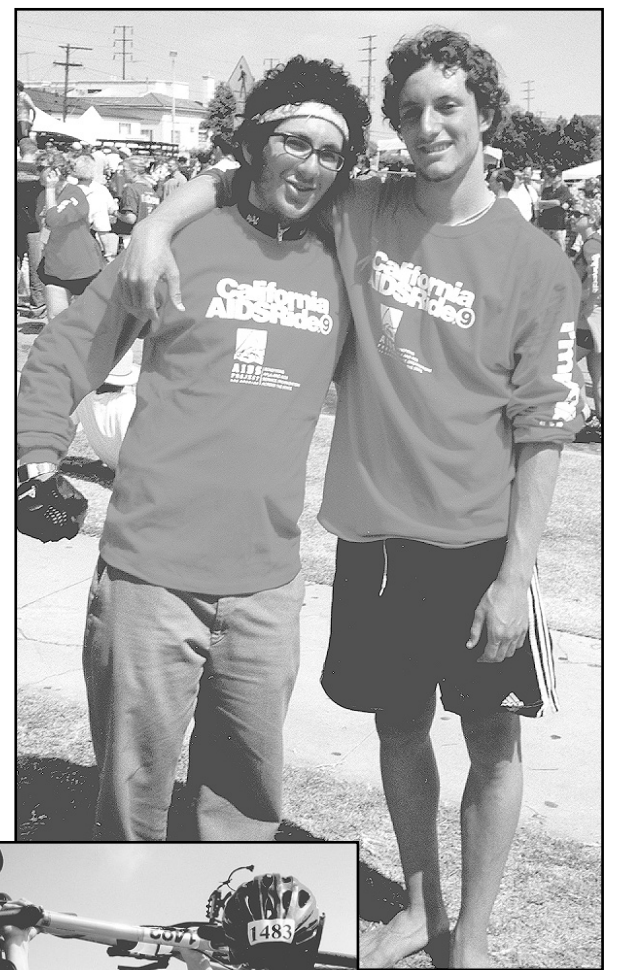


Photo courtesy  
Max Dean Goldstein and Mark Hunter after the ride at SMC. Inset: Goldstein hoisting his bike.



"I did not want to get off my bike at any time, even to walk it up a hill," he said. "I wanted to push myself and ride every single mile."

On the last day with only five miles

left to ride, Goldstein was pleased to be in the familiar setting of Santa Monica.

"I saw a friend of mine who was holding up a sign that said 'Santa Monica Supports AIDS Riders' and that was really cool," he said. "When we were riding on 20th Street and turning right onto Pearl seeing the whole street filled with all the bicyclists, family and friends hooting and hollering, blowing whistles as I did the last couple yards ... it was like boom — I made it. I did not give up. I was excited to do the ride. I did it all and it just felt great."



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             |
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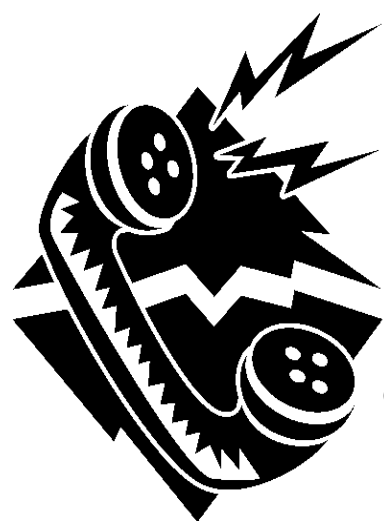
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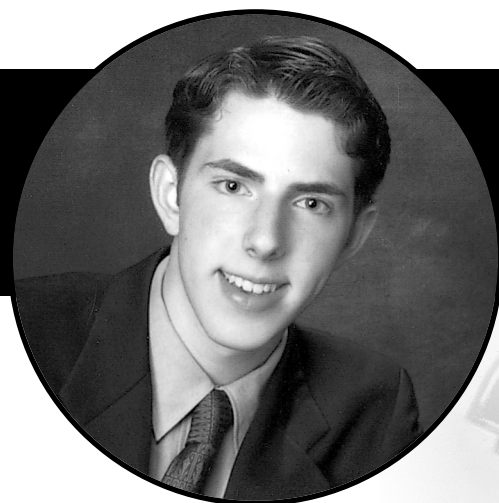


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## LETTERS

### Bly's proposal not appropriate

Editor:

The news report (June 13) of the Santa Monica City Council meeting about the appeal to add a semi-subterranean garage to a Craftsman bungalow in the Third Street Historic District failed to convey why the Landmarks Commission voted 6-0 to deny the application. The Third Street District is a success story in the city, with restoration, renovation and expansion projects going on in the area — all with applications previously approved by the Landmarks Commission.

Property owners are committed to retain the historic character of this special area, and property values are strong. The historic features of the district that are protected by the historic district regulations concern the architectural character of "contributing" (historic) buildings and the unifying context of the streetscape. Shirley Bly's proposal unsympathetically altered both the architectural features of her contributing Craftsman bungalow and the hillside slope, retaining wall and steps that create a unifying rhythm of the streetscape. The alteration was not just the addition of a garage door, as your article states, but the excavation of the hillside to construct a semi-subterranean attached garage, a feature found in modern houses and never on Craftsman bungalows. In this period, garages and parking were always in the rear, accessed by a driveway from the street. Instead of a pedestrian environment viewing Craftsman homes perched on the hillside, walkers would find a two-car garage in their face. The Landmarks Commission could not make the statutory findings to approve the proposed alterations as compatible with the architecture of the house and the historic features of the streetscape.

The Landmarks Commission has approved many certificates of appropriateness recently, including the improbable conversion of a multi-family bungalow court to a single-family residence, a major addition to a Craftsman bungalow at 7th and Alta, and numerous applications in the Third Street Historic District. While wishing to respond to the changing needs of property owners, necessary to keep historic properties functioning in contemporary times, the over-riding public purpose of the Landmarks Commission is to safeguard those special places that uniquely convey past time and place for the public's appreciation, education, and sense of connection to the history of Santa Monica.

**Ruthann Lehrer**

*Landmarks Commissioner*

### Is Bly a political pawn?

Editor:

I wish to share my two immediate reactions to the infamous "garage incident." First, I was happy to see council member Herb Katz vote with the majority to uphold the Landmarks Commission's ruling on the proposed garage addition to Shirley Bly's house in the Third Street Historic District. Mr. Katz' vote demonstrated that historic preservation is a non-partisan issue vital to our community. I believe that most responsible homeowners, architects, and developers recognize the need to protect important links to our past, even at the possible cost of some inconvenience and/or short-term profits.

Second, I was surprised at the success of Mr. Larmore's disinformation campaign at getting a rather large number of homeowners to jump on his anti-landmark bandwagon. I don't know if he was exploiting Ms. Bly by pursuing a case without merit in order to further his political agenda, or if he was manipulating NOMA homeowners through baseless fears to support his client, Ms. Bly. But, in any event, it underscores the need for some sort of a Santa Monica Historic Preservation Group that can effectively promote awareness of preservation issues and enlighten us regarding the many benefits of protecting our natural, cultural, and architectural resources.

**Pam Vavra**

*Santa Monica*

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# ENTERTAINMENT



# Sarah and Freddie: A Hollywood love story

BY SEAN DALY  
Special to the Daily Press

Freddie Prinze, Jr. was looking a lot like the All American boy-next-door for his May 20 appearance on The Tonight Show with Jay Leno. Wearing dark denim jeans, a tan leather sport coat, and wire rimmed glasses, the clean-cut New Mexican native seemed just about as wholesome as, well, Fred Jones, his chisel-jawed, scarf-wearing alter ego in the new live action movie, "Scooby Doo."

So who'd have guessed that Prinze, 26, could be so dangerous in bed? Certainly not Sarah Michelle Gellar, 25 — his "Scooby" co-star and fiancé since April, 2001 — who suffered a black eye last month when the 6' 1" teen heart throb accidentally struck her in his sleep.

"I bruise so easily, you just have to touch me," a fully recovered (but slightly embarrassed) Gellar laughed days later, while promoting the couple's second on-screen collaboration. "So when you hit a little harder, you get a shiner ... I still can't believe he told that story!"

That's because Gellar, best known as TV's "Buffy The Vampire Slayer," is famously tight-lipped when it comes to all matters personal.

"Celebrities give away too much information," she has said. "I'm not interested in how so-and-so lost their virginity." So pry her for details about the couple's pending nuptials (rumored to be later this summer) and expect an answer something like this:

"I think most of my true fans would want me to have the time to be able to enjoy that privately." Adds Prinze, "Sarah and I work because we never talk about that stuff."

It didn't used to be that way.

Two years ago, while promoting the box office stinker "Boys and Girls," Prinze had no problems dishing up fun factoids — like how Gellar can eat him under the table, when presented with sushi, Italian and Chinese food. Or how he would "crush her" if the two ever came to blows.

"She'll try to say that she could throw some kung fu moves on me," he joked, as if to discount Gellar's five years of Tae Kwon Do training and recent kickboxing lessons. "But I'd knock her out."

Ah, young love.

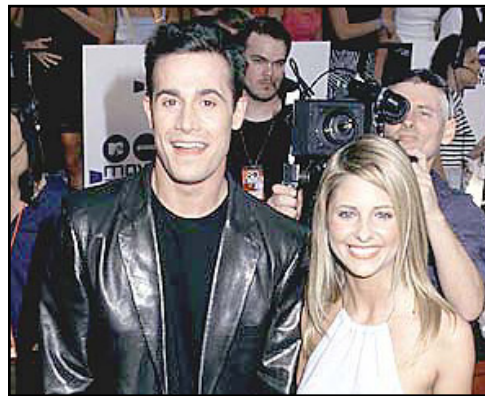
The reigning king and queen of teen Hollywood first hooked up in 1997 on the set of "I Know What You Did Last Summer," as Prinze was winding up a four-year relationship with General Hospital's Kimberley McCullough.

As the pair grew closer, Gellar invited Prinze to accompany her to various movie premieres and social functions around Los Angeles, during breaks in her relationships with professional tennis player Jan-Michael Gambill and high school classmate, actor Jerry O'Connell.

"People didn't even know we had been together for the longest time," Prinze laughs, looking back. "They thought it was a new relationship."

So did diners at a Malibu restaurant in early 2000, who spotted Gellar and Prinze giggling for hours over sake and salmon tartar, only weeks before it was officially PC to call them "a couple."

According to reports, in 2001 he chose a restaurant on the Gold Coast of Australia — not far from the "Scooby Doo" set — to present his brown-eyed sweetie with a custom-made diamond engagement ring, designed by Cathy



Freddie Prinze, Jr. and Sarah Michelle Gellar

Waterman. (She's done monster-sized rocks for Meryl Streep, Gwyneth Paltrow and Meg Ryan.) The formal announcement came at Gellar's 24th birthday party a few days later.

But there was one small problem for the still-beaming lovebirds — Gellar had "Buffy" commitments back in Los Angeles, while Prinze was required to remain Down Under to work on the movie.

"Freddie always wanted to fly home to hang out with Sarah, but I wouldn't let him," says pal Matthew Lillard, who stars as Scooby's best friend Shaggy. "I was like, 'Dude, you have a job. We need you here ... in one piece.'"

When "Scooby Doo" finally completed filming last fall, Gellar and Prinze returned to LA and in early February celebrated by hanging "For Sale" signs outside their respective homes. His 4,000-square-foot hacienda style villa in Toluca Lake, complete with two master suites, a two-bedroom guest house, a pool and tennis court, listed at \$3.3 million. Her one-story, four-bedroom, seven-bath Sherman Oaks house with spa and outdoor kitchen came with a price tag of \$2.2 million.

The twosome recently settled on LA's upscale west side with their Akita, Tyson, and Maltese Terrier, Thor.

Gellar first pushed her beau to consider taking the part in "Scooby Doo."

"I just wasn't interested at all at first," he admits. "I didn't think Hollywood could pull it off."

But his faith in the story line — the gang travels to Spooky Island, a popular vacation resort to unravel the mystery of who is stealing the souls from young college students — was enough to eventually bring him around.

The pair also lent their voices recently to producer John Williams' upcoming animated movie "Happily Never After."

"It's about what would happen if all the classic fairy tales were reversed and the bad guys won," says Prinze, who is excited for Gellar to return for her seventh season of "Buffy" this fall, but admits, "I've always looked at her as a film actress and not a television actress. She plays so many beats in one moment that you need to see her on a big screen. So I push her, sometimes maybe harder than I should, but it is only because I believe in her and I want for her to be the biggest movie star in the world, so that I can retire."

In the meantime, thoughts of starting a family are already beginning to fill their heads, Gellar admits: "It's something that both of us definitely want, but I'm only 25, so we have some time."

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

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## STATE

# Winona Ryder pleads innocent to theft, drug charges

BY LINDA DEUTSCH  
AP Special Correspondent

**BEVERLY HILLS** — Actress Winona Ryder pleaded innocent Friday to shoplifting and drug charges, and her lawyer said he would attempt to disqualify the District Attorney's office from trying the case.

The motion for disqualification by Ryder's attorney, Mark Geragos, was placed under seal, but he has previously said he believes prosecutors are not treating his client fairly.

Ryder said little during her arraignment. Her arm was in a sling from an injury reportedly suffered when she was bumped by a camera during a break in a previous hearing.

Superior Court Judge Elden Fox asked the 30-year-old if she was entering a plea of not guilty. She responded, "yes your honor," in a soft voice.

She and her lawyer left the courthouse without making any comments outside.

Ryder was ordered last week to stand trial on felony charges alleging she shoplifted some \$6,000 worth of merchandise from Saks Fifth Avenue on Dec. 12 and illegally possessed a drug without a prescription.

The actress, who appears in the upcoming Adam Sandler comedy "Mr. Deeds," is charged with second-degree burglary, grand theft, vandalism and possession of a controlled substance.

Ryder faces a maximum of three years and eight months in state prison if convicted on all charges. She remains free on \$20,000 bail.

A store security official testified during a preliminary hearing last week that she saw the actress cutting security sensor tags off the items, and a criminalist testified that two pills found in Ryder's possession were a generic form of Percoset, a prescription painkiller.

Fox said then that there was sufficient cause for her to be tried.

On Friday, the judge set a pretrial hearing for July 15 and said Ryder did not have to attend. He also ordered that any motions concerning possible prior acts by Ryder be filed under seal. A tentative trial date was set for Aug. 13.

Prosecutors have said they may introduce evidence of prior misdeeds by Ryder.

A notice filed with the District Attorney's office last month indicates the prosecution's plan to show that the "Girl, Interrupted" star's alleged shoplifting is part of a pattern of behavior.

Court records show no previous convictions against Ryder.

Sandi Gibbons, a spokeswoman for the District Attorney's office, has declined to provide details of the evidence, saying prosecutors would save that material for court.

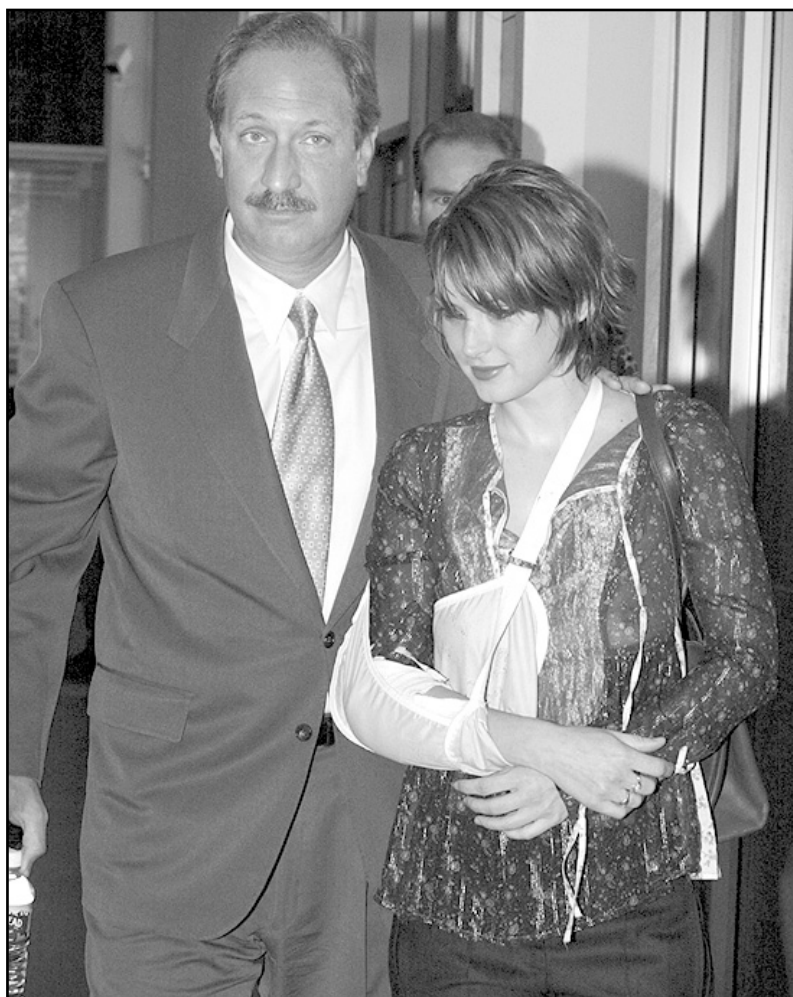
If Ryder's motion to remove the District Attorney's office were to be granted, the state Attorney General's office would prosecute her. Gibbons said outside court Friday that such motions are rarely granted.

She also said the district attorney would prefer that all motions be unsealed.

"We want a televised hearing and we want everything filed in the open," Gibbons said.

The judge has refused to allow any cameras in the courtroom and continues to issue orders sealing most documents in the case from public view.

Ryder came to court last week with her right arm wrapped in an elastic bandage and held in a sling. Geragos said Ryder's right arm broke at the elbow when she was "whacked" from behind while walking through a crush of reporters at the courthouse, causing several days' delay in the hearing.



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Attorney Mark Geragos escorts actress Winona Ryder through the security screening area on Friday as she arrives at the Los Angeles County Courthouse in Beverly Hills for her arraignment on shoplifting charges.

## Attorney representing accused killer is pro-marijuana

By The Associated Press

**SAN DIEGO** — An attorney who condemned the parents of a 7-year-old girl for smoking marijuana the night their daughter vanished is a member of a group that advocates the legalization of marijuana.

Steven Feldman sits on

the legal committee for the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws. He paid a \$175 membership fee and defends people charged with marijuana use, sometimes for free.

Feldman has criticized Damon and Brenda van

Dam in court for their lifestyle, which includes admissions of smoking marijuana and engaging in extramarital sex. Feldman has raised those questions in order to show jurors that there may have been someone other than his client, 50-year-old David West-

erfield, who could have kidnapped and killed Danielle van Dam.

Danielle was last seen Feb. 1 in her home and was reported missing the following day. Her nude, decomposing body was found three weeks later along a rural road east of

San Diego.

Westerfield, who has pleaded innocent to charges of kidnapping, murder and possession of child pornography, could face the death penalty if convicted.

Bob Doyle, president of the San Diego NORML chapter, called Feldman's

attacks on the van Dams "an outrageous conflict."

"It strikes me as an extremely polarized position that on one hand he advocates for the legalization of marijuana, and on the other hand he implies some sort of criminal negligence associated with the casual smoking of marijuana among friends," Doyle said.

But not all of the organization's members believe there is a problem with Feldman's approach.

"What he's doing is zealously defending his client in the best way he knows how," said Donna Shea, NORML's legal director in Washington, D.C. "It doesn't necessarily mean his personal beliefs have anything to do with the defense case he puts together."

More than 350 attorneys from across the United States are members of the legal committee for the nonprofit organization.

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## LOCAL

# City may approve \$6M in community grants

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is an example where there is almost a seamless transition between formal government and associated community non-profits."

Feinstein has asked McCarthy look into possible ways to increase the grant money. He feels if the services are not made available then social ills will go untreated and cost government much more in the long run.

"This idea of using grant money to cover budget deficits is a penny-wise pound foolish approach," he said.

In Santa Monica there has been a long tradition of giving well beyond what the federal government offers cities by appropriating money from its taxpayer-supported general fund.

The city is proposing to award more than \$6 million in "operating grants," which are given to charities and non-profits to help them do everything from pay their employees' salaries to buy paper clips.

The Ocean Park Community Center, a social service provider for low-income and homeless people, would receive \$733,025. Connections for Children, which provides daycare for low-income families, may receive \$765,802, while the Salvation Army is slated to receive \$585,029.

Also, the city plans to give \$320,000 in grants to help local artists and performers.

The Santa Monica Museum of Art is slated to receive \$63,200, while Santa Monica Symphony may receive \$29,200. The money also is used for community events, such as the Santa Monica Festival, the Fourth of July celebration, and Fourth of July Fireworks at Santa Monica College.

Donations are down to many local

charities, food banks and non-profit organizations due to the severity of the current recession and because many donors gave to Sept. 11-related causes.

"They're all finding that their tenuous funding sources are being reduced, and that fundraising in general is much more difficult," said Stinchfield. "We know that any reduction in funding impacts smaller agencies and departments more than larger ones."

**"Without a government commitment a lot of these non-profits could not do what they do."**

— MIKE FEINSTEIN  
Santa Monica Mayor

"That's why the city manager's office was very sensitive to cutting any funding," she said.

Many cities across the country are awarded federal grants from the Housing and Urban Development agency called Community Development Block Grants. The money is often used to support local causes and charities.

HUD awarded the city \$3,064,042 — of which \$2,214,042 is slated go toward capital improvement projects like the Virginia Avenue Park Improvement plan, renovation of the Santa Monica Shelter and improved playgrounds for children in the city's Head Start program.

# Judge questions tenant's credibility, testimony

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faulty switch.

Then on Jan. 28, 2002, the breaker flipped off. When Reiner went to turn it back on he said he got a shock that threw him to the floor and knocked him unconscious for about 10 seconds.

"The reason we are here is not because of the money but because I had requested their assistance ... and they refused," Reiner said. "If they are doing this to me they are doing it to other tenants too."

But Jensen presented a report from a local electrician who was hired to investigate the unit's electrical wiring after Reiner was allegedly shocked. The electrician found the unit was up to code and the electrical outlets worked properly.

She also told the court that Reiner's story was rife with inaccuracies. She said when he submitted his application to rent the \$1,495-a-month apartment, Reiner had told her he was a UCLA student with a scholarship from Santa Monica and Chrysalis, a charity that helps the homeless find work.

Only after she had rented the unit to Reiner did she find out nobody by Reiner's name had ever enrolled at UCLA. And not only did local Chrysalis officials write to the court saying they didn't know Reiner, they use different stationery than what was on Reiner's schol-

arship letter.

Also, the only financial aid Reiner was receiving from Santa Monica was Section 8 money, which is awarded to low-income workers to subsidize their housing. Coincidentally, Singer pointed out the city had rescinded Reiner's Section 8 grant two weeks before he allegedly received the electrical shock.

"It is our belief that he has fabricated this entire story to get out of his lease," Jensen said. "And I believe when he applied for this apartment he did not reveal he was a Section 8 candidate. We don't accept Section 8 funds because it requires an annual review process."

Reiner moved out of his apartment on Feb. 2 and the owners refunded him his \$2,990 security deposit, even though he had broken the lease agreement. Typically when tenants break their lease the security deposit is forfeited.

The only bills Reiner was seeking reimbursement for were moving costs and medical bills. Combined, the costs came to about \$300 even though he was asking for \$5,000.

"I am deeply disturbed by the Chrysalis letter," Siegman said. "It gives me severe doubt about your credibility. Then tack on the other discrepancies — though none are nearly as damaging as the letter — and your credibility becomes a major issue."

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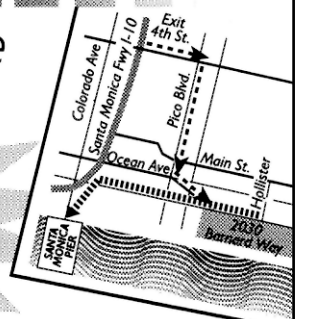
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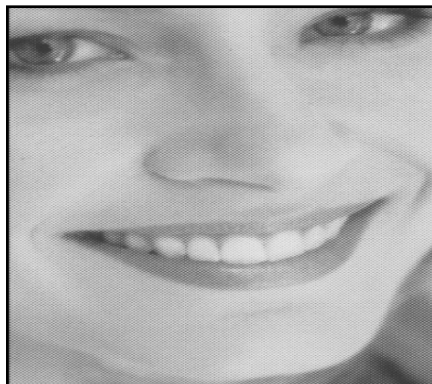
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## STATE

# Alleged sex offender placed on FBI's 'Most Wanted' list

BY CHRISTOPHER NEWTON

Associated Press Writer

**WASHINGTON** — A California man wanted by police for allegedly engaging in lewd acts with several girls was put on the FBI's Ten Most Wanted Fugitives list Friday, the law enforcement agency said.

Richard Steve Goldberg of Long Beach is also being sought for allegedly possessing images of these sex acts. The images were found on his computer.

The FBI says Goldberg should be considered armed and dangerous. Goldberg replaces accused child molester Michael

Scott Bliss on the FBI's list. Bliss was recently captured.

From January 2001 through May 2001, Goldberg allegedly lured neighborhood girls to his home in Long Beach. He gained the trust of the parents and then befriended their children. He entertained the girls by allowing them to play with his pets, watch television, and use his computer to play games, FBI officials said. Some of these girls also took short trips with him.

In July 2001, a state arrest warrant was issued in California charging Goldberg with six counts of lewd acts upon a child and two

counts of possession of child pornography.

Goldberg fled and has been charged with unlawful flight to avoid prosecution.

Goldberg is described as a 6 foot tall white male, with brown eyes and black hair, according to the FBI's list. He was born on Nov. 9, 1945, in Brooklyn, N.Y. He has a thick mustache and a receding hairline. Goldberg was formerly employed as an engineer with a major aerospace engineering corporation.

FBI investigators believe Goldberg may have traveled to New Jersey, Nevada, Colorado, Arizona, and Georgia.

Goldberg is the 474th person to be placed on the FBI's "Ten Most Wanted Fugitives" list, which was established in 1950.

Since then, 445 fugitives have been apprehended or located, according to the FBI.

A reward of up to \$50,000 is being offered for any information leading directly to the arrest of Goldberg. FBI officials said individuals with information concerning Goldberg should take no action themselves, but instead immediately contact their nearest office of the FBI or local law enforcement agency.

## Five-year plan to improve California will cost \$56 billion

By The Associated Press

**SACRAMENTO** — During the next five years, \$56 billion needs to be spent by the state on transportation, school construction and other public works projects, according to a plan released by the Davis administration.

The five-year infrastructure plan, released Wednesday, is the state's first attempt to identify the need for new or improved public facilities and the sources of money to pay for them. The plan is required by a law passed three years ago.

"Since the 1960s," the report says, "decades of under investment in infrastructure have left the state with large deficits in capacity and deferred maintenance."

The \$56 billion in recommended spending is 61 percent more than the amount spent by the state on infrastructure during the past 10 years.

The plan was supposed to be issued by the Department of Finance in January. But the department said the plan needed revision because of a budget shortfall that has reached a record \$23.6 billion.

Under the plan, \$1.6 billion would be spent during the next five years from the state general fund, beginning

with \$44 million next year.

The general fund pays for most state programs and is expected to total more than \$78 billion next year. Most of the infrastructure funding, \$21.1 billion, would come from the state's share of \$40 billion in future bonds paid off by the general fund over decades.

**"Any five-year plan they produce, from one angle or the other, will be blown up within a few years."**

— **STEVE PEACE**  
California senator

Nearly half of the bond money would be spent after the five-year period or used for non-state projects such as housing and local parks.

Transportation projects would receive \$27.7 billion, kindergarten through high school would get \$14.9 billion, higher education would receive \$5.4 billion, water

projects \$2.4 billion, natural resources and environmental protection \$1.5 billion, and public safety would receive \$1.1 billion.

The Department of Finance said the plan will be improved in the future as many state departments learn how to focus on their long-term needs and will be updated each January. Some do not have a complete inventory of their facilities.

Authorized by a law written by former Assembly Speaker Robert Hertzberg, D-Van Nuys, the plan reflects a 1998 California Business Roundtable report that also called for more infrastructure spending.

William Hauck, the Business Roundtable president told The San Diego Union-Tribune that fulfilling the plan would benefit the state.

Skeptics, however, include Sen. Steve Peace, D-El Cajon, who carried similar infrastructure legislation 10 years ago.

"Any five-year plan they produce, from one angle or the other, will be blown up within a few years," Peace said. "And they will say, 'We have to start all over again.' It's kind of the nature of this business that as soon as you publish a proposal, you are vulnerable."

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# Los Angeles Lakers left their hearts in Sacramento



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I thought I saw that ad in the SMDP personals section Thursday, after the Lakers clinched, but I must have dreamed it up in that delirious state I lapsed into knowing we're stuck with baseball and some World Cup football in the dog-days before the "real" football comes back and guys start smashing each other into the ground again.

Yes, the good guys from the West Coast are world champs, as usual. But as I watched the victory parade Friday, I thought I detected a far-away look on the faces of the three-peaters.

There was Robert Horry, pumping his hands in the air, shiny NBA championship rings on four of those fingers, the fifth on its way.

Derek Fisher threw up another answered prayer, as his headband landed in the hands of a Laker fan hottie in a tank top and cut-offs.

Rick Fox looked Hollywood-cooler than usual, not an easy feat, and even Devean George was a hero up there at the back of the top of that bus. But something about the faces. When the two-headed Shakobe monster took turns hoisting the trophy over their heads, the chant from the masses began: "four-ward, four-ward, four-ward."

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Shaq kept wiping the side of his forehead like he always does before he shoots the second of two free throws. You could see in his eyes he was somewhere else, and Kobe, with his beautiful young wife next to him, had that similar far-away gaze.

In the post game four interviews, guess what Kobe wanted to talk about? Not the finals, not the one-sided triumph over New Jersey that places these Lakers in the rarefied air of NBA legend status. No, Kobe still had the Kings on his mind, was already daydreaming of getting back together:

"I'm sure the Kings are back at work right now. They're going to try to take what we have. We'll be waiting for them."

Apologies to Tony Bennett, but these guys clearly left their hearts in Sacramento.

The Kings were like the ex you just can't get out of your mind, the one you set the VCR to NBC for so you can watch it again and again, even after you did what you had to do to get rid of them.

When the Nets led by 11 in the second quarter Wednesday night, they briefly got some of the attention they longed for. The guys in purple winked and the guys in white caved in again. LA had the far away shot going with the far away thoughts, and hit 11 three-pointers, the killer blows that brought this half-hearted thing to a merciful end.

Most half-hearted of all was the ex-Laker himself, Byron Scott, seemingly the Nets' coach. Throughout the series he was the guy who tries way too hard to be nice, not realizing what all game players know — nice guys don't win.

It's the one who has a nasty streak, the one who plays hard-to-get, that gets the prize, in this case the Lakers' respect. All we heard from Byron for eight days was how awesome Shaq is.

"I have no answer for him," he said after game one, then again after game two, then again ... you get the picture.

And Kobe, "he's unstoppable,"

the enemy coach said, then went about the business of proving it by turning in one of the most dispirited, dull-edged coaching jobs in finals history. His Nets never once showed a hint of the passion that we witnessed in the team from northern California two weeks ago.

And so the Lakers played accordingly, just well enough to dispose of these guys in the minimum time allowed and the memory of the near-death experience in Sacramento the only thing that made them sweat.

## World Cup mania



Lawrence Jackson/Associated Press

USA's Claudio Reyna jumps for a header in front of Poland's Jacek Krzynowek (hidden) during their 2002 World Cup Group D soccer match at the Daejeon World Cup stadium in Daejeon, South Korea, on Friday. The other teams in Group D are South Korea and Portugal.

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## NATIONAL

### Marching toward the flames



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A firefighting team from Salem, Ore., marches out of the north Hayman fire camp near Castle Rock, Colo., on Friday to fight the wildfire south of Denver that has grown to 100,000 acres since it began on Saturday.

## States clear path to allow Segway scooters on sidewalks

BY ROBERT TANNER  
AP National Writer

The high-tech Segway scooter is still months away from being available to the public, and already half the states have speedily cleared a path by changing their laws to allow the electric-powered vehicle on sidewalks.

The manufacturer has waged a lobbying campaign at statehouses around the country, winning over lawmakers who see the Segway as a remarkable tool to ease congestion and more.

But worries are growing among doctors and others who fear pedestrians will get hurt by the two-wheeled, 69-pound Segways as the machines zip around at up to 12.5 mph.

The scooter was introduced amid great hype by inventor Dean Kamen, who has claimed his machine will transform the way people live and work just as surely as the automobile did when it replaced the horse and buggy.

The quiet, single-person vehicles are battery-powered, with computers and gyroscopes that allow riders to negotiate curbs and ruts. Tests of a heavy-duty version are under way at factories, resorts and among government employees like postal workers and police officers.

Up until recently, all but three states barred motorized vehicles from sidewalks.

Now the path is clearer. Twenty-four states, including Florida, New Jersey, Tennessee, Washington and Wisconsin, have enacted Segway's proposals into law with surprising speed over the past six months. Legislation in four more states is awaiting governors' signatures.

Matt Dailida, who oversaw Segway LLC's legislative efforts, said the goal was to lay the groundwork for a 21st-century technology by sweeping aside 19th-century laws.

The Segway dazzled lawmakers when it was demonstrated at state capitols, with many seeing the machine as a way to ease traffic, boost tourism and make business more productive.

"It's amazing," said state Rep. Dan Schooff, a Democrat in Wisconsin. "It's a dramatic kind of breakthrough. It extends the pedestrian environment (and provides) more ways for people to get around."

But pedestrian advocates and doctors are warning about collisions and injuries, and fear the machines could be especially

dangerous to children and the elderly. The consumer model, projected to cost \$3,000, is about three times as fast as a speedy walker and stands about 3 feet high.

"It just baffles me that lawmakers are so quick to embrace this device based on the assurances of paid lobbyists," said Dr. Gary Smith, director of the Center for Injury Research and Policy at Columbus Children's Hospital in Ohio. "The laws of physics are going to apply to this motorized scooter, as much as they do to any other motorized vehicle."

The new laws vary from state to state, but all allow for the Segway to be used on sidewalks, bike paths and many roads. Some require helmets. They effectively eliminate licensing and insurance. In most states, local governments could act separately to force the machines onto the street.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration ruled that the Segway is not a vehicle subject to its oversight.

"I'm a registered nurse," said Tennessee state Sen. Rosalind Kurita, a Democrat who voted against the bill. "This is a big, bulky, perhaps clumsy machine. No helmet, no license, no instruction. What about the people that are legitimately walking on the sidewalk? Do we bump them off the sidewalk?"

The make of the machine — officially the Segway Human Transporter — says it is designed to allow a rider to stop quickly and swiftly back up or move to the side to avoid running into something.

"Someone running down the street is probably more dangerous than someone cruising on one of these. You can stop in the same distance. It's much safer than a bike," said Schooff, the Wisconsin lawmaker.

Marya Morris at the American Planning Association said urban planners view the machines with "skepticism but interest." The Segway does not pollute, gets people out of cars, and could boost mass transit, she said.

But she said that there could be collisions with pedestrians or cars, and that the Segway could discourage walking and lead to even more inactivity among Americans.

The legislation moved so quickly it caught many unawares.

"I don't think any kind of opposition had any chance to set up shop," said analyst Melissa Savage at the National Conference of State Legislatures. "I've not seen anything quite like this before."

## BUSINESS



# Despite success, eBay struggles to keep users happy

BY BRIAN BERGSTEIN

AP Business Writer

**SAN JOSE** — Twelve eBay users from around the country have been invited to company headquarters to give the Internet auction site's executives pieces of their minds: Customer service is lousy. The search engine is weak. Pop-up ads are deplorable.

The eBay manager writing down their gripes quickly fills a large sheet of paper, then two, then three, eventually taping so many onto a wall that new ones go on the door.

Michael Benson, a baseball card collector from St. Louis, adds his complaint: "eBay is going with the big sellers over the little sellers." Murmurs of assent can be heard around the table. "You've got to get back to mom and pop sellers," nods Judy Tomlin of Mecosta, Mich.

That complaint is not new, but it is becoming increasingly common among longtime eBay users. Many say eBay, committed to growth, is giving big companies an unfair advantage by prominently featuring their brand-name wares, creating tough competition for the millions of regular folks who made eBay huge.

"It's so infuriating to see the stock continually rise and know that it's happening because the little guy is taking it in the shins," said collectibles seller Tricia Spencer of Riverside, Calif., who was not among the 12 users invited to headquarters. "It's like a kingdom where the serfs have done all the work and the king eats hale and hearty while the serfs starve."

eBay executives say the charge is unfounded. But they acknowledge that after eBay's astonishing rise in recent years, it is more difficult than ever to stay connected to its treasured "community" — the hobbyists and small businesses that trade everything from AstroTurf to zithers, and dole out "feedback points" that reflect their online reputations.

"Our communication, frankly, to the community is broken," Bill Cobb, eBay's director of marketing, told the group of 12 at eBay's most recent "Voice of the Customer" session. "We have to figure out a better way."

eBay hopes relations get a big boost from its first "community celebration," called eBay Live, June 21-23 in Anaheim. More than 3,000 users are expected to mingle with company managers, trade advice on how to buy and sell things in more cost-effective ways, hear a speech by CEO Meg Whitman and attend an awards ceremony.

Founded in 1995, eBay is by far the world's top Internet auction site, with nearly 50 million registered users and sites in 27 countries.

It long ago shed its roots as an online flea market. With big companies such as Dell and IBM now unloading goods on eBay, the site is more like a giant mall with



Doug Benc/Associated Press

**Tricia Spencer sits on a bench in Riverside, Calif. on Wednesday. She has spent the last three years selling collectibles on e-Bay such as antique dolls, WW I military helmets, European walking canes and childrens umbrellas.**

**Her fees to do business on e-Bay have gone up over 400 percent in the past two years.**

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a flea market and a used-car dealership in the parking lot.

To attract even more corporate sellers, eBay and consultancy Accenture plan to launch a service to facilitate auctions for companies with discontinued or out-of-season merchandise.

Executives say such deals are essential for eBay's long-term financial growth, which will come largely by expanding its slim market share in major consumer cate-

gories. More brand-name products will bring new buyers, which ultimately helps big and small sellers, they say.

They also point out that eBay charges all sellers the same fees — between 30 cents and \$3.30 to list most items, depending on their value, and a 1.5 percent to 5.25 percent commission on successful sales. And they say 96 percent of the \$13 billion in merchandise that will be sold on eBay this year is from small and medium-sized businesses.

Even so, many sellers say they are feeling pinched by increased competition — while the listing and commission fees they pay to eBay have only gone up.

Prices of collectibles on eBay dropped 11 percent in May from last year and 25 percent from 2000, according to AuctionBytes.com, which tracks Internet trading. Perhaps more telling, collectibles' average "sell-through rate" — the percentage of listed items that sold — was 55 percent last month, down from 72 percent in 2000.

"The traffic to my auctions has slowed to almost half since the influx of discounters and wholesalers into the categories," said Mischelle Martin of Los Angeles, who sells women's clothing on eBay.

Brian Burke, eBay's senior manager of community development, argues that such developments are a natural part of eBay's marketplace system.

"We haven't eliminated competition by putting it online," he said. "We've probably actually enhanced competition."

Promoting that benign image hasn't proven easy. Adding to the perception that eBay is unresponsive: On its online message boards, many community questions are answered not by real eBay staff but by fellow members or with canned, automatically generated replies.

"If you ever have a question regarding costs or your invoice, try to find some help from a real person," said Doug Duguay, who sells cycling clothes on eBay from Portland, Ore. "It's very difficult."

eBay has tried to help users for years by offering "eBay University," a traveling series of seminars with buying and selling tips. The "Voice of the Customer" sessions began in 1999 and are staged every two months.

The meetings give eBay a chance to hear complaints, solicit opinions on new services under development and explain the rationale for contentious policies. The users are asked to keep in touch through regular conference calls after they return home.

After taking part in the most recent session, Lance Shoeman of Canon City, Colo., said he was impressed by eBay's receptiveness but thinks it needs to work harder at community relations rather than merely "allowing a handful of people to bend their ear every now and then."

"They're listening," he said. "but not properly communicating that fact to their members."

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## INTERNATIONAL

# Cubans asked to declare socialism 'untouchable'

BY ANITA SNOW

Associated Press Writer

**HAVANA** — Millions of Cubans are being asked to publicly affirm Fidel Castro's four-decade-old socialist system as "untouchable" in a government campaign defying calls for democratic reforms.

Over four days beginning Saturday, all Cubans 16 years of age and older will be asked to sign a petition saying they support a constitutional amendment declaring the nation's economic, political and social systems "untouchable" — meaning they cannot be changed.

Opposition activists say the effort is Castro's answer to their own civil liberties campaign, known as the Varela Project. Most Cubans first heard of Varela last month in a speech by former President Jimmy Carter, who was visiting the island.

**"It's sad that the government keeps feeding the image of popular support."**

— ELIZARDO SANCHEZ  
Human rights activist

Government officials expect most Cubans to sign, but a number of island dissidents complained that no political or economic system should be engraved in stone for future generations.

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"We believe that no generation of Cubans has the right to declare untouchable any economic, political and social system, even when it is already consecrated in the constitution," the Moderate Opposition's Reflection Group said in a fax to The Associated Press. "This is an extremely grave affair for the present and future of Cuba."

The signature campaign at 120,000 stations nationwide will be run by groups representing women, university students, workers and every neighborhood block on the island, among others.

"No compatriot will be denied the opportunity" to back the amendment, said Castro, who established the socialist system two years after his 1959 revolution.

Hundreds of workers labored Friday in suburban

Cacahual, cleaning streets and building a stage for a Saturday morning political rally.

While the campaign will be supported by Cuba's Communist Party and Union of Young Communists, Castro insisted, "It will not be a state activity."

Cuba's Communist Party — the only political party legally recognized here — is linked strongly with the state, with many top leaders holding both government and party posts.

The mass organizations — including the Committees for the Defense of the Revolution that watch each block, the Federation of Cuban Women and the Confederation of Cuban Workers — officially are autonomous, but play key roles in supporting and protecting the socialist system.

Castro, 75, repeatedly insists Cuba will remain socialist after his death. His designated successor is his brother, 71-year-old Defense Minister Raul Castro.

Opposition activists have mounted a signature campaign for a referendum asking voters whether they favor such civil liberties as freedom of speech and assembly, the right to own a business, electoral reform and amnesty for political prisoners.

"It's sad that the government keeps feeding the image of popular support," said veteran human rights activist Elizardo Sanchez.

Castro will announce the results of his campaign and deliver the signatures to the National Assembly, the unicameral parliament loyal to him.

The National Assembly will hold a regular session July 5, official media said Friday. Presumably, the proposals for the constitutional amendment and the Varela Project will be discussed then.

Castro has said nothing publicly about the Varela Project. Its backers collected more than the 10,000 signatures constitutionally required to propose a referendum

## U.S. requests expulsion of Iraqi diplomat for espionage

BY EDITH M. LEDERER

Associated Press Writer

**UNITED NATIONS** — The United States on Friday asked Iraq to remove one of its U.N. diplomats for "activities incompatible with his diplomatic status," a U.S. official said. Such language is diplomatic code for espionage.

The official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the U.S. mission asked the Iraqi U.N. mission to recall the diplomat, who was not named, by the end of June.

"They have 24 hours to reply to the expulsion request," the official said. "They could indeed challenge it because he's accredited to the U.N.," not to the United States.

Iraq's U.N. Ambassador Mohammad Al-Douri was not immediately available for comment, an official at Iraq's U.N. Mission said.

The United States broke diplomatic relations with Iraq after its 1990 invasion of Kuwait and the U.N. Mission is Baghdad's only diplomatic presence in the country. According to the latest U.N. directory, Iraq has 16 accredited diplomats led by the ambassador.

President Bush wants Iraqi President Saddam Hussein removed from power.

Bush has also warned Saddam that he faces unspecified consequences if he fails to heed American demands that U.N. weapons inspectors be allowed to return to Iraq to verify whether it has dismantled its weapons of mass destruction.

U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan and Iraq's Foreign Minister Naji Sabri have held two rounds of inconclusive talks aimed at returning the inspectors, who left Iraq 3 1/2 years ago and have been barred from returning. A third round of talks is scheduled in Vienna on July 4-5.

and submitted them to the National Assembly last month, but have received no formal response.

When Carter mentioned the project during an uncensored televised address, he suggested the reform plan be published in the state media, but that has not happened.

Communist officials accused Varela Project organizers of being on the U.S. government payroll, which activists deny. Cuban authorities also said there were legal and technical problems with the proposal, giving it little hope for success.

## Jagger among artists who have been knighted

BY THOMAS WAGNER

Associated Press Writer

**LONDON** — Mick Jagger, the rock 'n' roll bad boy who once outraged the British establishment with his wild lifestyle, was knighted on Saturday for his service to music.

Jagger, 58, will now be known officially as Sir Michael Philip Jagger. Also knighted were directors Trevor Nunn and Jonathan Miller, and painter Peter Blake. Playwright Harold Pinter received the prestigious companion of honor award.

Jagger, who is preparing for a U.S. fall tour with The Rolling Stones, said he was "delighted at the news."

He also said his 4-year-old son, Gabriel, was a bit confused about his father's new title.

Jagger said his son told his class that his father was going to be knighted, and when the teacher asked, "What does that mean?" Gabriel said: "Well, he goes to the castle to see the king and gets to be a knight, and, from then on, gets to wear armor all the time."

Jagger is the latest of several British pop stars who have received knighthoods.

Elton John was knighted in 1997, and Paul McCartney was knighted in 1996 for his contribution to British music and society, including the charitable and educational causes he supports.

That happened despite the fact that Sir Elton has admitted using cocaine in the past and Sir Paul has acknowledged using marijuana.

The knighthood for Jagger, with a drug conviction of his own and a reputation as a womanizer, could reopen the debate about who is suitable for the queen's honors list, even though the award comes long after the Stones helped lead the antiestablishment movements of the '60s and '70s.

However, few people would deny that Jagger and the Stones have been among the country's most valuable musical exports for 40 years.

The government chooses most of the honors that Queen Elizabeth II bestows twice a year. Official ceremonies for the knighthoods will be held in the coming months.

Pinter, 71, one of Britain's most important playwrights, was made a companion of honor, a very high award made to a limited group of people for "conspicuous service" to their country.

Pinter is the noted author of seminal dramas such as "Betrayal," "The Caretaker" and "The Birthday Party." He was recently diagnosed with throat cancer.

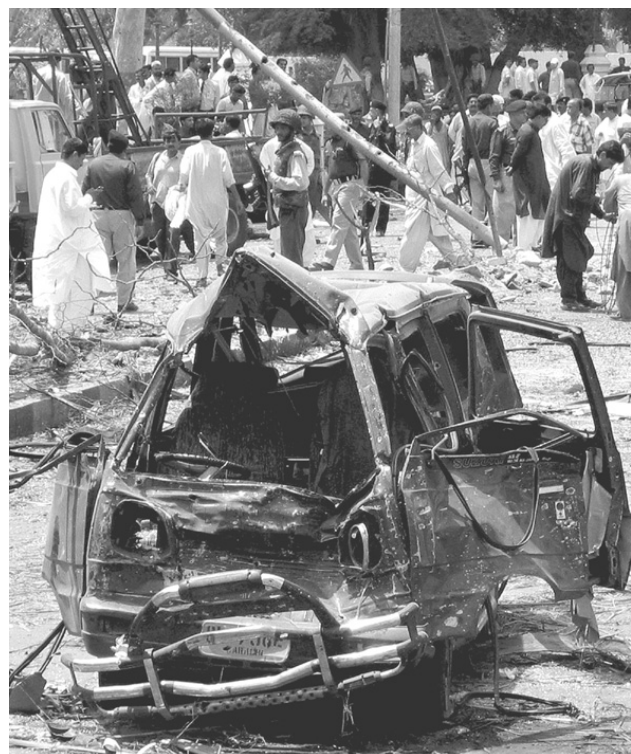
Nunn, 62, artistic director of the Royal National Theater, has long been one of this country's leading theater directors.

He has two shows on Broadway — "Oklahoma!" and "Les Miserables" — and starts rehearsals Aug. 12 in London on a new production of "A Streetcar Named Desire," starring Glenn Close.

For 18 years, he ran the Royal Shakespeare Company and has been at the helm of the National since 1997.

Miller, 57, has directed countless plays and operas. In the early 1960s, he found fame on Broadway as one of the original members of the Beyond the Fringe comedy quartet.

## Bombing victim



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One of cars destroyed by a bomb blast sits outside the U.S. Consulate in the southern port city of Karachi on Pakistan. A suicide attacker crashed a bomb-laden car into a guard post of the consulate compound in Karachi on Friday, killing himself and at least nine other people and injuring at least 45.

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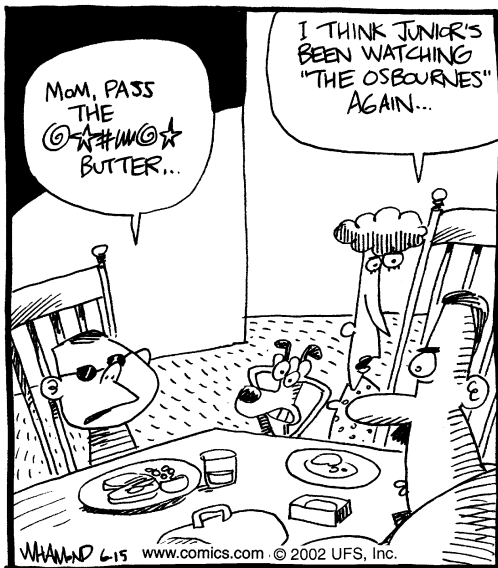
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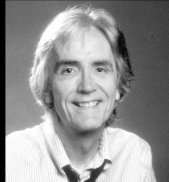
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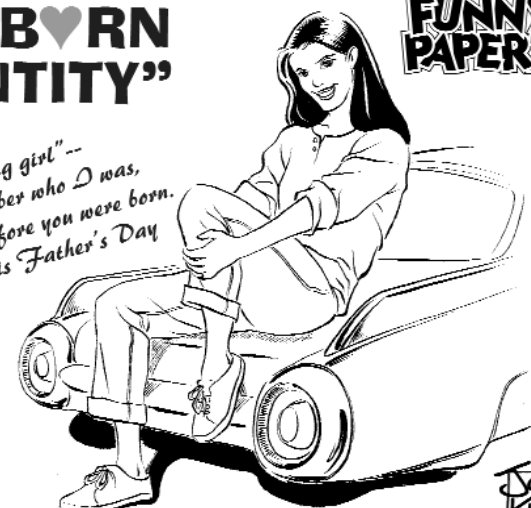
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- A 23-year-old man, driving a pickup truck naked over the lawn of the state capitol (Lincoln, Neb.);
- A woman riding naked atop an SUV (Indianapolis);
- A 21-year-old prisoner who stripped and jumped against a bulletproof courthouse window in a futile escape attempt (Hillsboro, Mo.);
- A man in his 20s who ran onto an ice rink naked, interrupting a late-night skating class (Richmond, British Columbia);
- A 20-year-old man who broke into a house and immediately removed his clothes (Eugene, Ore.).

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## 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  
*The Bourne Identity* (PG-13) 12:30, 1:30, 3:30, 4:30, 6:30, 7:30, 9:30, 10:30.

**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) 12:30, 1:10, 3:35, 4:15, 6:45, 7:25, 9:55, 10:25  
*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) 12:40, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 9:35  
*Unfaithful* (R) 9:30, 10:20  
*Spirit: Stallion of the Cimarron* (G) 12:00, 2:10, 4:20, 6:30, 8:20.

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

**Contemporary Crafts Market** will be held today at the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium. 1855 Main Street, Santa Monica. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Admission is \$6.00. For more information please call (310)458-8551.

**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.

### entertainment

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## Sunday

### community

**The Main Street Merchants** in Santa Monica will sponsor their 2nd Annual Summer Solstice 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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## Monday

### community

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## BACK PAGE

# Joke if you want, but Spam has its own museum

BY CRAIG GUSTAFSON

Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN, Minn. — Depending on who's eating it, Spam is either a slice of post-war Americana or a slice of who knows what.

Whatever it is, the canned convenience food now has its own museum.

"All (you've) got to say is Spam and you've got a discussion," said Nancy Barker of Menasha, Wis., emerging from the Spam Museum Friday with a handful of memorabilia. "Of course, there's also quite a lot of jokes."

For 66 years this southern Minnesota town of 22,000 has been known affectionately, or derisively, as Spamtown.

"It's a part of our past and it's probably part of our future," said Barker, 65, who has her own recipe for Spam pancakes. "People are almost cult followers."

The museum has been open since September, but Spam maker Hormel Foods delayed a celebration until Saturday because of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

The rescheduled grand opening is steeped in Americana, with famous TV moms like Marion Ross and Barbara Billingsley, sports figures and a World War II memorial dedication.

Inside the museum — admission is free — those followers will have plenty to

absorb. A 430-foot conveyor belt rattles around the ceiling, carrying about 850 cans of Spam.

**"It's a part of our past  
and it's probably  
part of our future."**

— NANCY BARKER  
Spamtown resident

Visitors can take a Spam exam or can their own Spam (not the real stuff). There's also a radio station — KSpam — and a video screen that shows classic Monty Python skits slamming Spam.

The museum also has exhibits on the Hormel family, explains what goes into Spam (pork shoulder, ham, spices and preservatives) and describes the product's special relationship with American troops in World War II.

The war generated huge sales for Hormel, which provided 15 million cans of Spam each week to the military. From 1939 to 1942, the company's overall sales doubled to almost \$120 million.

On Sunday, Brokaw, the NBC News anchor, will dedicate a special memorial to honor World War II veterans.

Gordon Handrich, a World War II veteran from Appleton, Wis., who was at the museum on Friday, remembered eating Spam. He liked it, but he remembered some soldiers who swore they'd never eat it again once the war ended.

A Spam-o-meter at the museum tallies the cans of Spam produced. Hormel expects to turn out its 6 billionth sometime between June 29 and July 3.

The museum, which is free, has drawn 39,000 visitors since it opened, and the number is expected to double this weekend.

Laura Shields saw a freeway sign for the Spam museum and said she had to stop and drag her vacationing family in for a look. "It's incredibly cool," she said.

Shields said she's carried on a running gag with her brother-in-law, who gave her a Spam calendar for Christmas. The museum shop sold windsocks, pens, T-shirts in Spam's distinctive navy and yellow colors and, of course, the cans.

Some people may love Spam for its salty ham taste, but others are fascinated by the name. In 1935, Hormel President Jay Hormel held a contest at a New Year's Eve party to name the meat. The winner spliced the words "spice" and "ham" to claim the \$100 prize.

Barker, who said she has eaten Spam all her life and fed it to her six children, left the gift shop with a stuffed can of talking Spam. She gave it a squeeze.

It chimed: "I love Spam."

## Flag Man plans his last wave

By The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — The "Flag Man," famous for his daily flag-waving walks across the Golden Gate Bridge, is planning his last march.

Jeffrey Orth said his last walk is tentatively scheduled for July 4. He said he liked the symbolism of Independence Day.

Orth, a 52-year-old real estate agent, began his walks Nov. 2 to promote patriotic spirit. Except for one week of vacation, he has walked the span every weekday at 8 a.m. since then, carrying an American flag above his head.

"It's starting to feel more like an obligation than a heartfelt walk," Orth said. "It still feels joyful when people react to me so positively. But it's time to move on."

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