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SMFD prepares itself for terrorists

BY ANDREW H. FIXMER
Daily Press Staff Writer

(Editor's note: This is the second article in a weekly series that looks at the city's preparedness in the event of a terrorist attack.)

While they hope it never comes down to it, Santa Monica's fire crews are preparing themselves for a terrorist attack.

At least once a day Captain Mark Bridges leads his crew at Santa Monica Fire Department Station No. 3 on 19th Street and Arizona Avenue through numerous scenarios involving terrorist threats to the city.

"If Santa Monica is targeted it would be because of its proximity to L.A. and all of the media attention it would get," he said. "The threat would likely be to the masses of people who come here from tourism."

Almost every fire fighter at Station No. 3 has been specially trained and state certified to deal with hazardous materials. But now they also form the cornerstone of the fire department's terrorism response team.

Since Sept. 11, the crew has undergone intense training so they can respond to terrorists using chemical and biological weapons.

"In house, we are continuously training. But we're also searching out education regarding terrorism and the newest information from the terrorism world."

— CAPT. MARK BRIDGES
Santa Monica Fire Department

Within the past week, federal agents from the Environmental Protection Agency trained fire fighters on how to deal with radiation containment from so-called "dirty bombs," which use an explosive combined with radioactive

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Scene locator owed commission, judge rules

Broker cut out of Sony Pictures deal

BY CAROLYN SACKARIASON
Daily Press Staff Writer

A film scene locator was unfairly squeezed out of a deal he struck with a Marina Del Rey restaurant that will be featured in Jack Nicholson's upcoming movie, "Anger Management," a judge ruled last week.

Daniel Hall, owner of L.A. Locations Inc. sued Warehouse Restaurant owner Lee Spencer for \$5,000 in Santa Monica Small Claims Court, claiming breach of contract.

Hall, who scopes out properties for possible movie scenes, markets them and then brokers deals between the owners and the film companies, said Spencer cut him out of the deal despite that the two

had a contract.

Spencer, the president of Warehouse Restaurant Inc., said he sold the business and therefore the contract is no longer valid. He testified that the new owners decided to deal directly with Sony Pictures instead of using Hall as the broker to have the waterfront restaurant be used for a scene in the film.

But Spencer couldn't prove that the business had been sold. Even if it had been sold, all liabilities and agreements from the previous ownership would transfer over to the new owners, Judge Pro Tem Don Burris said, who is a business litigator in Santa Monica.

"The business is still active and there is no evidence provided to say otherwise," Hall said. "Plus, the liabilities transfer over and our contract provided for that anyway."

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Samba mama



Seth Kotok/Special to the Daily Press
Rhonda Cooke of the Mila Samba School gets people in the groove on Sunday during Main Street's Summer SOULstice.

SF supervisor to homeless: Buy your own drugs, alcohol

By The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — After his colleagues on the San Francisco's liberal Board of Supervisors frowned on his plan to cut homeless welfare checks, Gavin Newsom is taking his plan to city residents.

Newsom wants to put his Care Not Cash measure on the ballot in November. He began asking for signatures Saturday — he'll need 9,735 names by July 8 to put the measure on the ballot.

Newsom's plan, which has been political suicide for his predecessors, would cut the current monthly homeless allowance of up to \$395 to \$59.

He wants to cut back the amount of checks, which he said often gets spent on alcohol and drugs. His plan would reallocate the cash allowances toward residential housing, medical services, job training and addiction treatment.

"We will take nothing away without providing something more, something better," he said.

But homeless advocates paint the politician, who's expected to run next year for mayor, as rich and unsympathetic to the plight of the homeless. The son

of a former judge, Newsom owns a winery, a resort and upscale restaurants.

"He wants to take the money away when people already live in misery," said Sister Bernie Galvin of Religious Witness for the Homeless.

Newsom's plan has taken a beating from fellow supervisors, but Mayor Willie Brown has given the plan his blessing though not an official endorsement.

Trent Rhorer, chief of the city's Department of Human Services, said he thinks a change is needed to help handle the city's homeless.

"When (a client) is homeless for five years on the streets or in a shelter, how have we improved their lives?" he asked.

There are 8,571 people receiving cash allowances from San Francisco. Of those, 2,895 are homeless, according to city records.

San Francisco hands out the biggest homeless checks in the Bay Area, Newsom said. For example, in Marin County, the maximum is \$373, in Santa Clara County, it's \$316, in Contra Costa County, it's \$167, and in San Mateo County it's \$58.

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

♈ ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Don't lose your focus; concentrate on key issues. Consider working from home, where you might be less distracted. Don't let pressure build. Tension builds from a conversation as you attempt to tear through your work. Tonight: Work as late as you need to.

♉ TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Playfulness takes you in a new direction. Use your creativity to find easy ways to complete your work. Assume that there are no problems, only solutions. With dynamic thinking, you'll find answers. Avoid wild risk-taking. Schedule time with a loved one. Tonight: Forget Monday thinking.

♊ GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You might not feel as if you're working through a problem involving your family or a personal issue. Relax more, expressing what is on your mind. You cannot keep holding in your opinions. Loosen up and speak. Ask for suggestions. Tonight: Treat yourself to something special.

♋ CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Your positive attitude helps others, but especially you. Stabilize your mood by understanding that all will pass. Share what is on your mind with a friend. Feedback also will help you work through a difficult problem. Slow down. Tonight: Hang out with a favorite person.

♌ LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Take your time when dealing with your finances. Reach out to others for opinions and support. Work directly with associates. Your intuition helps you zero in. A meeting proves to be more important than you originally thought. Swap ideas. Be open to other ideas. Tonight: Treat yourself.

♍ VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Listen to another. Follow through on what you need done. Your personality melts others' barriers and helps them reveal more of what is on their minds. You function best in an open, positive atmosphere. Don't let a difficult boss get to you. Tonight: Keep on smiling.

♎ LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★ Step back and detach, especially if something doesn't feel right or on-target. You understand much more by doing little. Carefully consider options that involve a legal matter. You might be looking at some travel in the near future. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

♏ SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Someone close to you could be down or sad. Do your best to lift this person's spirits, unless he or she wants something you cannot give. Schedule a meeting. Groups draw success. Work with someone. Reach out for a loved one at a distance. Tonight: Play the night away.

♐ SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ A boss or respected authority figure makes demands that you might not be in the mood to fulfill. Refuse to get triggered by others' attitudes. Right now, picture yourself alone, swimming in a riptide. You, and you alone, can make the difference. Tonight: Could be a late night.

♑ CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Detach while others trigger, especially at the workplace. Use your strong mental capacities to read between the lines. Sleuth through information. Others reveal much more than they are aware of. Tonight: Relax to a favorite TV show.

♒ AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ A close associate makes an overture that could stop you in your tracks. You will want to think this one through before leaping to any decision. Don't read more into a child's or loved one's attitude than really exists. Tonight: Make someone happy.

♓ PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Others seek you out. You really do not need to do much. A boss or parent might be angry or difficult. You could turn yourself upside down and still not please this individual. Allow yourself to be who you are. Smiling wins the day. Tonight: The only answer is yes!

QUOTE of the DAY

"The only time a woman really succeeds in changing a man is when he's a baby."

— Natalie Wood (1938-1981)

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LOCAL

Marty Lipstein completes marathon of life at 82

BY TRAVIS PURSER

Special to the Daily Press

During his almost 40 years of running, Santa Monica's "Marathon" Marty Lipstein did not quite achieve what he thought would be the great highlight of his life — the completion of 120 marathons.

He finished only 119.

But if his philosophy about life is true — that it, too, is a marathon — then, in a way, he did reach his goal when he died June 9 at the Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center. He just saved the biggest finish for last. He was 82.

Lipstein, a Santa Monica resident for 50 years, was more than a runner. He captured the hearts of Santa Monicans with his easy going generosity, optimism and love of simple living.

It was the little things that made him a community fixture. A common sight running along the beach or in Palisades Park on Ocean Avenue, he frequently had a kind word for passersby. He was an inspiration to many, from peace activists to successful businessmen.

Yet he owned practically nothing.

Until a serious heart problem developed two years ago and made it necessary, he declined to keep a telephone. He did not own a car. And though he appears to have had enough money to afford one, for 15 years he did not keep a regular home, preferring instead to sleep in his van that he kept parked on the streets.

Later, in 1991, he moved into a 17-story apartment building on Seventh Street and Wilshire Boulevard, where he was known for running up and down the



Marty Lipstein

stairs on rainy days.

With no known relatives, his friends were his family. They say he worked once, as a barber 30 years ago, and afterwards, he lived off money invested from the sale of a ramshackle house he owned in Venice in the early 1970s.

A fan of Henry David Thoreau, he lived by the 19th Century writer's famous words: "Simplicity, simplicity, simplicity!"

Friends described him as a "renegade," a "nonconformist" and a "philosopher of the beach." But it was his dedication to healthy living that made him a local celebrity.

He was frequently newsworthy. In 1980, when he won the Palos Verdes competition, Lipstein was the first man over 60 years old to win that race.

But he never ran to break records, said Jerry Rubin, a well-known peace activist

in Santa Monica and longtime friend.

"He ran for the inspiration and the zest that it gave," he said.

And did he run. Natalie Lewis, 69, remembers the 22-mile jaunts she once took regularly with Lipstein up to Malibu. Lewis, along with Lipstein, belonged to a unique group of friends who shunned work and strived to live life on their own terms.

In 1983, without a sponsor, she set a world record when she became the first woman to run from Santa Monica to New York City.

When asked why she found Lipstein compelling, she said that as his friend, "I guess I started feeling all right just being

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Norma Williams dies at 93

BY TRAVIS PURSER

Special to the Daily Press

After the Dust Bowl years of the 1930s, when Norma Williams moved from the barren farmland of Nebraska to halcyon Santa Monica, things in her life started growing again.

It was 1946. Soon the post-war economy would be booming. And Williams would discover that the principles of farming she knew so well — hard work and patience — applied also to an important business here: the development and management of apartment buildings.

Santa Monica lost an industrious resident last month when Williams died at her home in Santa Monica. She was 93.

Starting from almost nothing, Williams and her family eventually operated more than a dozen buildings, a fact that sometimes pitted her conservative views against the city's more liberal officials on the front lines of the long-fought rent-control wars. She also was an advocate who helped raise money to build housing for senior citizens. And, she was an inspiration to the congregation of the Santa Monica First United Methodist Church of which she was a member.

"My father knew how to make good money, but my mother knew what to do with it," said her son, Gale Williams, rem-



Norma Williams

iniscing recently at his house near Montana Avenue. She had vision, he said, while his father, a carpenter by trade, provided the nuts-and-bolts know-how of building apartments.

The family bought its first property in 1948 at 1447 Stanford Street, a lot with five, one-bedroom bungalows. By saving, investing, and shunning debt, every few years, they were able to buy more land

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Breaks at the north end of Santa Monica Bay will see inconsistent waist high surf, but most spots will drop off. After the peak Saturday and leftovers Sunday, the southwest swell from the weekend is gone. Patient surfers will get some good rides on chest-high plus sets.

Conditions will range from fair to good.

On Tuesday expect renewed northwest wind swell to ramp up; steep, waist high waves and fair conditions. More wind swell is expected Wednesday.

(Information compiled by Jesse Haley.)

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



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The Q Line

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That's why we need your help. This week's Q-Line question is, "What should

our slogan be?" If your suggestion is selected, the winner will receive gift certificates to various restaurants throughout town.

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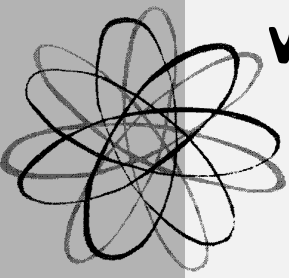
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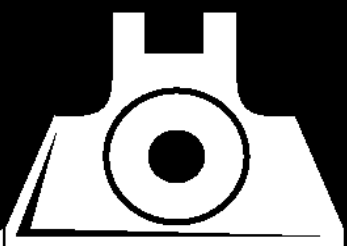
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OPINION

LETTERS

Be part of the budget process

Editor:

On Tuesday, June 18, 7 p.m., our City Council will approve a new budget for 2002-2003. The proposed budget was previewed during May study sessions. The big decision yet to be resolved is whether or not the City Council will once again be willing to come to the aid of our public schools. At last week's Board of Education meeting, Superintendent John Deasy reported that the School District will need to CUT \$2.5 million to balance their 2002-03 budget. The city of Santa Monica has identified \$1.7 million in one-time funding that has not yet been designated. Please e-mail your council members and urge them to invest this money in our public schools; this is the only possible source of funding to prevent deep cuts in next year's schools budget. Also, please plan on attending the budget hearing. We need to demonstrate a strong showing of support for education, and spending on education, at the meeting! That's next Tuesday, June 18, at 7 p.m. It's at the top of the agenda, I promise!

Be sure to come but also fax council at 917-6640 or e-mail all members at:

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I know this is an insanely busy time of the year for everyone. It's also a time to be proud of our students and proud of the schools and the community that support them. Please take an hour of your time Tuesday night and come to City Hall. We have a lot of wonderful achievements and a lot of momentum in our community to support lifelong learning and public education. The cover art for the '02-03 city budget shows a magnifying glass, I think to signify focus. Come to City Hall. Your presence will remind our Councilmembers to focus on public schools and lifelong learning opportunities. Let's keep moving.

Louise Jaffe
Santa Monica

No faith in the church

Editor:

I am seriously disappointed because of Catholic priests' misbehavior. Two years ago, when my extremely greedy Catholic landlord evicted me from my rent-controlled apartment, where my family lived for 14 years, I appealed for help to Cardinal Roger M. Mahony. I sent three letters to him. I begged him to advise the Catholic, wealthy, young, and healthy landlord let me stay in that apartment, because, as the Catholic teaching says: "ruining a handicapped senior citizen's life is a grave sin." This is elder abuse. Also, this was a callous act. Cardinal Mahony never answered. I am 73 years old and almost deaf. I attached to my letters my three doctors' letters advising to stop the eviction. To my third letter a sister from the Cardinal's office advised me that my letters were forwarded to Monsignor Lloyd Torgerson, a pastor of Saint Monica's Church, where my Catholic landlord and I used to go every Sunday. My wife called the Pastoral Office and always the answering machine was the only thing available. So my wife requested an appointment for me to see any priest. They never returned the call. Therefore, I personally went to the office and I met a civilian employee, who was very rude. So after 39 years I left that church. Cardinal Mahony and Monsignor Torgerson successfully, "torpedoed" my faith. Their cold blooded, heartless, silence and refusal to help me, the helpless person, deeply hurt me.

Laszlo K. Makay
Santa Monica

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LOCAL



The FunHog

By Dan Dunn

The old girlfriend catches FunHog with pants down

There was a knock on my door.

It sounded like any other knock ... the sort you'd expect from a FedEx guy or a neighbor wanting to borrow some sugar. But as I was about to discover, the knock that occurred on Super Bowl Sunday at 12:27 p.m. was no ordinary knock. Looking back, it would have been better had I heard the shrill yelping of the Hounds of Hell.

It was a Knock from the Other Side!

"Who in a rat's ass could that be?" Bottomfeeder screamed from the kitchen.

"I don't know," I yelled back from the bathroom. "Why don't you answer it and find out?"

"Cuz I'm making the Deviled Eggs!"

I imagine everyone has their own peculiar traditions, and my freeloading roommate is no exception. In celebration of every major sporting event — including the Super Bowl, World Series, NBA Finals, Stanley Cup, Masters, Bass-Fishing Cup, NCAA Cheerleading Finals, the Ultimate Fighting World Title, the Great Wyoming Lumberjack Throw-down, the Battle of the Network Stars and, last but certainly not least, the Pro Bowling Seniors Championship — B.F. spends countless hours preparing several hundred Deviled Eggs.

Again, you've got your traditions, he's got his. We call them B.F. Deals.

"Well, I'm on the toilet," I yelled back. "You'll HAVE TO get the door!"

There was some loud grumbling, along with some exaggerated rattling of pots and pans — B.F.'s way of letting me and the Unexpected Visitor know he was none-too-pleased with being disturbed while being bedeviled.

It couldn't be helped. I'd been on the porcelain throne for nearly an hour — stopped up worse than a hair clog in Donald Trump's sink. And at the rate things were going, I'd be damn lucky to be off the john by kickoff or even by the end of the first quarter, when we all believed the Super Bowl would be over, and we'd be deep into the debate over which Britney commercial ruled most.

"It's for you ..." B.F. said, and looking back I remember that his voice seemed eerily ill-omened. "... somebody named Tina."

The most accurate way to convey what happened next is this: Imagine being struck by a lightning bolt. A lightning bolt made of Ex-Lax. Goodbye constipation, hello Worst Nightmare!

Tina? TINA???? Not THAT Tina, but I knew it was. At my door? In California? How the ...? What the ...? Who the ...?

"He's right in there," I thought I heard Bottomfeeder saying, "go ahead in."

I tried to scream "No!" but my lungs failed me. And then she was standing there, right in front of me, and all I could say was, "I just crapped" ... certainly not

the thing I dreamed I'd say if I were to ever see her again after lo these many lonely years. But "I just crapped" was all I could muster under such duress. And truth be told, it pretty much covered the bill.

"I'm back!" she gushed. "Did you miss me?"

Being in love with Tina is exactly like having a sore tooth. Clamp down the jaw to see if it .. OUCH! .. still hurts. Push hard with the tongue to see if it ... OH GOD! ... still hurts. And here was Tina, big as life, and my tongue twitched in reflex.

"You look great!" she said, which I found hard to believe. After all, I was on the toilet with my pants around my ankles, and a pained expression on my face that I imagine was quite similar to the one the producers of "Bob Patterson" must have had the instant they realized nobody ever wanted to see Jason Alexander on TV without Seinfeld again.

"Are you going to say something?" she asked.

You mean, other than the "crapped" thing? Probably not.

Then someone said "Try one of these deviled eggs." Wait, did I say that? The mind plays tricks when I'm in cardiac arrest. No, it was Bottomfeeder, who was inexplicably holding a tray full of smelly hors d'oeuvres and standing in the bathroom with Tina and me.

I believe this is exactly how Dante envisioned the Ninth Circle of Hell.

"Did you ever notice," B.F. said to Tina, "that on an emotional level, Jerry Springer guests tend to carry around more baggage than Mariah Carey on safari? Also, in every guest there seems to be a direct correlation between the level of insanity, caloric intake and the number of teeth missing."

Tina agreed, then swallowed a deviled egg whole.

"I'm Tina," she said to him, extending a hand. "FunHog's girlfriend."

"I'm Bottomfeeder," he replied. "FunHog's best friend."

Things I Never Wanted to hear were suddenly slam-dancing in my cranial moshpit. My girlfriend? My best friend? It was as though I'd crapped myself into a horrific nightmare, filled with grotesque Maurice Sendak-esque creatures trying to pass themselves off as loved ones.

There was only one thing to do. I got up off the toilet, steeled myself, looked Tina and B.F. right in the eyes and said ...

"Do you guys wanna go to a bar and watch the game?"

Until next week.

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

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LOCAL

SMFD has list of 'target hazards' throughout city

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material. Though the devices have little more explosive power than conventional bombs, they can spread high levels of radiation.

"It's the fear factor," Bridges said. "If people hear there's been a nuclear incident like that, it would cause a lot of panic."

"And that's exactly what the terrorists want — to cause a great deal of disruption," he said.

The department has the capability to treat up to 25 people who have been exposed to dangerous chemicals. Any more than that, and the department would need outside help from the county, state or federal officials.

The fire department has created a list of "target hazards," which are mainly office buildings and factories that could be singled out in a terrorist attack. Besides studying architectural plans for the sites, they run drills in the buildings to make sure they are familiar with their

layouts. Though the specific names and locations of the buildings cannot be listed publicly they range from factories along Olympic Boulevard to buildings in the Civic Center area, near the Santa Monica Pier and the beach.

"All of it is being considered," Bridges said. "Especially during the summer months when the beaches are packed."

The fire department has received in the last six months two new devices free from the federal government. One helps fire fighters test substances to see if they contain Anthrax and the other can detect levels of radiation in the air.

The department recently sent John Nevandro, Milo Garcia and Leigh Seaton — three fire fighters from Station No. 3 — to a training course in Alabama called "Chemical Biological Response Aid."

The class is taught in conjunction by the Department of Justice and the Department of Defense on how to

properly react to weapons of mass destruction.

The training consisted of both classroom and practical lessons. The group was put into military-grade decontamination suits and sent into a room containing enough VX gas — a highly sensitive nerve agent — that could kill upwards of 600 people.

They had to use special monitors, many of which the Santa Monica Fire Department owns, to determine what type of gas was in the room and how to respond to the situation.

"It helped me gain confidence that I can work in an environment like that," said Seaton, an 11-year SMFD veteran. "There were no simulations, it was all real. It's some of the best training I have ever received."

The class's final exam exemplifies the seriousness of the training — each fire fighter was given a blood test to make sure they hadn't been exposed to the deadly chemicals.

Though the department is obtaining new equipment and sending its fire fighters through new training, its \$1.7 million annual budget has remained the same. Much of the training and equipment has been donated to local fire departments.

"In house, we are continuously training," Bridges said. "But we're also searching out education regarding terrorism and the newest information from the terrorism world."

During the height of the Anthrax scare, the fire department responded to more than 123 calls for "suspicious white powder," 12 of which came in one day. Though none of the incidences tested positive for Anthrax, the department continues to get calls from nervous residents. The most recent call was last week — it turned out to be a free sample of pancake mix.

"Last year Anthrax killed five people," said one fire fighter. "During that same time the flu killed 300 in L.A. County. Not that Anthrax should be taken lightly, but I think there are more serious things to be worried about."

The fire department owns a Hazmat truck, which has everything from a mobile laboratory to an office in the back with a digital library of chemicals.

Restaurant ordered to pay broker

SUIT, from page 1

Hall said he should have made \$20,000 on the deal, but was only asking for \$5,000 — the maximum allowed in small claims — "To make everybody's life easier and hopefully retain (Spencer) as a good client." He also said hiring an attorney would have cost him about the same as his full commission.

The Warehouse Restaurant was shut down for five days for filming in May and Sony Pictures paid \$10,000 a day for the use of the property. According to the contract, Hall was supposed to be paid 25 percent

commission and the restaurant collected 75 percent.

Hall said the average stipend film companies pay to shut down a restaurant is between \$20,000 and \$30,000 a day. Had he brokered the deal, both sides would have been better off, he said.

"I could have easily gotten between \$15,000 and \$20,000 a day," Hall said.

Spencer, a graduate of law school, relied on his knowledge of contract law to persuade Judge Pro Tem Burris that he wasn't obligated to pay Hall since the Warehouse didn't receive any of the money from the

rental — the new owners did.

Judge Pro Tem Burris likened the botched deal to a homeowner who hires a real estate broker to list his property, puts it under contract and then cuts the broker out, leaving him with no commission even though he spent his time, resources and contacts to make it happen.

Spencer agreed to pay Hall \$5,000 within seven days with the condition that the contract be torn up. Hall, who has kept Spencer as a client for about a year hopes to salvage the business relationship for future deals.

"I just helped him find his ethics on this one," Hall said.

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LOCAL □ ENTERTAINMENT

Eastwood honored in Maui; reflects on fatherhood

BY SEAN DALY
Special to the Daily Press

MAUI — Clint Eastwood and wife Dina Ruiz enjoyed a rare “second honeymoon” last weekend on the Hawaiian island of Maui, where the actor-director was recognized for his contributions to cinema with the Piper-Heidsieck Silversword Award at the third annual Maui Film Festival.

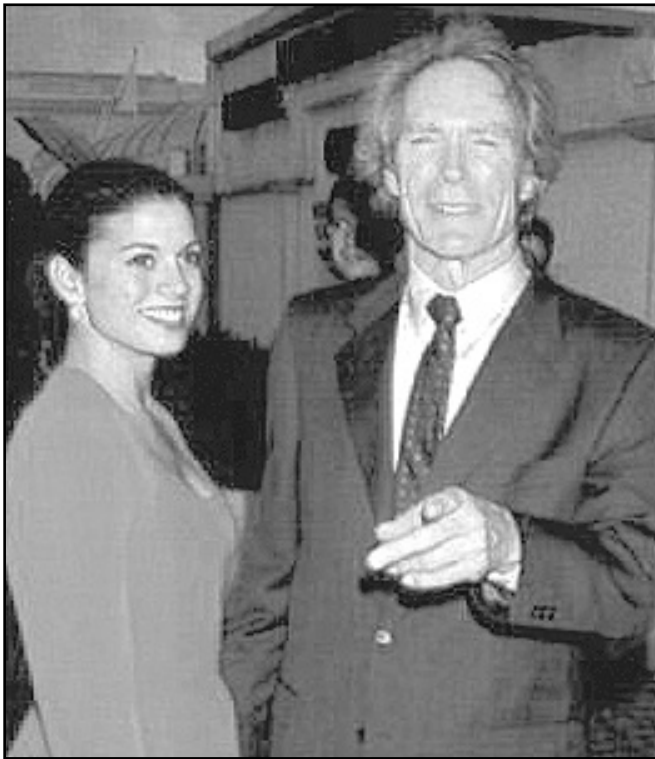
“My wife is a wonderful woman in her late 30s,” Eastwood, 72, joked with nearly 400 friends and fans who gathered for the early evening tribute hosted by Joel Siegel of Good Morning America.

“Sometimes when we’re alone together I think, ‘This could be dangerous ... but if she dies, she dies.’ So far, she’s holding up extremely well.”

Eastwood and Ruiz, a part-time TV news reporter and host of the new “Candid Camera,” married in 1996 and are frequent visitors to the island. They recently purchased a vacation cottage in the resort town of Wailea.

“We also bought a kayak,” Ruiz said. “We snorkel and we lay around a lot. And we play golf. We’re very lazy.”

But back home in Carmel, Calif. — where Eastwood once held the office of Mayor — the



Actor Clint Eastwood with wife Dina Ruiz

couple have their hands full looking after 5-year-old daughter Morgan and the actor’s three teenage children from previous relationships.

Eastwood is “a great dad,” Ruiz said. “He has infinite patience. I don’t think the kids have gotten to hear him yell yet.”

He also is pretty handy when it comes to messier chores.

“Clint always did diaper duty and got up at night and did feedings,” she added. “But we go to bed around 1 o’clock in the

morning and get up around 9:00 a.m.

“So when Morgan starts school and the whole family is up at 7:30 a.m., we are going to see how good of a car-pooler daddy is. I’m a little scared, to be honest.”

According to Ruiz, Eastwood — who has fathered a total of seven children with five different women — may finally be out of the baby-making business.

“We are so done,” she insisted. “But he would like to have another one tomorrow.”

Apartment owner dies

WILLIAMS, from page 3

and build a few more units, Gale Williams said. They built their last complex 33 years ago at 855 10th Street, where Williams lived for 30 years.

Along the way, she fought for the rights of property owners, twice filing lawsuits against the city, according to courthouse records, but both cases were dropped before trial.

At the age of 91, she celebrated the opening of the Upward Bound House, an apartment complex of 68 affordable units for seniors at 1011 11th Street. Williams helped raise money for the project, which

was organized by her church.

One of her favorite adages was “busy people are happy people,” a concept she instilled in her sons by encouraging their participation in choir, scouting, church and paper routes.

Williams was born on Oct. 26, 1908 near Danbury, Neb. She was preceded in death by her first husband, George Williams, who died in 1972, Kenneth Whitney, who she married in 1984 and her siblings, Leota Pencall, Beth Evans and Perry Johnson.

She is survived by her sons Gale and Norman Williams and by her sister Bernice McGuire.

‘Marathon Marty’ passes on

LIPSTEIN, from page 3

who I was.”

Lipstein began his love affair with running at age 48 at Muscle Beach, where he hung out with lifeguards and body-builders. But he was an avid swimmer in his youth when he lived in the Bronx. He continued to swim daily in the ocean until a heart attack at age 80 prevented it.

In 2000, the Penguin Club, a group of cold-water lovers who celebrate each New Year’s Day with an icy dip at the Venice

breakwater, declared him king of the club.

He was a vegetarian who celebrated his 80th birthday with a carrot juice toast.

Rubin’s advocacy group, Alliance for Survival, plans to hold a memorial for Lipstein at noon on June 21, the first day of summer. The open-to-the-public tribute takes place at the Tree of Life in Palisades Park near the intersection of Ocean and Colorado Avenues. Friends will share memories, then jog through the park and down to the beach. Call the Alliance at (310) 399-1000 for details.

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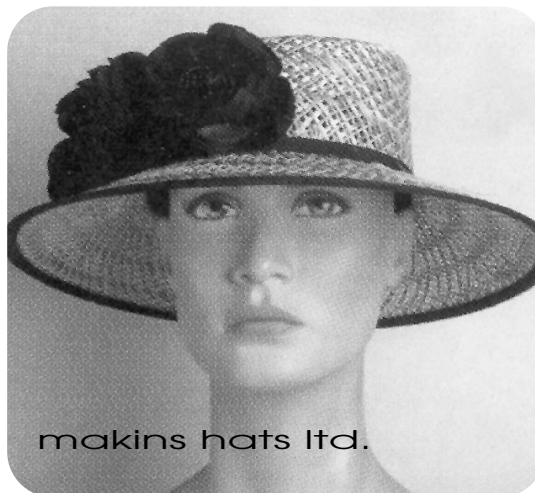
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STATE

Experts: Nuclear terror would kill few; harm psyche

BY SIMON AVERY

AP Business Writer

LOS ANGELES — A terrorist strike using radioactive materials likely would kill fewer people than the Sept. 11 attacks, but would produce a psychological effect that the country remains unprepared for, nuclear medical experts said.

Though casualties might be kept relatively low, the country's health care system remains unprepared to handle mass radioactive contamination, with some hospitals relying on their morgues as emergency treatment areas, doctors said Saturday at the Society of Nuclear

Medicine's annual meeting.

The most likely scenarios of a terrorist strike using radiation include: exploding a conventional bomb to scatter radioactive debris; attacking a nuclear reactor or supply of nuclear material, or poisoning the water supply, experts said.

Any case would prove a very effective terror weapon by spreading fear across the entire population.

"In a 'dirty bomb' scenario, the psycho-social effect would be vastly greater than the bomb itself," said Jonathan Links, professor of environmental health sciences at Johns Hopkins University School of Public Health.

"It's difficult to kill someone with radiation," said Henry Royal, a professor of radiology at the Washington University School of Medicine and an expert on managing radiation.

The worst nuclear accident in history, which occurred in 1986 at Ukraine's Chernobyl plant, directly killed only 31 people, although many more died from exposure to radiation later.

"It is inconceivable that a terrorist could get their hands

on that amount of radioactive material," Royal said.

While casualties might be relatively small, it is essential that after a terrorist strike political agencies work together and officials calculate the risks quickly and inform the public about what they know and what they don't, Links said.

The response to the anthrax attacks on the U.S. postal system were the exact opposite to what should have been. There were too many voices, bland reassurances and a habit of getting in front of the facts, said Links, who is helping the city of Baltimore develop an emergency response plan.

In many ways, a radioactive terrorist strike would be easier to handle than a biological or chemical attack, experts said.

Most injured patients would not contaminate others, so treatment would not require the kind of extraordinary precautions needed for chemical or biological contamination.

Radioactive contamination can be washed off, and 90 percent of it will remain on a person's clothes, Royal said.

PanAmSat satellite launch successful

By The Associated Press

LONG BEACH — A satellite that will provide Internet, video, audio and data services to the United States and Latin America was launched into orbit Saturday from a Pacific ocean rocket platform.

The PanAmSat Galaxy IIC satellite roared from a Sea Launch Co. platform on the equator 1,500 miles south of Hawaii.

The launch ended a 13-month lull for Sea Launch that was brought on, in part, by a global slowdown in the satellite market.

A rocket carrying the 10,692-pound satellite lifted off at 3:39 p.m. PDT and the spacecraft's first signal was acquired about an hour later. The satellite built by Boeing Satellite Systems is designed to remain in a geostationary orbit for 15 years.

Long Beach-based Sea Launch is an international consortium led by Boeing Co. The company uses its unique launch platform to send its rockets into orbit from the equator, where the Earth spins fastest, to give them a boost to space.

Golf course prostitution bust: six arrested

By The Associated Press

NORCO — Two golf course managers and four others were arrested after deputies raided a golf tournament at the Hidden Valley Golf Club where sex-for-sale allegedly took place in tents pitched on the fairways.

Club managers Darren Bollinger, 28, of Temecula, and Jason Wood, 36, of Murrieta, were charged with pimping and pandering, Deputy Lisa McConnell of the Riverside County Sheriff's Department said Saturday.

Allen Fleming, 34, of Laguna

Nigel, was charged with prostitution and resisting arrest. Angie Peraza, 34, of Victorville, was charged with prostitution and child endangerment. Sandy Juarez, 37, of Lancaster, was charged with pimping and pandering. Sharon Mitchell, 38, of Newport Beach, was charged with possession of a controlled substance.

Riverside County sheriff's deputies had the public golf course 40 miles east of Los Angeles under surveillance for about three weeks, said sheriff's spokeswoman Shelley Kennedy-Smith. On Friday afternoon, they moved in, detaining about

100 male golfers and several women.

Most of the golfers were released early Saturday following questioning.

On Friday, the club was reserved for a private tournament and several camping tents were pitched on the course. Investigators observed sex acts between golfers and women, McConnell said.

Elsewhere on the course golf was being played, Kennedy-Smith said.

"This is all a shock to me," said golf course owner, Henry C. "Chuck" Cox II. "I'm trying to figure it (the raid) out."

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Former NFL football player, 14 others arrested for drugs

By The Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — A San Diego gang task force has arrested a former NFL defensive back and 14 others in a suspected drug trafficking operation, authorities said.

After a three-year investigation into the drug ring, police arrested Brandon Sanders, 28, a former football player with the New York Giants, and several suspected gang members for investigation of conspiracy to distribute cocaine and marijuana to seven states.

Several of those arrested Friday were documented gang members known as "OGs" or Original Gangsters, who have proven to be violent, said FBI spokesman John Iannarelli.

Officials declined to give details of how the ring functioned, but said dealers were far more sophisticated than the stereotypical gangsters staking out a dark corner of a bad neighborhood. The drugs were to be distributed in California, Arizona, Georgia, Michigan, Minnesota, Nevada and North Carolina.

During simultaneous raids Friday morning, about 150 law enforcement officers from federal, state and local agencies served 13 search warrants and seized seven vehicles and two dozen weapons, Iannarelli said. Arrests were made in California, Nevada, Minnesota, Michigan and Arizona, where Sanders was taken into custody.

Some were charged with being felons in possession of firearms. According to a statement, the targets of the drug trafficking probe also are suspected of other crimes, including assaults, counterfeit money trafficking, prostitution and robberies.

Others arrested included Edric Johnson, 37, of San Diego; Jason McKittrick, 31, of San Diego; Lloyd Lake, 28, of El Cajon; Tim Patrick, 35, of Chula Vista; Arnold Gay, 34, of Oxford, Mich.; Otis Henderson, 31, of San Diego; Erick Whitlock, 36, of San Diego; and Paul Neahrine, 33, of Jamul.

Sanders played with the New York Giants in the late 1990s and with the XFL's Las Vegas Outlaws.

Customs seizes \$7 million in cash and cocaine in San Diego

By The Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Authorities seized nearly \$1 million and more than 600 pounds of cocaine while arresting two alleged drug smugglers, officials said Saturday.

The seizure followed a six-month investigation that ended with the arrest late Friday of two men on drug charges, said U.S. Customs Service spokesman Vince Bond.

Agents arrested Mark Villanueva, 47, of San Diego, and Severino Serabia Mendoza, 50, of Tijuana, Mexico, in separate actions as the men were driving on Interstate 8 in San Diego.

Authorities allegedly found about \$50,000 in cash in Villanueva's Ford Explorer and approximately \$150,000 in Serabia's Lexus.

Serabia, a Mexican citizen who also lives in San Diego, tried to escape on foot after agents stopped his vehicle, but he was quickly caught, Bond said.

Officials from Customs, the Drug Enforcement Administration, U.S. Border Patrol and other agencies searched a truck painting business and two nearby storage units following the arrests. A message left on the answering machine of the business Saturday was not immediately returned.

Inside the storage units, agents found 638 pounds of cocaine, with an estimated street value of \$5.2

million, and \$750,000 in cash. They also confiscated eight automobiles and two motorcycles, including several with secret compartments that officials believe were used to smuggle the drugs over the U.S.-Mexico border.

The drugs were shipped from Villanueva's truck painting business across the country to various destinations on the East Coast, Bond said. He declined to specify the locations, saying it was part of an ongoing investigation.

California ablaze



Casey Christie/The Bakersfield Californian

An air tanker drops fire retardant on a wildfire that started near Borel Canyon Road near Lake Isabella, Calif. The fire broke out in dry grass and brush near Highway 178 and Borel Canyon Road. Fanned by the winds, the flames exploded from a few acres to between 3,000 and 4,000 acres, fire officials said.

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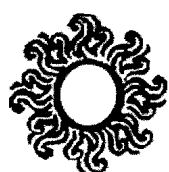
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A helicopter drops water while fighting a wildfire over the weekend near West Glenwood, Colo. Firefighters were trying to stop the advance of a wildfire that had apparently been started when a fire in an underground coal seam moved to the surface.

Forest Service employee being held responsible for Colorado wildfires

BY JENNIFER HAMILTON
Associated Press Writer

CASTLE ROCK, Colo. — A U.S. Forest Service employee set the fire that scorched more than 100,000 acres in Colorado and forced thousands to evacuate by burning a letter from her estranged husband in the Pike National Forest, authorities said Sunday.

Forestry technician Terry Barton, 38, admitted starting the fire while patrolling the forest to enforce a fire ban, said assistant U.S. Attorney Bill Leone.

She was charged with setting fire to timber in the national forest, damaging federal property and making false statements to investigators, Leone said.

Barton said she started burning the letter from her estranged husband within a designated campfire ring, where fires normally would be allowed, then tried to put out the blaze.

"She attempted to suppress the fire but it grew," Leone said.

Barton initially told authorities she discovered an illegal campfire and had tried to put it out by throwing dirt on it, but it was too late. An investigation led the Forest Service to doubt her story, Leone said.

If convicted, Barton could be sentenced to up to 10 years in prison and fines of up to \$250,000. She was arrested Sunday morning; it was not immediately clear whether she had an attorney.

She was scheduled to make an initial court appearance in federal court Monday.

"I want to begin by saying, this is one of the hardest announcements I've had to make in my career," said Rick Cables, regional forester for the Rocky Mountain Region for the U.S. Forest Service.

"I'm shocked and with a lot of other people, in a state of disbelief," Cables said. "I'm saddened to say that one of our employees has admitted to starting the Hayman fire."

Firefighters gained ground Sunday on the blaze, which has burned within 40 miles of Denver city limits since it was started June 8, threatening southwestern suburbs and destroying at least 22 homes.

With the blaze about 35 percent contained, about 5,400 people remained out of their homes. It was one of seven fires burning in the state Sunday.

"Hopefully, this fire is going to now stay essentially where it is at," said Bobby Kitchens, a fire information officer. "We don't expect to see any more significant acreage gains."

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— RICK CABLES
Rocky Mountain regional forester

Sheriff's deputies escorted some residents to retrieve belongings and assess damage, but didn't allow them to stay. Frustrated residents waited at the command post, trying to learn when they'll be able to return for good.

"It started to get to be a long period because one of the big things is I don't like eating out. I miss cooking at home," said Bob James, 46, who has been out of his home north of Lake George since Tuesday.

Another blaze flared in southwest Colorado and forced the evacuation of more than 330 homes. The latest fire had burned more than 20,000 acres in the San Juan National Forest by Sunday morning.

In addition to the evacuations, residents of 450 homes were told to be ready to leave. One cabin was destroyed, and fire managers were trying to determine whether others had burned.

More than 900 firefighters battled the blaze, about 10 miles north of Durango.

In California, 200 residents and campers returned home after fleeing a fire that burned 3,500 acres and destroyed five homes Saturday about 30 miles northeast of Bakersfield.

SPORTS



Tiger headed for another U.S. Open runaway

BY PAUL NEWBERRY
AP Sports Writer

FARMINGDALE, N.Y. — Tiger Woods didn't beat everyone in the second round of the U.S. Open.

Shigeki Maruyama was actually one stroke better than Woods on Friday at wet, miserable Bethpage Black. Of course, the Japanese golfer needed a hole-in-one to do it.

So, can he challenge Woods before the weekend is over?

"What are you talking about?" Maruyama said right after a rip-roaring laugh.

He doesn't plan on catching Woods and, if history in any indication, no one else will, either.

The world's greatest player squeezed a 68 out of the cold, soggy Black Course on day two, leaving him three strokes ahead of Padraig Harrington. The next-closest group was seven strokes back.

By all indications, the 102nd U.S. Open was one for the books after just 36 holes. The question isn't who will win, but how much he'll win by. Woods has taken this tournament by the tail and wrung it of any drama.

Just like he did at the 2000 Open in Pebble Beach, and just like he did at the 1997 Masters.

"He knows what to do. He's done it before," said Phil Mickelson, who joined Maruyama in the group that was eight strokes off the lead. "When he gets in his mode, he's able to shoot some scores that other guys just aren't able to shoot."

Play resumed Saturday under the same cloudy skies that have hung over the course much of the week. But the rain finally relented and there was little wind, leaving a course that was susceptible to low scores.

Vijay Singh, who barely made the cut at 10 over, shot a 67 to match the lowest round of the tournament. Among the other early starters, Frank Lickliter shot a 68 and Steve Stricker 69.

There were only 10 rounds below par

the first two days combined.

"It really did not play tough," Singh said. "I think you're going to see some players come in with a good number. I think you'll see 4 or 5 under in the afternoon."

Woods, scheduled to tee off in the last group, figured to be one of the guys putting up a low score. He is 4-0 when he has the 36-hole lead in majors and has won his last 12 tournaments when leading at the halfway point.

"It doesn't look like he's showing any signs of faltering, does it?" said Brad Faxon, who was a whopping 14 strokes behind. "We're not going to give him the tournament. But you've seen what he's done in these situations before. It's pretty frightening."

Woods posted his second straight round in the 60s when everyone else is thrilled to shoot in the low 70s the first two days.

"I'm ecstatic that I'm at the top right now, but there's a long way to go," said Woods, who was at 5-under 135. "I've still got to play hard on the weekend."

Everyone else will have to play harder.

Harrington sloshed along the tiny rivers in the fairways and large puddles on the greens, and matched Woods' 68 to stay three strokes behind.

They were the only two players still under par at Bethpage Black.

Woods hasn't looked this sharp and in control of every aspect of his game since Pebble Beach, when he led by six strokes at the halfway point and went on to a 15-stroke victory, the largest in the 142 years of the majors.

On Friday, the rain got worse as the day wore on, and along with a fresh breeze, the Black Course was indeed a brute.

Sergio Garcia, who played in the afternoon, thought there was too much water on the greens and in the fairway for the second round to continue. Woods played in the morning.

"If Tiger Woods would have been out there, it would have been called," the young Spaniard said.

Tom Meeks, the USGA's director of

rules and competition, denied Garcia's accusation and said officials did all they could to keep the tournament on schedule.

"In our opinion, if the golf course is playable, then we can play," Meeks said.

Garcia had a 74 and was at 142, along with Davis Love III (71), K.J. Choi of South Korea and Jeff Maggert, each with 73.

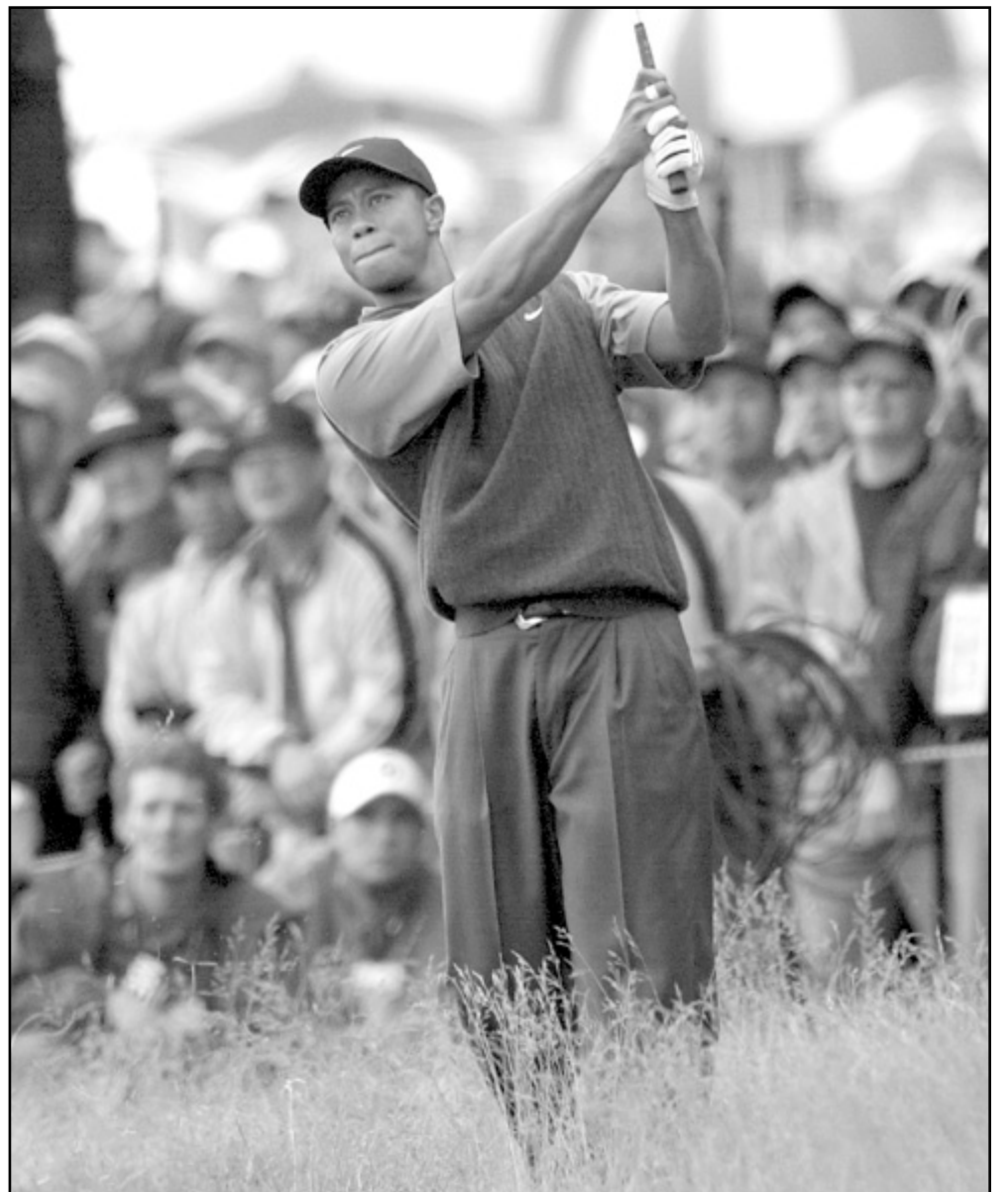
The cut was at 150, the highest at a U.S. Open since it was 10-over par at Shinnecock Hills in 1986. Among those who no longer have to face the Black are defending champion Retief Goosen and David Duval, who had a triple bogey and a double bogey on his final three holes to

miss by one. It was the second straight major Duval got the weekend off.

Maruyama hit the shot of the day in the second round, an 8-iron from 154 yards that spun into the cup at the 14th. That helped him shoot 67 — the best round of the day and one of only four that eclipsed par.

"I was pretty happy to beat Tiger today, especially in these tough conditions," Maruyama said. "Today, I feel like I won the tournament."

The real trophy will be handed out Sunday, most likely to Woods. He sent a pretty strong message with his final two holes Friday.



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Tiger Woods hits from the rough on the first hole during the third round of the U.S. Open Golf Championship at the Black Course of Bethpage State Park in Farmingdale, N.Y.



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French conservatives take control of parliament

BY PAMELA SAMPSON

Associated Press Writer

PARIS — The mainstream right won a huge victory in France's parliamentary election Sunday, forcing the Socialists to surrender control of the National Assembly and giving President Jacques Chirac more power than at any time in the last five years.

The result was a stinging defeat for the French left, which found itself abandoned by voters frustrated by rising crime and a government paralyzed by "cohabitation," a situation that exists when the president and prime minister hail from opposing political parties.

The head of Chirac's caretaker government, Prime Minister Jean-Pierre Raffarin, now looks set to act for the next five years as point man for the president's ambitious pro-business agenda. Raffarin would have lost his post if the left had won Sunday.

"We will assume our duty of action," Raffarin said at his Paris headquarters as hundreds of supporters chanted his name. "We have the obligation not to disappoint. We will act with firmness and with openness."

Conservative parties together won from 385 to 399 seats of the 577 seats in France's lawmaking body, exit polls showed. The left, including the Socialists, the Communists and the Green Party, won from 178 to 192 seats. The extreme-right National Front failed to win any seats.

Interior Minister Nicolas Sarkozy did

not announce official seat counts but confirmed late Sunday that the left won approximately 180 seats, leaving the right with close to 400.

Chirac's Union for the Presidential Majority, a coalition of rightist parties, captured between 360 and 378 seats, and the Socialist Party won between 153 and 165 seats, the exit polls showed.

The Interior Ministry reported that with 96 percent of the vote counted, the right had 55 percent and the left had 45 percent.

Control of the National Assembly goes to the party or coalition with an absolute majority. All but 58 seats that were already decided in a first round of voting last week were being contested on Sunday.

The swing toward the right in France was just the latest tilt in that direction by voters across Europe. Conservative parties have also made gains in the Netherlands, Denmark, Italy and Portugal.

Raffarin will preside over a government that Chirac has promised would cut income taxes, ease red tape on businesses, and give businesses some flexibility in implementing the law that sets the legal workweek at 35 hours.

Some big names who served in the Cabinet of former Socialist Prime Minister Lionel Jospin lost their races, including Martine Aubry, the former labor minister who was instrumental in implementing the 35-hour workweek; Dominique Voynet, Jospin's environment

minister; and Jean-Pierre Chevenement, the former interior minister.

"This great victory for the right has swept away many of my convictions," Voynet, an environmentalist and outspoken critic of Chirac, told France-2 television.

The Communists suffered as well, with party leader Robert Hue losing a tough re-election battle for a seat from Val-d'Oise, north of Paris. The Communists lost 15 of their 35 seats, according to exit polls, get just the 20 seats needed to officially qualify as a party and get speaking time in the legislature.

The Interior Ministry said turnout was about 63 percent, which would be a record low for a legislative election under the Fifth Republic, established in 1958 under a new constitution. It was the fourth time in less than two months that the French have gone to the polls, including two rounds of the presidential race.

The extreme-right National Front was running in 37 legislative districts but ended up with no seats because only the candidate with the most votes wins in each district. Front leader Jean-Marie Le Pen's daughter, Marine, lost her race in northern France.

The elder Le Pen has complained that the system is stacked against smaller parties.

"We are the only country in which a party that arrived in second place in the presidential (race) and third place in the legislatures may have no deputies" in parliament, Le Pen said. The National Front currently has no seats in the legislature.

Le Pen finished second to Chirac in the May 5 presidential runoff.

In the outgoing parliament, leftists held 314 seats and rightists 245, while five deputies were unaligned. Thirteen seats were empty.

Tensions over Kashmir will certainly flare again

BY LAURA KING

AP Special Correspondent

SRINAGAR, India — In Kashmir, war and peace can look a lot alike.

During a week that saw nuclear-armed India and Pakistan step back from the brink of all-out battle, it was difficult to detect any real drop in the fear and violence that are hallmarks of daily life in this divided Himalayan territory.

Artillery fire still thundered back and forth across the frontier, killing and maiming scores of civilians in their homes and fields. Soldiers and insurgents alike died in gunbattles in lush forests and on steep mountainsides.

Ordinary Kashmiris were forced, as always, to cope with the trappings of life in a military state: checkpoints and searchlights, random spot checks, nighttime knocks on the door. Politicians took their lives in their hands when they dared to appear in public.

Despite the apparent success of high-level, high-profile diplomatic efforts to defuse the latest crisis between India and Pakistan, all the same combustible fundamentals remain in place in Kashmir: a million troops facing off across a tense border, an unrelenting insurgency for which the two sides blame one another, an abiding mutual mistrust, and a society broken in crucial ways by years of bloodshed.

People on both sides of the Kashmir border are killed every day in the conflict, including civilians, militants, soldiers and police. According to Indian military officials, the number of deaths in the conflict doesn't appear to be wavering, even after

the two sides began climbing down from their war footing: Pakistan promising to halt cross-border infiltration by insurgents, India reopening its airspace to Pakistani overflights, both sides pulling back combat vessels from strike positions.

"On the ground here, nothing has changed," said Col. Mukhtiyar Singh, the Indian army spokesman in Srinagar, the summer capital of Indian Kashmir, whose rustic wood-shuttered buildings and sumptuous lakeside Mughal gardens stand in sharp contrast to patrolling troops in body armor and sandbagged emplacements at every turn.

"In two or three months, we will find ourselves again in exactly the same situation — again the tension, again the threat of war."

— Noor Ahmed Baba
University of Kashmir

While a round of U.S.-led diplomacy managed to pressure India and Pakistan into a grudging accommodation of sorts, few observers in Kashmir believe the lull will last for long.

"In two or three months, we will find ourselves again in exactly the same situation — again the tension, again the threat of war," said Noor Ahmed Baba, head of the political science department at the

U.S. base blasted



Eugene Hoshiko/Associated Press

A Pakistani driver of a fuel tanker carries away a bomb-damaged part of the vehicle on Sunday, at a gas station near the airport where U.S. military forces are based near Kandahar, Afghanistan. Two suspected bombs exploded early Sunday beneath gasoline tankers used by U.S. forces based at Kandahar airport, witnesses said. The tankers sustained minor damage and no injuries were reported.

University of Kashmir.

Although Kashmir would likely find itself a prime battleground in any war between India and Pakistan, many Kashmiris followed the diplomatic dramas of recent weeks and months with a sense of weary indifference.

"Our hardships are not going to end because the two of them decided not to fight this time," said baker Ghulam Waza, shaking his head as he stacked warm rounds of Kashmiri bread fresh from his oven.

Kashmiris feel caught between what most consider to be heavy-handed Indian security forces and the Muslim insurgents who have waged a violent campaign to either win Kashmir's independence or wed it, with its Muslim majority, to Islamic Pakistan. India insists neither of those will come to pass.

"We will never, ever stop our struggle," said a Kashmiri insurgent who goes by the name of Commander Massood. He has been largely on the sidelines since a beating by security forces last year left him semi-incapacitated — "They broke me everywhere," he said, grimacing — but vowed to remain involved with the cause as long as he lives.

India says what was once an indige-

nous pro-autonomy movement by Kashmiris has essentially been hijacked by Pakistan-based militant groups. Some Kashmiri members within the ranks of Pakistan-based organizations also acknowledge this. However, Pakistan insists the campaign is homegrown.

At least one major Pakistan-based group, Hezb-ul Mujahideen, announced last week it would not halt its campaign in Indian-held Kashmir, even though Pakistan's president, Gen. Pervez Musharraf, has promised to prevent militants from crossing the border into Indian territory.

Indian officials say it will take two or three months to determine whether that pledge will be honored. Somewhat smaller numbers of fighters are slipping across the frontier these days, military officials in Srinagar say, but intercepted radio communications indicate the Pakistan-based groups are still actively directing guerrilla operations in Kashmir.

The most serious recent attack staged by militants was May 14, when 34 people, most of them the wives and children of Indian soldiers, were killed in an attack on an army camp.

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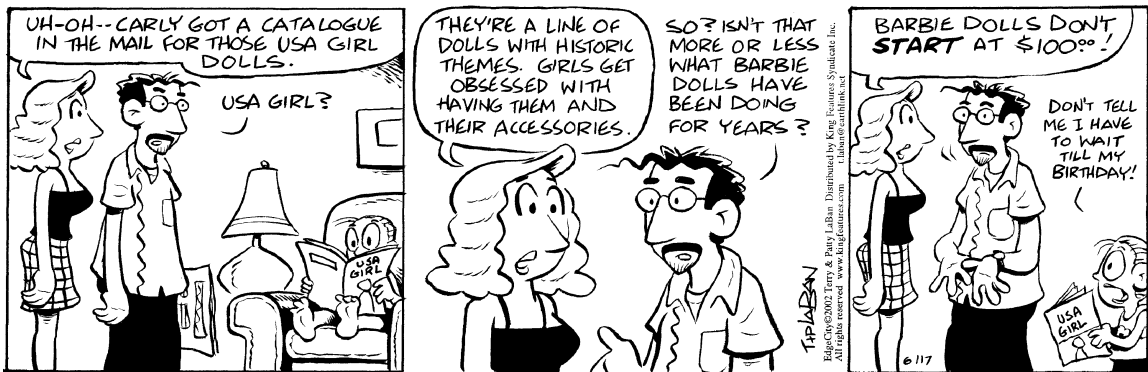
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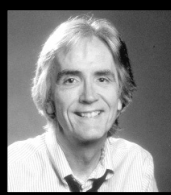
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by Chuck Shepard

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The Calendar

Monday, June 17, 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

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.

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.

entertainment

Patrick Ney makes with the ha-has, at Flint's. 3321 Pico Blvd., Santa Monica. FREE! 9 p.m. (310)453-1331.

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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.

14 Below, 1348 14th St., Santa Monica. If the band stinks, take advantage of commodious booths, pool tables, and fireplace. Full Bar. Over 21. (310)451-5040.

Anastasia's Asylum, 1028 Wilshire Blvd., Santa Monica. Board games, cushiony sofas, a full veggie menu, juices, teas, and coffee that grows hair on your chest. No cover. (310)394-7113.

Tuesday

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

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BACK PAGE

Doctor defines an obsession with healthy foods

BY KATHERINE VOGT

Associated Press Writer

DENVER — Dr. Steven Bratman has seen the quest for healthy eating take a sour turn from dietary vigilance to dangerous obsession.

Bratman's own extremes in dietary purity peaked in the 1970s when he was living on an organic farm in New York. He disdained to eat any vegetable that had been plucked from the ground more than 15 minutes earlier, and chewed each mouthful at least 50 times. He lectured friends on the evils of processed food and once feared a piece of pasteurized cheese would give him pneumonia.

"To be that obsessed with eating healthy food is to be really out of balance," he said in an interview from his home in Fort Collins.

Bratman coined a new term to define his illness, orthorexia nervosa. He described it as an eating disorder whose sufferers fixate on eating proper food. The term uses "ortho," which means straight, correct and true, and "nervosa" to indicate obsession.

Bratman, an expert on alternative medicine, has written several articles and a book on his theory. While the term is not recognized as a clinical diagnosis — and Bratman hasn't lobbied for such recognition — some officials in the field say he may have identified a dietary trend.

"He's on to something quite interesting," said Adam Drewnowski, director of the nutritional sciences program at University of Washington School of Public Health. He also is a member of the task force that established official criteria for eating disorders for the American Psychiatric Association.

"I think there are consequences to being on a virtually fat-free vegetarian diet or a very restrictive diet,"

Drewnowski said. "(But) there's a distinction between a trend and a definable eating disorder."

Last year, Bratman detailed orthorexia nervosa in a book called, "Health Food Junkies: Overcoming the Obsession with Healthful Eating," published by Broadway Books.

Like anorexia nervosa and bulimia, the behavior of orthorexics is marked by obsession, he said.

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— DR. STEVEN BRATMAN
'Health Food Junkies' author

"Eventually orthorexia reaches a point at which the orthorexic devotes most of her life to planning, purchasing, preparing and eating meals," he wrote.

"If you had a window into her inner life you'd see little else but self-condemnation for lapses, self-praise for success, strict self control to resist temptation and conceited superiority over anyone who indulges in impure dietary habits."

Transferring all value onto eating makes it a true disorder, he said, one that is broken only when the sufferer breaks free of obsession.

Tom Billings, a 48-year-old San Francisco computer consultant and co-founder of the alternative diet Web site Beyondveg.com, believes he was orthorexic 30 years ago

when he followed a diet of mostly raw fruits and vegetables.

"I had this idea that if I ate something that wasn't on this approved list that I would be impure," he said.

Billings said he thought about food all the time and was so hung up on his diet that he couldn't go out to dinner with friends. At the same time he had anorexic tendencies, his 6-foot-1 frame plummeted to 88 pounds.

Eventually he got fed up of thinking about food all the time, and returned to a more diverse diet. He now eats raw and cooked foods, and will even eat chocolate occasionally.

"I've worked through those issues and I don't see it being a risk for myself. But I do see other people getting on restrictive diets," said Billings, who today weighs 170 pounds.

"I've seen this obsession with food purity. ... It's not as dangerous as anorexia and it's not as messy as bulimia because you can hide behind this screen of saying I'm trying to eat right."

Critics question whether orthorexia is a true disorder.

"If these people are obsessed with eating healthy food because they want to be healthy — as opposed to wanting to lose weight — that can be an abnormality but it still would deviate from eating disorders as a major theme. ... Unless their objective is to dramatically change their weight or shape, then I would be reluctant to call it an eating disorder. It might be obsessive-compulsive, it might be some form of a psychosomatic problem," said Michael Lowe, a professor of clinical and health psychology at MCT Hahnemann University in Philadelphia.

Since "Health Food Junkies," Bratman has written other books about alternative medicine and has worked as a consultant. But he doesn't fancy himself an eating disorder specialist. "I would just like somebody to read the book and take a look at themselves," he said.

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