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Having a world cup of their own, a group plays a game of pick-up soccer at Crossroads school on Olympic Boulevard Tuesday.

Dept. of Justice clears Loews of discrimination charges

BY ANDREW H. FIXMER
Daily Press Staff Writer

The U.S. Department of Justice has ruled that discrimination claims against Loews Santa Monica Beach Hotel workers are unfounded.

The agency released the findings of a year-old investigation of claims by hotel workers Celia Talavera and Rosa Osoto that they were singled out for illegal immigration-related practices because they are sympathetic to a unionization effort at the hotel.

The Hotel Employees & Restaurant Employees Union filed the charges on behalf of the workers with the National Labor Relations Bureau last July alleging the hotel was unfairly singling out its supporters by asking for their immigration documents. The NLRB forwarded those claims this past March to the Department of Justice.

"Based on its investigation, this office has determined that there is insufficient evidence of reasonable cause to believe the injured parties were discriminated against," wrote Anthony F. Archeval, a Washington D.C.-based trial attorney who works for the Department of Justice.

"Therefore, this office has decided not to file a complaint with an administrative law judge regarding this manner."

The Department of Justice wrote in its letter that the union is allowed to file charges on its own directly to an administrative law judge as long as those charges are filed within 90 days of receiving the letter.

Union officials would not say if they would press further charges.

Loews hotel officials say they have always believed

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City kicks \$1.5 million extra to school district

Facing its own harsh monetary woes, city gives one-time contribution

BY ANDREW H. FIXMER
Daily Press Staff Writer

The cash-strapped school district got more than a million-dollar reprieve from

the city council Tuesday.

The city of Santa Monica, facing its own harsh economic realities with a \$9 million budget shortfall, found an extra \$1.5 million to give to the school district.

The city council voted 6 to 1, with Mayor Mike Feinstein dissenting, to redirect the money from the library's capital improvement fund to the school district. With the one-time contribution from the city, the school district is now only facing

a \$1 million shortfall.

Feinstein said he was supportive of giving the money to the district, but voted against the contribution because as the council began pouring over its own budget cuts on Tuesday, he felt the entire budget should be adopted at once instead of "piece meal" it, as the rest of the council voted to do.

More than three dozen people spoke in favor of the council giving the money to the district, which weighed heavily in the decision.

"While this isn't a traditional expense for our city to make, it's something our residents demand of us this year," said Councilman Ken Genser.

On Monday, the board of education voted to cut \$1.6 million from the school district's budget. School officials had asked the city to give another \$2 million on top of the \$3 million it already gives annually to the district.

But even with the city's last-minute decision to give the district the extra money, the district still has to find another \$1 million to cut, which could be decided by the end of the month.

It is unknown when Malibu will decide whether or not to grant the district's request for an extra \$250,000 this year.

"We have a balanced budget," said Superintendent John Deasy before

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Berkeley lawyer seeks politically-correct coffee

By The Associated Press

BERKELEY — A Berkeley lawyer wants to make sure that everyone in town can drink coffee with a clean conscience.

A new initiative proposed by Rick Young would restrict all brewed coffee sales in Berkeley to organic, shade-grown or Fair Trade-certified coffee. Fair Trade promises that the farmers who produced the beans received a fair price.

Young, 35, went to City Hall on Monday with 3,000 signatures to support his initiative. He needs 2,044 valid names to get the initiative on the November ballot.

If voters approve the measure, coffee brewers would have three months to comply with the measure. Businesses that fail could face a misdemeanor penalty of six months in jail, a \$100 fine or both.

Certified organic coffee growers use

compost and recycling, and no pesticides. Shade-grown beans come from plants that grow under a forest canopy, saving bird species and rain forests from loggers.

The initiative promises to cause a stir in a community known for environmentally sensitive ideals that some critics see as excessive.

Young argues that his ordinance only would limit brewed coffee sales, and that folks could still buy bags or cans of regular beans. Organic, Fair Trade and shade-grown beans come at higher prices that could burden some java drinkers.

In the six weeks that Young spent gathering signatures for his initiative, opinions ran the gamut.

At least one coffee shop in Berkeley, A'Cuppa Tea Inc., would not be affected by the ordinance. The store already serves organic and Free Trade coffee.

Three arraigned in golf course prostitution bust

By The Associated Press

RIVERSIDE — Two golf course managers and a woman pleaded innocent Tuesday to charges they operated a sex-for-sale scheme on the fairway of a Norco golf course.

Riverside County Superior Court Judge J. Thompson Hanks accepted a defense request to lower bail, reducing it from \$100,000 to \$75,000. He also ordered the three to return to court July 30 for a pretrial hearing.

Club managers Darren Bollinger, 28, of Temecula, and Jason Wood, 36, of Murrieta, were charged with four counts

of pimping and four counts of pandering. Sandy Juarez, 37, of Lancaster, also was charged with pimping and pandering.

Sheriff's deputies had the Hidden Valley Golf Club 40 miles east of Los Angeles under surveillance for about three weeks before raiding the club Friday.

Authorities detained about 100 golfers and several women. Most of the golfers were released after questioning.

Authorities said the golf club was reserved for a private tournament and several camping tents were pitched on the course, and investigators observed sex acts between golfers and women.

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♈ ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ What you say could vary with how others approach you. You might wake up on the wrong side of the bed, but others cheer you up with their different attitudes and playful ways. Work with others and you'll get results. Focus your energy appropriately. Tonight: Say yes.

♉ TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ Get plenty of exercise and pace yourself. As the day gets older, many approach you with requests. Don't be negative; remain optimistic. If you're not sure of yourself, ask questions and get more feedback. Work with someone on a one-on-one level. Tonight: Easy does it.

♊ GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ Reach out for someone. Examine what is important to you. Another might not have the patience or the desire to handle a personal matter, dumping it on your lap. Make it your pleasure. Someone close to you moves in closer. Approach someone you care about with caring and seriousness. Tonight: Play away.

♋ CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Work with fundamentals. You might be overwhelmed. Carefully consider options that surround your home and/or an investment. Once you make a decision, you're home free. Allow your upbeat self to flow into your work and play. Tonight: A family member has a lot to share.

♌ LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ Make phone calls and catch up on news. Allow more creativity to come forward when dealing with others. Speak your mind, and others will respond to your high energy and inner enthusiasm. Don't worry; a "no" is unlikely to come your way. Tonight: Clear your desk first.

♍ VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Observe a flashing financial yellow light. You might think a boss or parent has a great idea. Just because this person has authority doesn't mean that he or she will be able to always help you in certain realms of your life. Learn to find the right expert for the right issue! Tonight: Chat with a dear friend.

♎ LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ Your personality melts barriers. Someone at a distance might withhold important information. Use your skills to help this person loosen up. Make plans later in the day, after you have a grasp on your work demands. Tonight: What would make you happy? Stop catering to others.

♏ SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ Reach out for a touchy partner or someone with whom you might have a financially touchy situation. Consider alternatives involving your funds. Another might whisper some gossip, which you find to be good news. Before celebrating, check out this morsel of information. Tonight: Rest up.

♐ SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Make the most out of a meeting. Not everyone will be as easy to convince as you are to see that a solution heads your way. Don't worry; others will come around to your way of thinking soon. Just let others air out their views. Celebrate a financial or emotional gain. Tonight: Just don't be alone.

♑ CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Your serious attitude seems to sober up associates. Everyone buries his or her nose into work. Yet, understand there is a right moment to loosen up. Allow more fun and frolic into your life. Understand that all work and no play doesn't work for others, even if it might work for you. Tonight: Accept an invitation that mixes work with dinner.

♒ AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ Get away from risk-taking and perhaps a difficult emotional problem. Detachment proves to be the answer. Dig into work or a project, and before you know it, you're much happier. Accept an invitation involving a co-worker. Tonight: Opt for inventive.

♓ PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Dig into your bag of tricks, understanding that there is a serious change happening with a family member or with something domestic. Try to make this person feel better. You seem capable of sleuthing through nearly anything you want. Tonight: Take a midweek break.



QUOTE of the DAY

**"There is nothing more exhilarating
than to be shot at without result."**

— Winston Churchill (1874-1965)

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LOCAL

Schools still face \$1M in cuts

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Tuesday's council meeting. "But if the city provides us with more funding they will be in the position to restore some things that would otherwise have to be trimmed."

After the council's decision, Deasy said: "I'm very appreciative of the council's continued support. We are living in the same economic climate the city is living in."

As far as the other \$1 million that has to be trimmed from the budget, the school board asked Deasy and his staff to prepare a detailed line item budget outlining specifically what additional cuts are being proposed and an explanation of the effects they will have on students during the next school year.

"They (board members) don't want to make any cuts," Deasy said. "They were comfortable with the changes we have made in what we are proposing to cut but not necessarily cutting the budget."

Earlier this year the school district was facing a \$4.5 million deficit, but found \$2 million through state funding

and internal sources.

With Monday's cuts, the school district will not be able to fill some vacant positions and have less resources to work with next school year.

The school board reduced funding for supplemental staff next year by \$478,377. The cuts will lower money dedicated for teaching stipends, clerical positions and eliminating a summer custodian substitution job.

The school district has cut \$500,135 in non-staff spending, which ranges from cell phones and traveling to new text books and mileage reimbursements.

And the district has reduced \$665,630 by carrying over medical insurance costs, rolling over state lottery revenues into the next year and reducing capital equipment costs by 10 percent.

The school district has prepared a second list of deeper budget cuts, if needed.

During the next two budget years, the

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Northwest wind swell drives surf today as activity in the Pacific tapers off. Good northwest exposures will see waist, occasional chest level sets and clean waves; blown out in the afternoon by southerly winds.

LA Public Health reports show clean water this morning; straight A's, except for a few beaches directly off

storm drains.

More wind swell waves Thursday. Expect steep waist high surf and fair conditions.

(Information compiled by Jesse Haley.)

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

The Q Line

Last week marked the seven-month anniversary of the Santa Monica Daily Press. And while we have put our fingers on the pulse of this town, we don't have a slogan to call our own. You may have seen us use various lines on the front page, but nothing has stuck.

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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CrimeWatch

Man beaten and robbed at beach

■ A man was beaten and robbed while walking along the beach on Saturday, June 8.

At about 11 p. m. Santa Monica police arrived at the 2100 block of the beach and found a man bleeding from several cuts on his face and a swollen left eye. The victim couldn't remember much other than a group of men approached him, hit him and stole his backpack.

The backpack contained personal property, ID's, and cash, a loss of about \$270.

The suspects are described as Hispanic men.

■ A woman was held at gunpoint in her underground parking garage on 17th Street.

On Friday, June 7, the victim pulled into the underground parking garage of her apartment at 9:20 p.m., got out of her car and was approached by a man already in the garage. The man showed a handgun and demanded the woman's money.

The suspect took \$150 in cash from the woman's purse and two of her rings. He then fled on foot. He is described as a black man in his 30s, about 6' tall, wearing a black bandana, a black jacket and light green pants.

■ A man walking near the intersection of Main Street and Navy Avenue was robbed of his pipe and ear ring.

The victim was walking east on Navy just after midnight on Wednesday, June 5, when he spotted two men stepping out of their parked car and approaching him. One of the men ordered the man to empty his pockets, so the victim removed his pipe and ear rings from his pockets and placed them on the sidewalk. Seeing no money, the other suspect went back to the car to get a gun. The victim took off running, and the suspects ran back to their car.

■ Employees of Bob's Market on the 1600 block of Ocean Park Boulevard captured a man trying to steal a bottle of tequila on Wednesday, June 5.

An employee explained to Santa Monica Police that he watched the suspect leaving the store without any merchandise. He said that there has been a history of the suspect shoplifting, so he ran up to the suspect and asked him what he stole. The suspect lifted his jacket and revealed the tequila tucked into his waistband. When the employee tried to retrieve the bottle the suspect fled, but was caught by three other employees in the parking lot. A struggle ensued, but Bob's employees detained the suspect.

Manuel Compos Franco, a 49-year-old male Hispanic, was arrested for strong armed robbery and two outstanding misdemeanor warrants totaling \$12,000. His bail was set for \$42,000.

■ A woman was robbed of a bottle of wine which was then used as a weapon against her.

The victim told Santa Monica Police she was visiting a friend's apartment at the 1100 block of Third Street on Monday, June 3 when she was accosted by two women in the building's hallway. She was carrying a bottle of wine which the women took from her, hit her in the head with it, then took her money — \$3 in cash.

The preliminary investigation leads police to believe the victim knew the suspects. The first suspect is described as a black woman 35 to 40 years old, 5' 11" inches tall, about 165 pounds and wearing a black shirt, blue jeans and tan shoes.

The second suspect is described as a black woman 35 to 40 years old wearing a black dress with a flower print and tan shoes.

With any additional information regarding these crimes contact the Office of Criminal Investigations at 310-458-8451.



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OPINION

LETTERS

Cuts go deep at district

Editor:

(This letter was originally addressed to the Santa Monica City Council.)

I realize that you are in a difficult position at the moment in trying to balance the city's budget for 2002-2003. The school district is also in a difficult position. In fact, school districts across the state and the nation are in a difficult position this year because of economic conditions that are beyond the control of local school boards. The question for us to consider is how reduced funding from the state of California will affect SMMUSD students.

The answer is, unfortunately, that the school district will not be able to implement improvements, rather it will have to reduce or eliminate programs districtwide.

After reviewing the list of proposed SMMUSD budget reductions for 2002-2003, I'd like to describe for you the effect some of these reductions will have on the one area I know a little bit about, fine arts.

1. Eliminate Elementary Extra-Duty Units (pay for work beyond the regular school day). This would eliminate the all-district elementary honor orchestra for the Stairway of the Stars concerts, which involves Saturday auditions, 10 weekly after-school 3-hour rehearsals, and two evening concerts. (One of the benefits of the Stairway dress rehearsal and concerts is that the elementary music students have an opportunity to hear the middle and high school choirs, orchestras, bands, and jazz bands perform several times. This gives them an aural picture of what a more advanced ensemble sounds like and gives them something to aspire to. It is also a very inspiring experience for their parents, and those parents tend to become active fundraisers for the districtwide music program.)

2. Reduce Middle School Extra-Duty Units by 40 percent. This would also affect Stairway rehearsals and regular after-school rehearsals. Teachers with large ensembles usually hold after-school small-group "sectional" rehearsals in order to give students more individualized attention and instruction.

This is especially important for students whose families cannot afford private lessons.

3. Reduce High School Extra-Duty Units by 10 percent. This would affect Stairway, after-school sectional rehearsals, and Marching Band. Band instructors work all the football games, and on band tournament days, they work from 5 a.m. on Saturday to 1 a.m. or 2 a.m. on Sunday.

4. Reduce Instructional Aide Spending by 50 percent. This would affect music aides at middle and high school levels. At the middle schools, for example, the aides can help supervise during emergency situations in classes of up to 90 students. They help teachers use class time more efficiently by leading small-group sectional rehearsals which focus on problems specific to a particular instrument. This is especially helpful for students whose families cannot afford private music lessons. When instruments need adjustment or repair during class, aides can assist students without interrupting the rehearsal. Without an aide, 89 students would sit and wait while the teacher replaced a broken string or unstuck a jammed valve for the 90th student.

5. Eliminate Transportation Funding for Athletics and Music. This would affect Stairway, Marching Band participation in football games and band tournaments, orchestra and band participation in the annual Southern California Band and Orchestra Association adjudicated festivals, choir participation in Southern California Vocal Association adjudicated festivals, and other trips in which students either perform or attend performances. It would wipe out the entire transportation budget for the Samohi Music Department. Marching Band parents are already raising \$70,000 a year, so either they would have to raise an additional \$24,500 next year, or else individual band students would have to pay a transportation fee of \$170, thereby making it impossible for students from low-income families to participate in Marching Band.

6. Reduce the Fine Arts Coordinator Position to a Half-Time Position. A recipe for disaster.

7. 20-25 percent Reduction in Instructional Supply Budgets. Samohi art teachers will receive only \$160 per class per semester next year, or about 30 cents per student per week for art supplies. The Samohi music department instructional supply budget has been cut by 25 percent. \$6,000 for a department with 828 students means \$7.25 per student per year for buying new music, purchasing supplies such as clarinet reeds and cello strings, and repairing and replacing instruments. (A new tuba costs at least \$3,000.) The Samohi fall plays and spring musicals really have no supply budget to cut. I believe that the drama teacher, Dr. Ford, has to pay for needed materials out of his own pocket. The Lincoln art department is also facing a 20 percent cut in its instructional supply budget, down to \$160 per class per year, or about 15 cents per student per week for art supplies.

Conclusion: If all of these reductions are adopted, a) it will be increasingly difficult for secondary art teachers to teach to the district, state, and national standards for visual arts instruction, b) the 53-year-old tradition of the annual SMMUSD Stairway of the Stars concert, featuring elementary through high school music students, may come to an end, and c) the oldest marching band in the State of California, the Samohi Viking Marching Band, for lack of transportation, may be unable to compete in tournaments or play for football games. In other words, there will be no Marching Band to represent Samohi, SMMUSD, and the City of Santa Monica.

Please keep in mind that cuts in education funding often end up affecting the students who can afford it least — those whose parents cannot afford to buy them extra supplies or pay transportation fees, those who need more individual attention or individualized instruction, those most in danger of falling behind, failing, or dropping out.

In a more perfect world, perhaps city governments would not be asked to help school districts. But in a more perfect world, school districts would have an adequate,

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Union officials upset at DOJ's findings

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that the Department of Justice would find no basis for the claims.

"We would never violate the rights of any of our team members, that's not the type of company we are," said Sara Harper, a Loews spokeswoman. "We knew there was no merit to the case, and obviously we are glad the DOJ looked into this and found no merit as well."

Union officials are upset at the Department of Justice's findings and vow to continue with their efforts to help the hotels' workers unionize.

"That hotel is a law breaker and a disgrace to the community," said Kurt Petersen, the union's organizing director. "Just as when they lied to people about the living wage, they are lying now."

"Everyone who has looked at this company — from community leaders to clergy to the Department of Justice — have found them to be law breakers, and no PR stunt will change that."

Loews was fined \$12,000 in March by the Department of Justice for illegally checking immigration documents of its workers, despite that the hotel was cleared of singling out Talavera and Osorto.

While hotel officials said it is common practice to check immigration documents that have an expiration date, they were

unaware of laws against checking a valid unrestricted social security card, which is what the hotel was fined for. Since then, the entire Loews nationwide chain has had to undergo re-training in its human resources department when it comes to checking immigration documents.

The Hotel Employees and Restaurant Employees Union Local 814 recently filed charges with the National Labor Relations Bureau accusing management at the Doubletree Guest Suites Hotel, 1707 4th St., of threatening, interrogating and discriminating against employees for trying to organize workers into a union at the facility.

The union has previously filed charges with the NLRB against The Fairmont Miramar Hotel, 101 Wilshire Blvd., as well as the Doubletree and Loews, located at 1700 Ocean Ave.

The union has launched a public campaign to organize the hotel workers at Loews and at The Doubletree Guest Suites. Currently, the Pacific Shore Hotel, 1819 Ocean Ave., and The Miramar are the only hotels in Santa Monica with a unionized workforce.

Union officials said they would like to organize all the large hotels in Santa Monica, but they would only confirm active efforts at Loews and at the Doubletree.

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school district is facing more than a \$5 million deficit, resulting mostly from drastic cuts in state funding and dramatic increases in expenses.

Deasy has called for a 250 percent increase in parcel taxes over the next three years that would go before voters in Santa Monica and Malibu this November. However, the parcel tax

increase would not take effect until the 2003-2004 budget.

The school district has appointed an ad-hoc parcel tax committee to study whether the increased tax is warranted, how much the increase should be and to write out how the question will appear on the ballot.

The school district is expected to hear the committee's full report at the June 27 school board meeting.

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steady, dependable source of funding and could do long-range financial planning, something that has become an impossibility in California since Prop 13.

It is not the children's fault that power companies manipulated the market in California. It is not the children's fault that the 9/11 tragedy occurred and caused a nationwide economic downturn. However, it is our responsibility, the responsibility of the adults, to provide the very best education for each and every child, no matter what else is going on in the world.

Please consider increasing the city's ongoing annual contribution to the school district by \$2 million so that reductions in these instructional programs can be avoided. Please consider the children.

SMMUSD needs your help. This year we are facing a shortfall well in excess of \$2 million. Projections show that in three short years, this deficit will be very close to \$6 million.

As an active music education advocate, I am particularly concerned about those proposed district budget cuts that would impact our music program; but neither do I want to see fewer nurses, classroom aides, or a diminished participation in athletic competitions. Given the current international climate, a reduction in campus security is frightening.

Zina Josephs
Santa Monica

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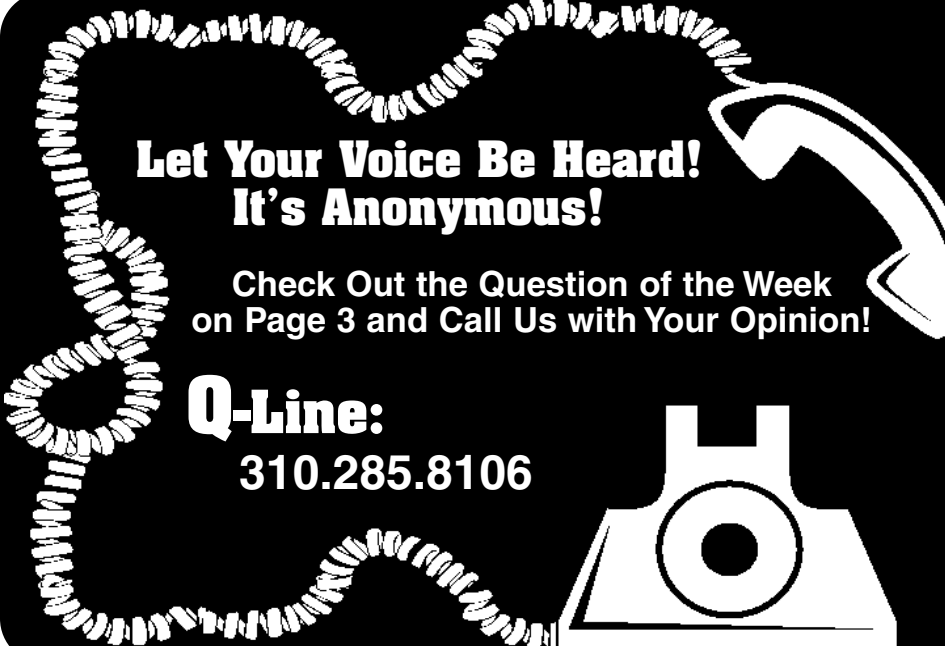
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STATE

Political maneuver saves recording-contract bill

BY JIM WASSERMAN
Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO— Legislators turned to a parliamentary maneuver Tuesday to resuscitate a bill that seeks to stop California's \$41 billion recording industry from locking singers into contracts for long stretches of their careers.

The Senate Judiciary Committee converted the bill, already three weeks past its legislative deadline to reach the Senate floor or die, into a special legislation device called a "spot" bill. The procedure keeps the bill's idea alive while the record industry and its biggest artists try to resolve an issue that's divided them for months.

Singers say they are fed up with the standard seven-album contract that can bind them to the same record company for 15 years or more. But record labels — which won an exemption from state labor law in 1987 for the practice — say it's necessary in a business that loses fortunes on acts that fail. The bill has set up a monumental clash between some of California's biggest singing stars, their allies in organized labor and some of the world's biggest media corporations.

The full Senate is expected to vote similarly Monday and send the bill to the Assembly.

"This guarantees us a vehicle traveling to the Assembly," said the bill's sponsor, Sen. Kevin Murray, D-Culver City. "We have forestalled the idea that it could be blocked or killed in the Senate."

Senate Judiciary Chair Martha Escutia, D-Commerce, cautioned both supporters and opponents from interpreting the committee's vote as victory or defeat for a bill aiming to cap record contracts at seven years.

"It's our way to tell both sides to keep negotiating," she said.

Escutia said the bill has consumed "hundreds of hours of staff time," and has "quite a lot of merit." Without the parliamentary waiver, which can be granted in special cases, the bill, SB1246, would be dead.

Despite several hearings since being introduced last January, the bill has not had a single vote on its merits.

The state's recording industry vigorously opposes the legislation, believing it

will add to its woes of declining sales and Internet piracy. But David Altschul, negotiating the bill for the Recording Industry Association of America, put an optimistic face on talks. He said he's looking "a resolution that both sides can live with."

"Just having the bill die is not a 'realistic outcome,'" Altschul said. "The Legislature has made it clear to us they earnestly expect us and the artists to achieve a resolution. That's the process we are committed to. It's not fruitful for us to speculate on other alternatives."

Still, time is running out.

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The Assembly must approve the bill, then return it to the Senate for similar approval in less than 11 weeks. To become law, it must be signed by Gov. Gray Davis by Sept. 30.

Despite 6 1/2 months getting the bill this far, Murray contends he has "a lot of time."

Murray introduced the bill after a September 2001 Capitol hearing, where recording artists Don Henley, Courtney Love, LeAnn Rimes and others slammed the industry for locking naive, hungry artists into contracts that can bind them for much of their careers.

Representatives for record companies, largely dominated by five global corporations, called them spoiled superstars who forget that the industry once took a chance on them. They also accused the singers of trying to renege on legal commitments and creating fewer opportunities for new artists.

Mortgage broker gets year in prison for scam

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — A former mortgage broker was sentenced to a year in federal prison for bilking a woman out of title to her \$1 million home.

Edward Rostami, 39, of Los Angeles also was ordered Monday to pay \$482,000 in restitution to Eleanor Coppola and China Trust Bank.

Prosecutors said Rostami and an associate, 41-year-old Sharon Palmer-Ross, duped Coppola to give her property over to them as part of a "vested income program," which would pay her a monthly income but return the property to her without any penalties.

Rostami and Palmer-Ross altered the deed, describing the property as a "bona fide gift" when they pledged it as security

for a loan, prosecutors said.

When Coppola sought to reclaim title to the property, they refused. She eventually recovered it through civil litigation.

Palmer-Ross was sentenced to three years' probation, including four months of home detention.

Rostami pleaded guilty to money laundering and conspiracy, while Palmer-Ross entered a guilty plea to mail fraud.

Both recently completed state prison sentences for swindling an elderly homeowner out of nearly \$750,000 in a similar scam. After being charged in the case, they fled to Mexico. Palmer-Ross was later arrested while trying to re-enter the country with three Mexican nationals in the trunk of her car.

Rostami was apprehended in Rosarito Beach, Mexico.

STATE



Principal demoted for thong underwear check

By The Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — A school board demoted an assistant principal who angered parents by lifting up girls' skirts at a dance to make sure students weren't wearing thong underwear.

Rita Wilson, the assistant principal at Rancho Bernardo High School, will be reassigned to a teaching position at an undetermined school in the fall, board members ruled Monday after meeting in a closed session.

"I'm very disappointed and deeply saddened," Wilson, 47, said as she wiped away tears and hugged supporters before leaving the meeting.

An earlier investigation by the Poway Unified School District concluded that Wilson used poor judgment and "went far beyond the grounds of propriety" at the April 26 dance.

Students said the assistant principal lifted girls' skirts — in front of male stu-

dents and adults — to make sure they weren't wearing thong underwear before they entered the dance. Those wearing thongs were told to go home and change.

Wilson has said she was concerned that the combination of revealing clothing and suggestive dancing could lead to sexual assaults. "I'm not against thongs," she told The San Diego Union-Tribune. "But when a girl wearing a thong and a short skirt bends over ... it exposes her bottom."

Parents were outraged over the underwear check and at least one has threatened a lawsuit.

Wilson also plans to file a lawsuit seeking her reinstatement as assistant principal of the north San Diego high school, according to her attorney, Michael Vivoli.

The district, which includes campuses in north San Diego and the nearby suburb of Poway, could not fire Wilson because she has tenure, which guarantees her a position until she retires.

Kindergarten to college, with no high school?

By The Associated Press

SACRAMENTO — California's brightest students might be allowed to skip from elementary school directly to college, missing high school altogether, under legislation recently approved by the state Assembly.

Students of any age, even kindergarten, could take the state's high school proficiency examination under the bill, AB 2607, written by Assemblywoman Lynne Leach, R-Walnut Creek.

Passage of the test — which measures reading, writing and arithmetic skills — would allow students to enter community colleges as if they had obtained their high school diplomas.

The measure is meant for thousands of students who are so bright they strain schools' ability to serve them and can get bored with even the highest-level tradi-

tional classes.

"It would be wrong to put barricades in the way of someone who has extraordinary skill and ability, and is just champing at the bit to do great things," said Leach.

But critics say the bill could worsen crowding at many community colleges, and they fear some young children — though brilliant academically — might not be ready socially or emotionally to mix with students who are much older.

AB 2607 would apply only to students classified as "highly gifted," meaning they have IQs above 150, or have demonstrated "extraordinary aptitude and achievement" in core academic subjects.

Officials estimate that 20,000 to 60,000 students in elementary, middle and high schools could qualify as highly gifted.

The bill will now be considered by the Senate.

Paramount Pictures tightens studio security

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Paramount Pictures, the only major studio headquartered in Hollywood, is now requiring extensive background investigations of vendors, including a check of criminal activity going back seven years.

The studio will also check whether "frequent visitors" are registered sex offenders.

All of the major film studios beefed up their security after last year's terrorist attacks and subsequent warnings that a film studio could be a future terrorist target.

Since Sept. 11, 2001, most studios require photo identification and conduct random checks of car trunks and even more extensive screening, including looking under cars with mirrors.

Some studios subject trucks or vans to even further screening, including examination by bomb-sniffing dogs.

Warner Bros. in Burbank only recently

resumed its popular studio tours. It requires visitors to park off the main lot and take shuttles onto the property.

Paramount is requiring the background checks for all vendors who require access to its lot more than once per month. Tours of its studio remain suspended, according to its Web site.

In a letter to vendors, Earl Lestz, president of Paramount's studio group, said the new measures would also include verification of Social Security numbers and driving records going back three years. Photo ID badges will be issued to people passing the background checks.

The new measures were not implemented in response to a specific threat or event, the studio said.

"It has been a difficult decision to proceed with this change," Lestz wrote. "We hope everyone understands why this program has become necessary and will cooperate to the fullest."

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SPORTS

All five big confederations arrive at quarterfinals

BY DAVID MORDKOFF

AP Sports Writer

YOKOHAMA, Japan — For the first time, the World Cup will have a quarterfinal round worthy of the tournament's name.

All five major soccer confederations will be represented in the final eight — including the United States from CONCACAF and co-host South Korea from Asia — following eight scintillating second-round matches.

"There is no longer an established world in soccer," said U.S. coach Bruce Arena, whose team plays Germany on Friday. "It is truly a global game now. At the end of the day, the Brazils and Germanys and Englands and Italys will be there, but the gap is closing."

He was right about three of those soccer giants. But Italy was dispatched by an overtime goal off the head of South Korean midfielder Ahn Jung-hwan in a 2-1 victory that sent millions of Koreans into the streets in celebration.

"We made it to the last eight because of the big support from the fans," defender Kim Tae-young said. "We will catch Spain in the quarterfinals (Saturday). Please trust us."

The other upcoming games have Brazil against England on Friday and Senegal against Turkey on Saturday. The Turks knocked out the other co-host, beating Japan 1-0 on Tuesday.

Will the litany of upsets continue?

The most recent last-place finishers, the Americans, are still alive, while the defending champion French are long gone. A newcomer and a team making its first appearance in five decades have survived.

North America will be represented by the United States, whose 2-0 victory over Mexico made many American fans forget the 0-3 debacle of 1998 and the complete absence from the World Cup between 1950 and 1990.

"It's like it's not happening," said midfielder Landon Donovan, who scored the second goal against Mexico. "It's like a dream."

The dream continued for South Korea — barely. Trailing 1-0 at Daejeon, Seoul



Greg Baker/Associated Press

South Korea's Ahn Jung Hwan, second from right, scores the winning goal against Italy in their 2002 World Cup second round soccer game at the Daejeon World Cup stadium in Daejeon, South Korea on Tuesday. Italy's Paolo Maldini, right, Mark Iuliano, bottom, and goalkeeper Gianluigi Buffon look on. South Korea won 2-1 to advance to the quarterfinals.

Ki-Hyeon scored just two minutes from the end of regulation. Then, three minutes before a penalty-kick shootout, Ahn Jung-hwan eliminated the three-time champions with his header.

"We are going on and we are enjoying it very much," said Guus Hiddink, South Korea's Dutch coach. "We know we have tonight to celebrate and people must celebrate."

South Korea became the first Asian team in the quarterfinals since North Korea in 1966 — when the North Koreans shocked the Italians to reach the final eight.

The African confederation is represented by fearless Senegal, which set the tone for a World Cup full of upsets when it defeated France in the Dakar Lions' first-ever tournament game.

The Senegalese dispatched Sweden

with a golden goal from Henri Camara off a back-heeled pass from Pape Thiaw. Camara sank the same Swedes who in the first round eliminated Argentina, seemingly everyone's pretournament favorite to win.

"We knew that it would be a very hard match, a match of warriors," African player of the year El Hadji Diouf said of the game with Sweden. "We showed once more that we are a band of brothers, a band of friends."

Even Turkey, which last participated in the World Cup in 1954, is still around, casting gloom over Japan's blue-clad fans with a header by Umit Davala in the 12th minute Tuesday.

Of course, some favorites still are breathing.

Brazil, the only four-time champion, showcased its speed and flair in the second

half of a 2-0 win over Belgium. Brazil, which struggled to qualify, is the only team from the South American confederation in the quarterfinals.

England had little trouble beating Denmark 3-0, advancing to face Brazil in the most anticipated matchup of the quarterfinals.

But the other big names did not have it so easy.

"This World Cup does have some quite extraordinary results," German coach Rudi Voeller said. "There are no more small countries. Anybody can beat anybody."

Voeller speaks from experience.

A feisty Paraguay squad, directed by defensive specialist and coach Cesare Maldini, opened the second round by holding Germany scoreless for 87 minutes. Oliver Neuville prevented overtime with his strike, sending Germany to the next round and giving the fans a break from a game full of 'lockdown' soccer.

While Senegal and South Korea avoided shootouts with golden goals, Spain and Ireland needed the tiebreaker. But three Irish kicks failed to find the net and Spain won the shootout 3-2 after a 1-1 tie.

The string of upsets has created intriguing matchups in the quarterfinals.

Senegal, with its attacking style, faces Turkey, a team known for its physical defense. The United States, neophytes at this stage of the World Cup, takes on a German side that has been to the quarterfinals a record 14 times.

Brazil's potent offense faces an English defense that has yielded one goal. England's revitalized offense goes after a leaky Brazilian back line.

Spain, which missed the knockout round entirely in 1998 and often has been an underachiever, opposes South Korea and its vociferous fans. The two sides met previously in World Cup play, with Spain winning one and one tie.

While the powerful European confederation owns four berths in the quarterfinals, it could wind up with watching the semis from home. The way this World Cup is going, would that really surprise anybody?

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NATIONAL



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Cops scare kids out of pond

By The Associated Press

STUART, Fla. — Sheriff's deputies didn't mince words during an early morning standoff with five wanted teen-agers hiding in a pond.

"You ought to be more afraid of the alligators," deputies yelled early Monday, shining a flashlight into the eyes of two alligators nearby in the water. "It's alligator mating season."

The standoff quickly ended.

Martin County sheriff's deputies, who had surrounded the teen-agers, arrested them on charges ranging from grand theft auto to resisting arrest without violence.

The nose knows

By The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — The nose knows when something stinks — but researchers are trying to find something more precise.

Researchers at Penn State University are developing "an odor index" to gauge the olfactorily offensive.

The scientists have devised an instrument-based system that sniffs out the gases a substance is giving off and determines how smelly it is on a scale from 0 to 1 million — with 1,000 barely detectable and 100,000 potent enough to cause nausea.

Researcher Bradley A. Striebig says the index could help wastewater treatment plants, pig farms, landfills and other potentially smelly sites "mitigate (odor) before it becomes a public problem."

Subaru pulls rabbit ad

By The Associated Press

LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Not everyone felt warm and fuzzy about the bunny featured in a Subaru commercial.

After numerous complaints, the car company pulled a commercial for the Subaru Forester that featured a mother and daughter removing a rabbit from a classroom and releasing it into the woods.

The House Rabbit Society, a nonprofit national rabbit rescue organization, said it is dangerous and illegal to release a domesticated rabbit into the wild.

"This commercial is extremely disturbing to us. We have been deluged with calls and e-mails from all over the country," said Margo DeMello, president and executive director of the group.

Subaru claimed the animal shown in the ad was a wild breed of rabbit. Still, the company decided to yank the ad after the complaints.

The House Rabbit Society is now urging members to contact Subaru and thank the automaker for its quick response.

Carson City casino owners buy historic Jack's Bar

By The Associated Press

CARSON CITY, Nev. — New owners of historic Jack's Bar, across this capital city's main street from the Nevada Legislature, aren't sure what they're going to do with it.

"We're still thinking about that," said Don Lehr who, with partner Allan Fiegehen, purchased the bar April 30. "There's no great rush. We're still sitting on it."

Lehr and Fiegehen, partners in Cubix, a Carson City computer equipment and software manufacturing company, purchased Jack's Bar and an adjacent motel for \$625,000. The motel eventually will be torn down.

In 1999, the partners also purchased the Ormsby House hotel-casino, to the south across Fifth Street from Jack's Bar.

"We're putting all our energy into getting the Ormsby ready," Lehr said, adding that extensive work must be completed before winter. "It's slower than we'd like."

The bar location has been a popular entertainment site for nearly 150 years. In 1859, a dance hall opened on the corner, according to Nevada State Archivist Guy Rocha. Later it housed a hotel. That building was torn down in 1892.

The current building, made of sandstone quarried and chiseled at the State Prison, opened in 1899 as the Bank Saloon.

The bar operated under several owners and names — even during Prohibition — until becoming Jack's Bar in 1966. The bar's last owner was James Doug Addison, who closed it in April 2001.

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NATIONAL

Workhorse of nation's firefighting fleet grounded

BY TOM GARDNER
Associated Press Writer

The nation's C-130A air tankers, workhorse of the firefighting fleet, were grounded Tuesday in the midst of what could become one of the worst fire seasons in history after a plane lost its wings and nose-dived in Northern California, killing all three people aboard.

Fires burning in Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, New Mexico, Wyoming and Utah have charred nearly a half-million acres of forest and brush. Thousands of people have been forced out of their homes and more than 60 homes destroyed, most of those in Colorado.

Federal forest officials say more than 1.5 million acres have burned across the country in 2002 — nearly twice the 10-year average for this time of year.

Firefighting efforts turned deadly Monday in Walker, Calif.

A C-130A had just completed a pass over a fire in the Sierra Nevada range when its wings snapped off and the fuselage plunged to the ground, bursting into a ball of flame.

A few hours before the crash, three firefighters in Southern California were burned when flames leaped over their fire truck parked near Interstate 15. They were expected to be released from the hospital by Wednesday, shaken by the experience.

"For a few seconds, I thought it was over," firefighter Thomas Lotko, 45, said from his hospital bed where he was hooked to an IV and had his hands and elbows swathed in bandages. Only the thin skins of emergency fire blankets saved his two colleagues from burning to death.

The C-130A tankers are only a fraction of the National Interagency Fire Center's fleet of 43 contract planes. Nancy Lull, a spokeswoman for the fire center in Boise, Idaho, said the five planes will be ground-

ed for at least two days while their safety is evaluated.

"It was shocking to see the wings basically break off in mid-air," said Rep. Jim Gibbons, R-Nev., after watching television footage of the crash. Gibbons is a pilot who has about 1,000 hours' experience flying C-130s.

The plane was fighting a 10,000-acre blaze north of Yosemite National Park. Investigators were trying to determine if a practice campfire set by Marine trainees started the blaze Saturday.

Other fires burning included a 100,000-acre fire in Alaska's interior and a trio of Colorado fires that have destroyed more than 163,000 acres.

The largest of the Colorado fires was allegedly set by a Forest Service worker who faces charges in federal court.

Hot, windy weather pushed that fire to 113,000 acres and sent smoke pouring into Denver, where authorities warned the young, elderly and those with respiratory ailments to stay inside. At least 5,500 people remained out of their homes Tuesday.

But the top firefighting priority in the Rocky Mountain region was a 38,000-acre blaze in southwestern Colorado.

At least 1,700 homes in the Durango area have been evacuated. The fire has destroyed at least 10 homes as it races through tinder-dry brush and trees.

Hot, dry weather and high winds was expected to keep the fire danger extreme throughout the West this week.

In California, sheriff's officials identified the victims of the plane crash as the pilot, Steven Ray Wass, 42, of Gardnerville, Nev.; co-pilot Craig Labare, 36, of Loomis, Calif.; and crewman Michael Davis, 59, of Bakersfield, Calif.

Family members gathered for grief counseling at the Sierra Front Interagency Dispatch Center in Minden, Nev., where the C-130A air tanker had taken off.

Illness afflicts Grand Canyon river runners

By The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Health agencies are investigating an outbreak cases of gastrointestinal illness this month among rafters in the Grand Canyon.

Grand Canyon National Park officials said Monday they are working with public health investigators to determine the identity and source of the illness, which causes nausea, vomiting and diarrhea for 24 to 48 hours and has affected 51 people so far.

The park has not evacuated any rafters because of the illness.

"Outbreaks like this have occurred over the last several years during the summer months but the reports came in after the fact," said Grand Canyon spokeswoman Maureen Oltrogge.

"To try to zero in on the source and type of virus, we created a rapid reporting system that requires commercial river trip operators to contact the Park Service if they have three or more cases show up while they are on the river," she said.

The first illness reports began June 1 at Colorado River mile 52, in the eastern end of the Grand Canyon.

As of Thursday, the park had 19 cases

reported stretching to river mile 164, near National Canyon — about 20 miles east of Lake Mead. By Monday, the number had ballooned to 51 cases.

"Recognize that there are as many as a thousand people on the river at any one time, and we are not sure if this is being passed from trip member to trip member, but we do believe it is contagious, even with good hygiene habits," Oltrogge said.

"We're looking for patterns, at high-use areas in the river corridor and at locations where trips gather to launch, but we have not zeroed in on anything yet and are working on several hypotheses," she said.

The U.S. Public Health Service, Centers for Disease Control, Arizona State Epidemiology Office and the Coconino County Department of Public Health are assisting in the collection and analysis of samples from the affected rafters.

Investigators say the symptoms mimic the Norwalk virus family, several distinct groups of viruses that have been named after the places where the outbreaks occurred.

Water is the most common source of Norwalk virus outbreaks.

INTERNATIONAL



Celebrities may use their names to promote UN

BY EDITH M. LEDERER
Associated Press Writer

UNITED NATIONS — Nearly 50 celebrity ambassadors, including Nobel laureate Elie Wiesel and Academy Award-winner Angelina Jolie, met Tuesday to discuss ways to use their names to better promote the United Nations and its many causes.

More than half a century after the United Nations was established, Secretary-General Kofi Annan told the celebrities the world body still is not "very good" at getting its message across — and he urged them to "help us learn from you how the United Nations can make its message more effective."

Since 1954, when the late comedian Danny Kaye became the first goodwill ambassador for the United Nations Children's Fund — or UNICEF, leading personalities in the arts, sports, literature and public life have traveled the world advertising the world body's work.

Currently, there are about 100 goodwill ambassadors chosen by various U.N. agencies and nine Messengers of Peace appointed by the secretary-general. The two-day meeting is only the second time these ambassadors have met.

Singer Harry Belafonte, a UNICEF goodwill ambassador, agreed with Annan that the United Nation's message was not getting out, but said, "Perhaps it is not that we are not doing a very good job as much as it is that we have underestimated the power, and the evil will, of our adversaries."

"There are forces who are immoral, and

those who would oppose us in what we do."

Without the United Nations, "this planet would have long since become a great carbon mass," Belafonte said while urging the celebrities to use their platforms more effectively and do their jobs "with courage."

At the first celebrity meeting in October 2000, actress Susan Sarandon, former Spice Girl Geri Halliwell and Somali supermodel Waris Dirie openly discussed the problems associated with being a goodwill ambassador.

This year, the candid discussions were held behind closed doors. Only the opening session where Annan and a few celebrities spoke was open.

Mary Banotti, an Irish member of the European Parliament who is a goodwill ambassador for the U.N. Population Fund, drew the loudest applause when she said the agency "is probably the most reviled and threatened organization within the U.N." despite its vital work in trying to save the lives of mothers and children.

Unfortunately, she said, the agency continually fights erroneous allegations by Americans and others around the world that it advocates abortion.

Jolie, who became an envoy for the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees a year ago, said she was stunned to discover that 20 million people had fled their countries and lost basic rights.

She described traveling to Cambodia, Pakistan, Colombia and Sierra Leone, where she saw a 3-year-old girl whose arms had been hacked off by rebels. Yet, the girl and her mother were smiling and

were doing their best to survive, she said.

"I don't know really the difference I've made," Jolie said. "I know how it's changed my life and made me a better person. It's taught me to value my family more, to value life more, to value other people more."

Japanese businessman Takehito Nakata described how he became a spokesman for United Nations Volunteers after his only son,

Atsuhito, was assassinated in 1992 while working as U.N. Volunteer in Cambodia. To turn the tragedy "into something positive," he has visited 20 countries and made 2,000 speeches to promote volunteerism.

Tennis star Vijay Amritraj, a Messenger of Peace, said he realized while visiting earthquake victims in his native India that "it's people like us who can pull them together with hope."

Global tourism shrinks; U.S. among worst hit

By The Associated Press

MADRID, Spain — Revenues from international tourism shrank 2.6 percent last year because the Sept. 11 attacks "severely aggravated" the impact of a global economic slowdown, the World Tourism Organization said Tuesday.

The United States was among the hardest-hit countries, with its earnings from foreign tourists falling by 11.9 percent and the total number of visitors from abroad dipping 10.6 percent.

Although the global downturn was worse than forecast in the aftermath of the attacks, the organization insisted the tourism sector was "resilient and stable" and would return to growth by the end of this year.

Hundreds of millions of people still

traveled abroad last year, but many stayed closer to home and slept in cheaper accommodation, the organization said. The decrease in the total number of international tourist trips dropped by only 0.6 percent — from 697 million in 2000 to 692 million last year.

"International tourism experienced a serious crisis but showed again how resilient it can be," said the organization's secretary-general, Francesco Frangialli.

Industry revenue dropped from \$475 billion in 2000 to \$463 billion last year. However, growth was already slowing before Sept. 11 because of the deceleration of global economic expansion, according to the organization.

The terrorist attacks "severely aggravated the situation," Frangialli said.

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INTERNATIONAL

Israel responds to bus bombing; seizes land

BY SUSAN SEVAREID

Associated Press Writer

JERUSALEM — Stymied twice before, a Palestinian attacker was devastatingly successful Tuesday: He detonated a nail-studded bomb in a bus crowded with high school students, killing 19 passengers and himself.

Israel responded by sending tanks into the West Bank town of Jenin, later announcing that it would retake and hold parts of Palestinian territory until attacks against its civilians end.

Several tanks rolled into Jenin and three of them entered the Jenin refugee camp, Palestinian security officials said. The Israeli military had no comment.

Hours after the blast, an angry Prime Minister Ariel Sharon strode past a row of victims in body bags and peered into the bombed-out bus, vowing to retaliate. Two students were among the dead and four were among dozens wounded in the attack, the deadliest in Jerusalem in six years.

The decision to seize parts of the West Bank came with President Bush's planning to make a major Mideast policy address this week. Bush is expected to propose establishing a "provisional" Palestinian state in part of the West Bank and Gaza without deciding on its final borders — and while neither side has embraced the idea, there is some hope that a renewed and forceful U.S. diplomatic drive might help end 21 months of carnage and despair.

An Israeli statement, issued after late-night consultations between Sharon and his top Cabinet ministers, said Israel was changing its response to "murderous acts of terror."

The statement said Israel will capture "Palestinian Authority territory. These areas will be held by Israel as long as terror continues. ...Additional acts of terror will lead to taking of additional areas."

Sharon, surveying the devastation from Tuesday's attack, questioned Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's ability to run such a state, saying, "It is interesting to know what kind of Palestinian state they mean."

Although Sharon has made clear he

wants Arafat out of power, he apparently isn't ready to drive him into exile. And the anticipated U.S. initiative makes timing politically difficult for any military offensive.

Israeli political commentator Keren Neubach told Israel TV Sharon considered expelling Arafat, but decided against putting the question to a Cabinet vote because some of his security chiefs oppose such a move.

The prime minister's office did not immediately return a call for comment.

If Sharon decides against exile, "it will be solely because of the perceived need to work with President Bush and to allow the Bush initiative to succeed," Israeli strategic policy expert Gerald Steinberg said.

However, Palestinian Cabinet and community members were anticipating a response directed at Arafat, and some international organizations ordered their employees to leave Ramallah. Arafat's headquarters in the West Bank town have been under siege off and on since December.

The Palestinian Authority condemned the attack, but the words weren't expected to affect Israel's response. The Palestinian leadership has not appeared ready to act decisively against radical groups, as Israel has demanded.

In Ramallah, Palestinians anticipating an army invasion and extended curfew began hoarding food.

"The Israeli response usually is against the Palestinian people, the Palestinian president and the Palestinian Authority," said Labor Minister Ghassan Khatib. "It will not be any surprise if they decide to invade Ramallah again or impose a new siege on the president."

In Washington, the White House said Bush condemned the bombing "in the strongest possible terms," but aides wouldn't say if it would delay his policy statement, expected Wednesday.

Bush has been formulating his approach to Mideast peace for weeks, during which he has met with Sharon, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, Saudi Crown Prince Abdullah and senior Palestinian officials.

After the suicide bombing, Israel



Associated Press

Religious volunteers evacuate a body from the site of a bus bombing in Jerusalem on Tuesday. A Palestinian man detonated nail-studded explosives on a Jerusalem city bus crowded with high school students and office workers Tuesday, killing himself and at least 19 passengers in the deadliest suicide attack in the hard-hit city in six years. At least 55 people were injured.

appeared to be letting Arab leaders know Arafat was running out of chances — and that an Arab failure to speak strongly against such attacks could provoke Israeli action.

Israeli Defense Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer spoke with Osama el-Baz, a top adviser to Mubarak, and Jordanian Prime Minister Ali Abul-Ragheb to "inform them of the grave situation in Israel following the recent terror attacks," according to a Defense Ministry statement.

Ben-Eliezer emphasized the Israeli government's obligation to protect its citizens and sought "a determined consolidation by the Arab world against the policy of terror and violence."

Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres cut short a visit to eastern Europe to return home after Tuesday's bombing.

The nail-studded bomb tore through the bus as it waited at a crowded intersection just before 8 a.m., sending bodies flying through windows and peeling off the roof and sides.

The Islamic fundamentalist group Hamas identified the assailant as Mohammed al-Ghoul, 22, a graduate student in Islamic studies from the Al Faraa refugee camp in the West Bank. Al-Ghoul left behind a farewell note in which he said he'd tried twice before to stage attacks.

"This time, I hope I will be able to do it," he wrote. "How beautiful it is to make my bomb shrapnel kill the enemy."

Inside a religious school a few hundred yards from the blast, 15-year-old Shmuel Calfon was praying with other students when they heard the explosion.

"Everyone looked at each other and thought, 'That was an attack.' But I didn't want to be the one to say it," Calfon said. Soon, sirens wailed and students began shouting and calling home to assure worried parents.

Police had been on high alert since Monday after receiving warnings that suicide bombers were trying to carry out an attack in Jerusalem.

Saudi Arabia arrests suspects linked to al-Qaida

BY JOHN R. BRADLEY

Associated Press Writer

JIDDAH, Saudi Arabia — Saudi Arabia announced its first al-Qaida-related arrests since Sept. 11 and said Tuesday it was holding 11 Saudis, an Iraqi and a Sudanese man behind a plot to shoot down a U.S. military plane taking off from a Saudi air base.

Meanwhile, U.S. officials announced another Saudi, described as an al-Qaida operative, was in custody in Morocco. They said Abu Zubair al-Haili helped evacuate al-Qaida members from Afghanistan after Sept. 11, officials said.

The arrests in Saudi Arabia were made public through the official Saudi Press Agency, which linked the suspects to Osama bin Laden's terror network and said they were planning to use explosives and missiles in other attacks in the kingdom.

The agency provided only sketchy details on when or where the suspects were arrested. But it was the first time since the terrorist attacks on the United States — carried out by 15 Saudis and four other Arabs — that the U.S. ally has announced arrests linked to bin Laden, the Saudi exile whose first cause was the overthrow of this Muslim kingdom.

The alleged plotters "were planning to carry out terrorist attacks against vital and important installations in the kingdom, by using explosives and two (surface-to-air) SA-7 missiles, smuggled into the kingdom and hidden in

different places around the country," the agency said.

Among those in custody was a Sudanese man identified by U.S. officials as Abu Huzifa, a suspected al-Qaida cell leader who has acknowledged shooting an SA-7 missile at an American plane taking off from the Prince Sultan Air Base.

The base, south of the Saudi capital of Riyadh, is home to some 4,500 U.S. troops and several military aircraft. It is being used in the war on terrorism as a command and control facility although Saudi Arabia has apparently barred the United States from stationing fighter bombers on its territory.

Saudi Arabia first invited troops to the country during the 1991 Gulf War to help defend the oil-rich nation against Saddam Hussein's forces.

In Washington, State Department spokesman Richard Boucher declined comment on the arrests except to say: "We've been very satisfied with Saudi cooperation in a wide variety of areas, whether its financial, law enforcement or other matters."

But relations have been strained since Sept. 11, with criticism that the Saudis did too much to support Afghanistan when it was run by the Taliban and al-Qaida and too little to hunt down terrorists or inspire friendlier attitudes toward the West.

It took five months before the kingdom acknowledged that 15 of the Sept. 11 hijackers were Saudis. It has not taken part in a worldwide asset freeze of accounts linked to bin Laden or changed laws — as other Gulf states have

— to crack down on money transferring or Islamic banking practices that al-Qaida may be abusing.

At least 50 Saudis are among several hundred prisoners captured in Afghanistan and now in the hands of the U.S. military.

Saudi officials say they are committed to the fight against terrorism and have countered that they are being unfairly accused while their citizens are punished for the acts of a few. Western diplomats acknowledge that the aging rulers must walk a fine line between radicals at home and friends in the West in order to remain in power. The presence of American troops in Saudi Arabia — home to Islam's holiest sites — is one of bin Laden's stated reasons for his holy war on America.

The Saudi news agency said Tuesday that the Sudanese suspect in custody had apparently fled the kingdom with the help of five of Saudis and the Iraqi. The agency said the Sudanese man was directly connected with al-Qaida and had fought with the group in Afghanistan.

The Sudanese government said Sunday that it had transferred the man to Saudi Arabia after he admitted firing a missile at a plane at Prince Sultan Air Base. In May, Saudi security guards found a missile launcher tube about two miles from a runway at the desert base, south of the Saudi capital of Riyadh.

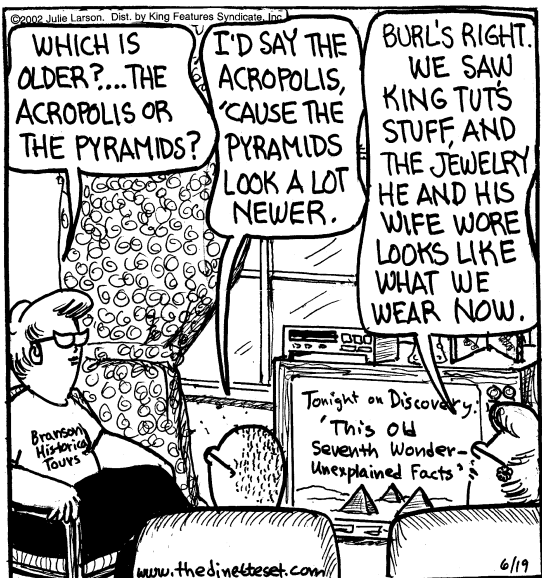
The Saudi report said the investigation into the 13 suspects was ongoing and findings would be made public.

"Then they will be transferred to the Islamic court and Islamic law will be implemented," it said.

COMICS



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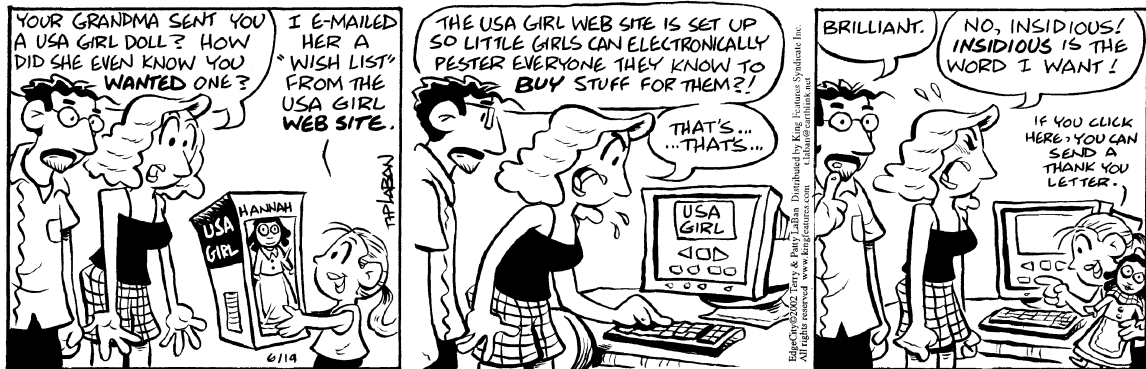
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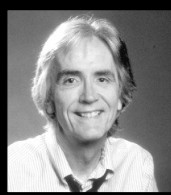
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by Chuck Shepard

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The Calendar

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, 7:40, 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) 12:45, 4:00, 7:10, 9:55. *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) 12:15, 1:00, 2:30, 3:15, 4:45, 5:30, 7:00, 8:00, 10:15. *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.

Wednesday, June 19, 2002

Today arts

SMARTS - Santa Monica Arts in the schools. Art exhibition reception and poetry reading featuring drawings produced by 4th graders at Franklin Elementary. Works reflect subject matter in math, social studies and more. Poetry by 2nd grade students from John Muir Elementary. 4 - 6 p.m., 18th St. Arts Complex, Santa Monica. (310)453-3711.

Take One Film & Theatre Bookstore will host a FREE lecture. Topic will be: Secrets of Screenplay Structure & How Not To Write A Screenplay. Join authors Cowgill & Flinn for an informative presentation. Followed by a Q and A. 11516 Santa Monica Blvd., W. Los Angeles. For more information please call (310)445-4050.

community

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.

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.

entertainment

Cara Rosellini hosts The Gaslite's Comic Review, followed by open-mic comedy karaoke, at The Gaslite, 2030 Wilshire Blvd. 7:30 p.m. FREE! (310)829-2382.

Temple Bar Summer Solstice- Hip Hop, House, Broken Beat, Electro, Latin, Brazilian, Afrobeat, & Funk Spun By: DJ Haul, Fisher P, Mason & Carlos Nino. Temple Bar, 1026 Wilshire Blvd., (310)393-6611.

Flock of Seagulls, 14 Below, 14th and Santa Monica Blvd, Santa Monica. (310)451-5040.

Poetry N Go Club, 8 pm. UnUrban Coffeehouse, 3301 Pico Blvd., Santa Monica, (310)315-0056.

Mongoose with D.J. Ron Miller. The West End. 1301 5th St. Santa Monica, (310)394-4647.

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.

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

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