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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

by Chuck Shepard

■ When a pair of bald eagles at Kentucky's game farm in Frankfort produced an extremely rare (for in-captivity eagles) egg in April, officials destroyed it because to allow it to hatch would have violated their federal permit; a federal official said the Kentucky officials should have just shipped it to them.

■ In May, Laurie Hanniford, of Cartisle, Pa., was fined \$352 for failure to file a state tax return in 2000, when she was 14, on total earnings of \$316, for which no tax was due, anyway.



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Life is what happens when you are busy making other plans."

— John Lennon



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Market accident enters legal arena

Expected lawsuits will likely last for years

BY JOHN WOOD

Daily Press Staff Writer

Lawsuits stemming from the farmer's market accident last week that left 10 dead and 79 injured may take years to go through the court system.

While police officers continue an estimated seven-week investigation, victims and their family members have hired lawyers and are

preparing for a protracted civil battle.

No criminal charges have been filed against Russell Weller, the 86-year-old Santa Monica man who last Wednesday apparently lost control of his vehicle and sped through a crowded farmer's market.

But Santa Monica trial attorney Brian Panish said Wednesday he has been retained by several of the victims and their family members, who will now pursue Weller for compensation in civil lawsuits.

Panish said the city of Santa Monica, which is responsible for the twice-weekly market,

and General Motors, which manufactured the 1992 Buick LeSabre Weller drove, will likely also be sued.

Experts said establishing liability against those deeper-pocketed entities will be a crucial factor in any pending litigation, as the assets of Weller, a retired wholesale grocer, are likely to be easily exhausted.

"Those will be hard-fought battles and if you get those resolved, the suits will probably settle fairly quickly," said Stephen Yeazell, a civil litigation professor at UCLA.

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Tragedy of crash forever etched into our minds



BY CAROLYN SACKARIASON

Daily Press Staff Writer

As I walked down the same path to Wednesday's memorial as I did last week when I responded to the farmer's market tragedy, an overwhelming sense of anxiety, grief and sadness overcame me.

I watched hundreds of people gather at the farmer's market just like they do every Wednesday. But this week was different.

While I was standing in the middle of Arizona Avenue, I thought about how many times I

have come to the farmer's market and witnessed the same scene: families pushing their kids in strollers, homeless people asking for money, Hare Krishnas chanting, people buying produce and community members interacting with one another.

All of that was happening just like at any other Wednesday market, except this time there was a thick layer of grief hanging in the air.

Hundreds of people were standing in a circle at the market's

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Carolyn Sackariason/Daily Press

Above: Hundreds gather at the farmer's market to remember the victims in last week's accident.

John Wood/Daily Press

Farmer's market manager Laura Avery, second from left, consoles market vendor Vilma Causey, left, with two unidentified women on Wednesday morning.

A day to remember helps SM community move on

By Daily Press staff

The community continued the healing process Wednesday during a day of remembrance on the week anniversary of the farmer's market tragedy.

Hundreds of people showed up during the farmer's market to listen to more than a dozen clergy and members of the community

offer words of wisdom and prayer about what happened last week.

"I thought it would be easier to do this, to talk about this, as the days went by," said Santa Monica Mayor Richard Bloom to hundreds of people gathered at the shrine located at Arizona Avenue and Third Street on Wednesday.

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Grateful Dead experience re-created tonight at Pier

By Daily Press staff

Tonight's free concert at the Santa Monica Pier features a seven-member orchestra that plans to re-create the Grateful Dead experience.

Grateful Dead tribute bands may be common these days, but Dark Star Orchestra's live concert will be replaying, down to the smallest detail, historic Dead shows.

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Grateful Dead shows, including between-song patter and off-beat musical interpretations, is re-enacted by the Dark Star Orchestra for delighted Deadheads and audiences all over the country.

The date and location of the Dead's original show is kept a secret by the Dark Star Orchestra right up until the performance. The Dark Star Orchestra provides clues that true Dead fans will pick up on,

including the number and placement of microphones, a "midi guitar" and the chatter. At the end of the evening, the band will reveal which show it tried to re-create.

The band is a favorite of original Grateful Dead members. After sitting in with them as lead guitarist at a RexFoundation benefit, Bob Weir, a member of the original Grateful Dead, said it felt like Jerry Garcia was right there

behind him.

The Dark Star Orchestra includes John Kadlecik as lead guitarist, Scott Larned on the keyboards, Lisa Mackey on vocals, Rob Eaton on the rhythm guitar, Kevin Rosen on the bass and Dino English and Rob Koritz on the drums.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ You need to curb your temper. The words you speak might have very little to do with what you feel, ultimately. Your invective could permanently distance a friend or co-worker. Keep talks moving. Tonight: Hang at a favorite haunt.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Expenses will go out of whack if you're not careful. A friend pushes you very hard, perhaps to borrow money or have you participate in a harebrained scheme. Practice the word "no." Say the word "no." A boss makes a suggestion, which might be well worth following. Tonight: Pay bills.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ The Moon in your sign highlights you. Possibilities occur because of your willingness to let go of a pet idea. Your flexibility and high energy make you a sure winner. Use your magnetism if need be. Tonight: Ear-to-ear smiles. Follow the music.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ Slow down. You might be more overwhelmed than you realize. Your ability to search out what you want and make it so comes into play. You get information that points to a new path. Check out options. Tonight: Early to bed.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ Friends hold the cards. Don't push too hard to have an associate or partner chip in funds toward a personal project. You're likely to get a backfire if you're not careful. Investigate a friend's offer. Meetings bring positive results. Tonight: Start thinking "weekend."

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ A partner does the unexpected. Others also might be acting strangely according to your perceptions. Understand what needs to happen within your personal circle. Your instincts kick in with a boss. Use diplomacy rather than force or control. Tonight: Work late.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ Reach out to those at a distance, especially as you might want to gain a perspective on a work-related matter. Others might want to get information about health or exercise. Leave it to the experts rather than do anything unexpected. Tonight: Put your feet up.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ Interact with a partner directly. You might want to think through your answers before you get into a disagreement. What might feel like a great idea on your part needs testing. Work with someone who will play devil's advocate. Don't fight the inevitable. Tonight: Schedule quality time.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ Others seek you out on a massive level. You might be surprised at how much you have to accomplish if you remain responsive. You cannot control someone's behavior, especially a close family member. Know when to pull away and create your own space. Tonight: Join your pals.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Give that extra effort to make what you want happen. You might be surprised at just how much anger could be coming toward you. Speak your mind, but know when to pull away. Take a walk midday to relieve stress. Tonight: Get real physical.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ You pull the wild card financially. You might be in the mood to risk. Knowing when you have gone too far or perhaps have taken a risk that won't work is key. Express your creativity and fertile imagination in a more positive manner. Tonight: Be a kid again.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ You have a lot of energy, but you could easily misdirect it. Realize what might be ailing you and what you need to do in order to make a situation work. Take some time to chill out and center yourself. Good ideas will follow. Tonight: Scram on home.

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LOCAL

The Q Line

Residents opine on market tragedy

(While the Santa Monica Daily Press has asked the community to offer thoughts about the recent farmer's market tragedy, we hope future responses also include people's feelings about their experiences, as well as some positive thoughts on the community's reaction to the incident.)

■ "It seems to me that his mind was totally malfunctioning. A simple test written by a psychologist or a psychiatrist should have revealed it before this accident."

■ "Everyone is shocked and saddened by what has happened but we're all getting older. Some day it could be you or me who is relegated to managing our life's activities without a car. I think many of the elderly would gladly turn in their keys if there were a better transport system available other than a cab or multiple bus rides that require transferring. Science is trying to prolong life but being tied down in an apartment or house with no way to get out and around is not living. So, let's try to do something about it."

■ "I am just so happy that I heard on the news that they are not going to allow Mr. Weller to have a California driver's license. I just want to make sure that he's not going to go to New Mexico or Arizona and come back here with one of those licenses."

■ "I think driving while impaired should be a felony, whether it's drugs, alcohol or old age. The sooner the DMV gets its eggs in order and starts giving seniors reaction time tests, the sooner we are going to end this danger to innocent people who happen to be near that driver when they make a mistake that they cannot correct ... We should never forget that driving is a privilege. I'm sure the families of the 10 victims and the 50 people that were injured will never forget that either. The sooner we start giving reaction time tests to people over 50 the better off we all will be."

■ "I don't know why they're blaming Santa Monica for the accident that happened one week ago. It is the driver's

fault. I'm 80 and I wasn't too proud to give up my driving privileges."

■ "The urgent thing to remember regarding the recent farmer's market incident is to be certain that any future farmer's market events are held on the sidewalks only or specified enclosed areas because of the obvious logical possibility that a normally active street that is blocked off for a temporary event could easily go unnoticed by the casual driver in the area that's accustomed to the street being open. Certainly that could happen again."

■ "I read in the paper that the gentleman, Russell Weller, apologized for the accident and felt really bad about it, but I didn't hear him say that he was not going to drive again ..."

■ "I think the driver, Russell Weller, should spend at least a year in jail and have his driver's license taken away from him for the rest of his life. I'm afraid that because of his age he's going to get away with no punishment whatsoever. But any younger person who did this, who killed 10 people and would have the law thrown at him, would be put in jail for a longer time than one year. I think he's got to have some kind of punishment"

■ "I am a longtime resident of Santa Monica. A great deal of responsibility for the tragedy that occurred at the farmer's market ought to fall upon the shoulders of the city of Santa Monica for not having stronger safety measures and barriers in place. It has been a very dangerous situation for a long time for drivers of any age. One wrong turn on any of those streets can create a horrific situation ..."

■ "The press should not publish any answer to your question on the Q-Line this week. Just have love and peace reign over the grief process."

surf report

There may be some waist- to chest-high sets today as a new SW starts to fill.

BAD NEWS: Old SW is almost all gone.

GOOD NEWS: Water is still warm.

OUTLOOK: The new SW will start to show today and look best Saturday. Small NW wind swell hangs tough and another, smaller SW hits early next week.

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MONDAY	4:52	-1.4	4:03	2.3	11:28	4.1	10:16	6.8
TUESDAY	5:34	-1.2	4:52	2.3	(12:11)	4.2	11:00	6.4
WEDNESDAY	6:14	-0.8	5:43	2.4	(12:54)	4.2	11:44	5.8
THURSDAY	6:54	-0.3	6:40	2.5	N/A	N/A	1:38	4.3
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The Q Line

As most residents of Santa Monica — and, indeed, the entire country — know by now, 86-year-old Russell Weller plowed through the farmers market on Arizona Avenue on Wednesday, killing 10 and injuring nearly 50.

It is one of the worst tragedies ever to befall this city. The grief process and reality of the situation likely is just beginning to sink in for residents.

Therefore, the Daily Press invites anyone who wants to share their feelings, experiences or thoughts about this horrific incident to call our Q-Line.

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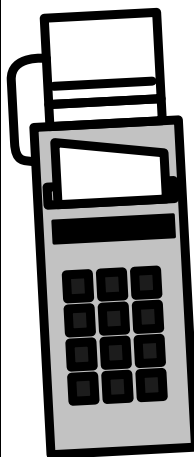
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LOCAL

Santa Monicans pull together in healing process

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center crying, mourning and praying.

Members of the media were filming and interviewing market vendors. Detectives were interviewing witnesses, trying to recreate the scene. People who were hit by 86-year-old Russell Weller's car were walking through the market on crutches. City of Santa Monica trucks served as barriers at each end of the market, replacing wooden detour signs. Conversations amongst residents were about the accident and how fortunate they felt about being alive.

And it didn't rain on Wednesday. It rains less than 30 days a year in Santa Monica — and hardly ever in the summer.

About two hours after last week's tragedy, I stood at the corner of Fourth Street and Arizona Avenue waiting for a press conference to begin. Still in awe of the helicopters landing on Fourth Street to transport the injured to hospitals, the skies above downtown Santa Monica grew dark and it began pouring. The expression on every person's face around me was of pure shock.

Now as the shock begins to wear off, the community is trying to cope with the aftermath of last week's tragedy while continuing on with their daily lives.

Both the police and fire chiefs said it was the worst accident scene they've ever encountered. And as a journalist, July 16, 2003, will be etched in my mind forever.

When one of my co-workers, SMDP ad salesman William Pattnosh, called me seconds after Weller plowed through the market, I immediately sent two reporters to the scene who were only steps away. They were the first journalists there and saw firsthand the carnage and chaos Weller left behind.

After listening to the scanner in the newsroom for a couple of minutes, I realized the enormity of the accident and rushed through the alley between the Promenade and Fourth Street where it meets Arizona Avenue. It was where Weller first hit the gas pedal instead of the brake and then within minutes, it became the main triage area for emergency workers.

SMDP reporter John Wood stood with me after we watched 3-year-old Cindy Palacios Valladares take her last breaths while her mother screamed hysterically in the background.

For an hour, emergency workers and by-standers endlessly brought the wounded for treatment to the triage area where we were standing. It was like watching a movie — completely unreal and horrific.

But it became real to me again when I noticed one of our co-workers, SMDP ad salesman Rob Piubeni, at the scene helping emergency workers. I watched him as he helped victims and provided support to police, fire and paramedics. He eventually walked away from the scene when he was no longer needed. His pants were bloodstained and his mind forever scarred because the first woman he responded to died while he was getting her help.

As a reporter, I was given access behind the police tape. I was with a half dozen journalists whose adrenaline was rushing as much as mine was. We stepped over bodies while we snapped our pictures and cameramen filmed their footage to capture the scene as best as we could.

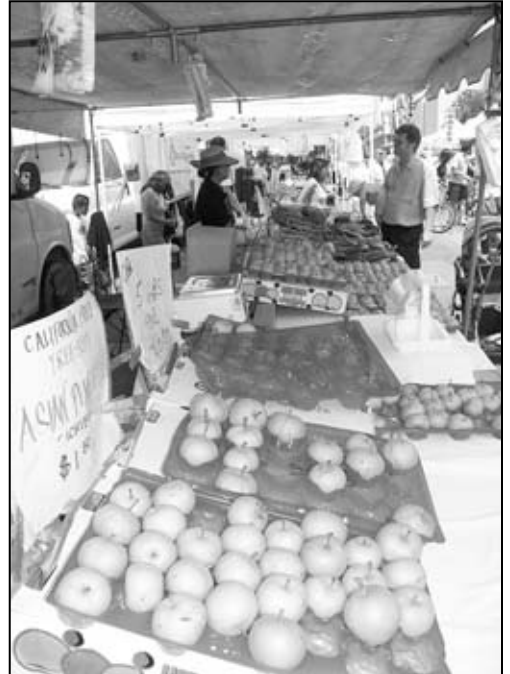
As we ran down Arizona Avenue through the carnage, all I could think about was how absolutely devastating it was going to be for this community and how difficult it would be to deal with once the story came out.

Even the people that watched the events unfold on TV are emotionally damaged. Those who responded to the scene are dealing with what they saw in their own ways.

As a journalist, I couldn't walk away from the scene and go home. I knew I had to face several more hours of writing the stories, selecting the appropriate photos and packaging it all together. And then I had to do again the next day and the next ...

Now more than a week later, I still haven't had time to process the tragedy, like many of us. But Wednesday's day of remembrance helped and coming together is key to healing, as many community leaders suggested.

"I was here this morning to watch the farmer's market open up for the first time since last week's tragedy," Mayor Richard Bloom said Wednesday. "I watched the first lifting of all the canopies and it made me think about this community, the way it has risen up during this time of tragedy. This community has risen right back up like the canopies."



From top clockwise: A family strolls through the farmer's market Wednesday morning unaware of the tarred over street where a victim lied in last week's accident. Members of the community light candles during a memorial for each of the 10 people who died last Wednesday. Ramon Villafuerte, at the shrine erected at Arizona Avenue and Third Street, reads the profiles of the people who died in the crash. A market vendor takes time to talk to a customer while he holds his child. A city pick-up truck now serves as the barricade to the farmer's market's east entrance, where Russell Weller first entered. A vendor cleans up after the market closed on Wednesday. Last week, city crews spent a day cleaning up the wreckage.

Carolyn Sackarison/Daily Press

LOCAL



Trial lawyer investigating whether General Motors holds some liability in crash

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JAIL TIME UNLIKELY

Because it doesn't appear he was acting intentionally, Weller probably won't face first- or second-degree murder charges for last week's deadly accident, said Brian O'Neill, a nationally-recognized Santa Monica criminal defense lawyer.

But he could be charged with vehicular manslaughter.

Vehicular manslaughter with gross negligence, a felony, carries a maximum sentence of six years in prison and a minimum sentence of probation. Prosecutors would have to show that Weller's behavior was aggravated, reckless or flagrant to prove gross negligence.

Without gross negligence, vehicular manslaughter is a misdemeanor and carries a maximum sentence of four years in prison.

O'Neill said he doesn't think gross negligence will apply to Weller.

"They're not trying to put this guy in jail for life," he said. "But they are trying to make some statement about society's values."

A key factor in the criminal proceedings will be whether prosecutors can show that Weller knew he was a potentially dangerous driver.

Though videotapes have surfaced that allegedly show Weller losing control of his car in separate incidents, attorneys may be able to successfully argue a "diminished capacity" defense. If Weller is shown to have had diminished physical or mental abilities, the earlier accidents may not count against him.

The bottom line, said O'Neill, is that criminal proceedings are likely to be resolved rather quickly and could involve a probationary sentence, as well as the permanent forfeiture of Weller's driver's license, which was suspended by the Department of Motor Vehicles on Monday.

While O'Neill isn't involved in the case, Weller has retained two criminal defense attorneys.

MILLIONS AT STAKE

Civil litigation over the accident, on the other hand, could last as long as four years and is expected to involve a substantial amount of money, Yeazell said.

Lawyers, once retained, file claims on behalf of their clients. Then the investigation takes place, depositions are taken, evidence is exchanged and trial dates are set.

Yeazell said the lawsuits arising out of last Wednesday's accident probably will be consolidated in front of one judge who is familiar with the case and can therefore realize some economies in trial.

He said the average litigated case is in court for two years. But because there may be a separate criminal case against Weller and the civil litigation is complicated, it could be four years before the

lawsuits are resolved.

In the past, juries have awarded millions of dollars in wrongful death lawsuits. The exact amount of the award depends on a host of factors, including the age of a victim, how much money he or she earned and whether they had children.

And then there are the injured.

"It's a bizarre fact that a living but permanently injured person has a higher damage bill than someone who is killed outright," said Yeazell, adding that the cost of caring for a seriously injured individual can be astronomical.

Panish, who has won national acclaim pursuing corporations in the courtroom, said the bottom-line figure for last week's accident could be substantial. But it's too early to estimate at this point, he said.

Trial attorneys typically do not demand money up front and work on a percentage-based contingency fee, usually keeping 30 or 40 percent of any final settlement or award.

If Weller's assets and insurance coverage are exhausted rapidly, other possible settlements may become moot unless City Hall, General Motors or others are found to be liable, Panish added.

CITY'S ROLE IN QUESTION

For City Hall to be found liable in the accident, lawyers for the victims will have to prove that a "dangerous condition of public property" existed when Weller's car entered the market — and that officials either knew or should have known about it.

Panish said he will look into whether city officials ever discussed erecting pedestrian posts or a concrete barrier to protect shoppers from motorists outside the market, which takes over Arizona Avenue between Second and Fourth streets.

He pointed to the posts on the Third Street Promenade that allow pedestrians but not vehicles, and the concrete barriers at the local Department of Motor Vehicles. He also questioned why similar barriers weren't placed at the twice-weekly farmer's market.

"Obviously somebody in the city has recognized the danger (vehicles can pose)," Panish said.

Santa Monica City Attorney Marsha Moutrie did not return calls seeking comment.

But San Luis Obispo City Attorney Jonathan Lowell said it would be difficult to prove that a dangerous condition existed and also prove that the city should have known about it.

"There's just no way that you could find that," he said. "A dangerous condition would be a roadway with a big pot hole right in front of City Hall, in front of a parking lot that city employees use —

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Brian O'Neill



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LETTERS

(Editor's note: The editorial board of the Santa Monica Daily Press agrees with the letters below. The letter to the editor that was published in Tuesday's paper should've never been printed. It was an oversight by the night editor that it ran and was not intended to be printed. The SMDP regrets that it ran and apologizes to the community for publishing its content. We are a community paper that strives for positive change, not to promote violence toward anyone.)

Letter in bad taste

Editor:

I could hardly believe my eyes: A newspaper allowing its pages to be used as a vehicle for the advocacy of violence against struggling human beings (SMDP, letters to the editor by John Zarchen, July 22, page 4.) I am not concerned about Mr. John Zarchen. Such windbags seldom ever carry out their hateful words. However, I am deeply concerned that you, the editor and publisher, should print such dangerous stuff. This is not freedom of speech. This is direct provocation to violence. Proposing that gangs go after homeless people and anyone who dares to help them in phrases like "Boot out the invaders" and "Use your muscle," and then daring to connect that up with legitimate police work, is outrageous.

Something awful happened this week in Santa Monica, but it was tragically unintentional. Something else awful happened in your pages and, in a way, was worse because it proposed intentional evil against fellow human beings.

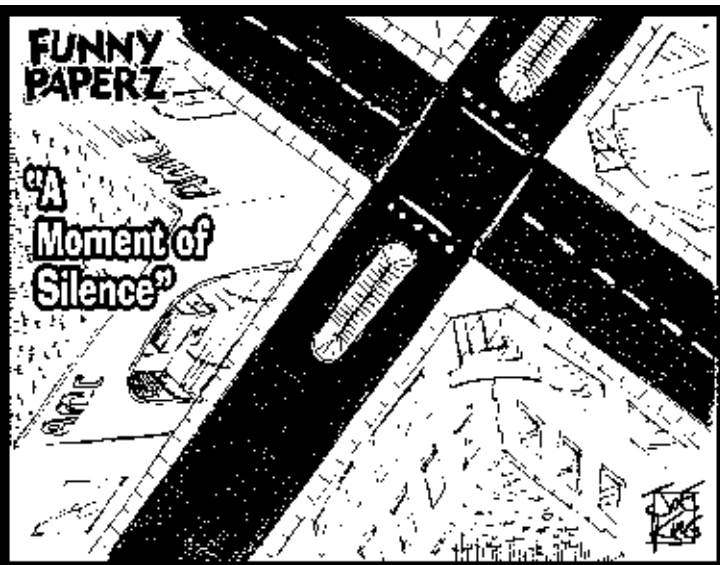
I can hear you saying "Oh, but we have a column written by a homeless person." That does not give you carte blanche to propose violence against the homeless and people who feed them. Would you print his column if your homeless columnist proposed that the homeless get even with the housed and well-off by burning their houses down and heaving bricks through the windows of their cars as they drive by to teach them a lesson in humility? Would you have endorsed slavery and horse whipping field slaves because masters also had "house n.....ers" working in their mansion who they treated a little better?

Isn't it enough that one Santa Monican has been found guilty of manslaughter for shooting a homeless person six times?

What is happening to this city, once proud of its decency to those in need: First higher incomes, then greater hypocrisy and now out and out right-wing vigilantism? Stop it now before more people die needlessly!

PS. Instead of aiding and abetting the brutalization of the homeless with the unattainable goal of making them disappear, why don't you lend support to an intense look at the effectiveness and efficiency of the homeless agencies in this city? National Public Radio just did a long report on a successful program (was it in Minneapolis?) where they offer alcoholics a clean, permanent and private place to live and eat, yes and even drink. The project does not demand that drunks first reform before they are

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Elderly drivers needn't take a backseat to anyone



TITTINGER'S TAKE

By Michael J. Tittinger

They're everywhere, these older drivers are — stopping and starting, turning and parking. It's a phenomenon we had little reason to take notice of before last week, but I'll admit, it's been on my mind ever since.

They're seemingly everywhere, like fireflies in the night, these elderly drivers making their way around the Santa Monica vicinity just like the rest of us. Now, I am catching myself watching them with a more discerning eye, wary of what missteps they could conceivably take while doing their stopping and starting.

And that is wrong.

Running along my typical route after work last week, it was heartening at times crossing the crosswalks, as drivers appeared to be more wary of the pedestrians crossing into their paths, stopping an extra second or two just to make certain everyone was out of harm's way. In light of last week's catastrophe at the farmer's market, it was an understandable reaction, or so I thought. For the next block was just as apt to be disheartening, like when two turning vehicles leaned on their horns to not only make their presence known to one another, but more in efforts to annoy the other. Both of these irate drivers were clearly in their 20s or 30s.

It's only natural that our collective awareness be heightened following the events of last Wednesday, when 86-year-old Russell Weller plunged his speeding '92 Buick into the jam-packed farmer's

market downtown, leaving 10 people dead and more than 70 others injured in his wake. Not to mention the psychological harm inflicted upon all those that bore witness to the tragedy. Our awareness of older drivers on the roadway is bound to be more acute, as we question periodically whether or not each one of those drivers is fit to share the road with the rest of us.

It is a sensation not unlike that of when we buy a new car, or used car for that matter, and subsequently notice just how many of those models are on the streets. Our awareness is heightened because we are interested when we see another car like ours. No one else really cares.

Now when we see an elderly driver, with admittedly slower reflexes, we are naturally bound to take notice. Unfortunately, it's also a naturally bad connotation.

Thinking back, I recall riding in the car with my father several years ago when he suddenly hit the brakes and swerved as something streamed out in front of the car. It was a leaf. I remember teasing him that I was going get him a bumper sticker "I Brake for Leaves" instead of the popular "I Brake for Animals," but for some reason that episode has stuck with me over the ensuing years. Maybe it was the first time I really took notice of his diminishing reflexes or recognition behind the wheel. Maybe it was the first time I even considered his age when he was driving. Maybe I gave it more credence than it deserved.

Regardless, he is an outstanding driver, who has never received so much as a moving violation in over 50 years of driving a car. To this day I would entrust my life to him while operating a vehicle, and not just because he is my father, but because he is the most careful of drivers. They say with age comes wisdom and it is imperative that we all acquire that wisdom to recog-

nize when our faculties have faded and senses slurred. It will become imperative that we drive at lower speeds to compensate for the unpredictability of the road. It will become imperative to shy away from driving at night if the glare from oncoming cars becomes too distracting. It will become imperative to let loved ones know we just don't feel comfortable jumping on the freeways at rush hour anymore.

To their credit, most elderly drivers do just that, and this is why they pose no more of a threat than the hip-hop generation speeding down side streets with their stereos blaring, or the distracted professionals with a latte in one hand and cell phone in the other. It seems wisdom surely does come with age.

When's the last time you saw an elderly driver holding a drink between his legs, talking on a cell phone or fretting over a recurring series of banal radio station selections?

If everybody braked for leaves we'd all be better off.

The fallout of Wednesday's tragedy has inevitably focused on whether or not there should be age limits placed on an individual's ability to obtain a driver's license.

With 16 percent of all drivers in this country over the age of 65, and that figure expected to reach 25 percent by the year 2030, it's a murky problem that has rightfully come to the surface. But to single out the elderly for no more reason than their being old is no more justifiable than profiling drivers according to their race, gender or any other physical attribute. There's just no sweeping measure that will eradicate all the problem drivers and leave those with careful technique and respect for their driving rightfully behind the wheel.

Periodic mandatory driver's tests? Sure, but how about applying them on an intermittent basis to all of the state's driv-

ers? There are plenty of drivers with diminished skills — i.e., loss of vision, loss of hearing, proneness to seizures — that will continue to operate a vehicle for years to come because they are young in age, but no less a threat to the rest of us than a disoriented octogenarian.

Besides, it is doubtful that testing Weller earlier in the year would have prevented the events that took place at the farmer's market. What actually happened that day will likely never be known to anyone other than the 86-year-old and his maker. To what degree physical inadequacies, emotional breakdowns and internal confusion played a part in the accident may never become clear.

Whether or not Weller made a conscious decision to actually hit people with his maroon LeSabre is unknown. At the very least, he had lost his ability to rationalize what was going on. The truth of it is, we all have within us the power to wreak the kind of carnage and wreckage that Weller did one week ago, but what stops us is an innate instinct for goodness and human nature and rationality.

Qualities not easily gauged by the ability to slalom our way through a series of pylons or parallel park.

There has to be a modicum of respect for the vehicle, the power it possesses with us in the driver's seat and the damage it could conceivably do. On the whole, I see a lot more of that coming from our elderly motorists, they of the two-hands-on-the-wheel pose and methodical stop sign stops, than I do from the average commuters with less years behind the wheel.

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OPINION



LETTERS

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rewarded with roofs over their heads. The success is that they are off the street, not requiring repeated police and paramedics attention, and can call a safe secure place home, rather than always wandering the streets to avoid extremely restrictive, dangerous and often unavailable places like shelter dormitories. The drunks can even keep their cherished pets in their rooms with them.

I'll never forget the statement of one of the residents: "Drunks are human, too."

Bill Bolt
Santa Monica

Letter was hateful

Editor:

I have several questions for you. The first question is, how can you print a letter from a person who would like to see the homeless hurt? The second question is, how can you print a letter that involves the acts of hate crimes against another person? (SMDP, letters to the editor by John Zarchen, July 22, page 4.)

In Tuesday's paper this person insulted another person because of words said that are used in England. I feel as though people like this gentleman need to really come out here and get the real facts about homelessness. I am homeless because of disabilities and am attacked quite frequently and as recent as Sunday morning. What did the police do for me? Nothing because the perpetrator was homeless and mentally ill herself, but I am the one who has to wear a cast/splint on my hand and thumb for at least eight weeks or more. This lady has been attacking other people, including the non-homeless.

Another fact for this gentleman. He talks about how great this officer Sky is but does he really know the truth about the cop? No, so before he can jump to conclusions and assume, he needs to stop and think about what he says and does because it gets everyone hurt in the long run.

I work at a newspaper and I know for a fact that we would not have printed something like that and that I recommend that he pick up the next several issues of Making Change and read about the definition on hate that my grandmother taught me before she died.

Viper
Making Change Homeless Newspaper
Santa Monica

Homeless need to move on

Editor:

Mr. Springer in his July 21 column stated, "The people who have the most trouble with homelessness are the ones who have a degree of power and prestige in this community." If by "a degree of power and prestige" he means persons who pay their way, then I guess I qualify since I pay the rent on my one room, 100-square-foot residence and buy my own food and clothing.

Being so qualified I want him to know that most of the people who have to deal with the homeless on the streets and alleys of Santa Monica do not live north of Montana or Wilshire. It's not the members of City Council who live in those parts of the city without an every day, every night, up close and personal exposure to the homeless. Instead it's the majority of us renters living south of Wilshire. It's those of us who have to call the police — at least seven times since January — to break up the fights and quiet the noise of the homeless who live in and excrete in the alleys behind our very humble residences. And, those of us who have been living in Santa Monica and LA without a car can attest that riding public transportation with the sometimes foul-smelling, foul-speaking homeless is a disgusting experience.

In May 1967, when I first lived in Santa Monica, the homeless problem was relatively minor. Returning in March 1988, it was so bad I moved to the Marina del Rey area. In October 1996, it appeared that the homeless situation had improved enough

to finally settle here. I have attended meetings on homelessness at the old Midnight Bookstore, as well as listened to Santa Monica's director of homeless services state that 40-60 percent of the homeless are either mentally or alcohol/drug disabled. Assuming that is true, what about the remainder? Why are they living on the street, sleeping on the benches, blocking the sidewalks and excreting in the alleys? Are they "owed" fair housing and a living wage? If so, by whom? If so, who will pay for it? If the non-disabled homeless were to clean up their act, Santa Monica's public safety budget could be reduced by some of the 50 percent of calls that are attributed to homeless issues.

No one ever said life was fair. In "The Road Less Traveled," M. Scott Peck's first sentence is, "Life is hard." Respect is something that is earned not given. If you want to classify yourself as "homeless" what does that mean? Is that something to which one should aspire? Should that become a vocation? Some of the homeless on the streets in October 1996 are still here, some even in the same doorway or alley. What about the people who were homeless and took advantage of the incredible resources provided here in Santa Monica to get themselves out of the gutter and make a better life for themselves? Isn't that where resources should be focused and eliminate/prohibit allocations to others not willing to comply?

I have cousins who were raised in an orphanage who had a hard early childhood and they all bettered themselves. They have little sympathy for those people who use their lot in life as an excuse for a permanent state of shame and irresponsibility. A woman, who I met worked for one of the largest charitable organizations in LA, said to me, "I will do everything I can for those persons willing to abide by our rules and make a better life for themselves and their families. However, I will do absolutely nothing, not a thing, for those unwilling to help themselves." Those are strong words from a kind, compassionate person who has worked in this area for over 20 years. She deals every day with people in difficult situations and knows the difference between empowering and enabling, between teaching someone to fish and giving someone fish. For those many homeless who do have the capacity and ability to "learn how to fish," I say start learning and start fishing, regardless of the level at which you start.

From the last census it can be seen that Santa Monica was one of the few cities in California that actually lost population, by almost 10,000. Today, with a homeless population estimated to be almost 2,000, that means 2 percent of Santa Monica's population is homeless. I say enough! The welcome mat needs to be withdrawn. Homeless are not welcome in Santa Monica. Persons willing to act responsibly and contribute positively to this community are welcome. Otherwise, keep on moving.

John Medlin
Santa Monica

Put up barricades at the market

Editor:

I walked past farmer's market this Wednesday afternoon. On the north side of Arizona Avenue I saw a pick-up parked to the side of the street and nothing but a flimsy barricade (sawhorse) on the right. Meanwhile, Arizona Avenue from Fourth Street, south past the alley to the first stand, is business as usual traffic wise.

Vehicles making U-turns at the barricade (sawhorse), vehicles honking at each other, people yelling at each other. Why is traffic even allowed onto Arizona Avenue during the farmer's market? Just allowing vehicles to enter and hopefully exit Arizona Avenue is once again asking for trouble. This also takes place on the south end of the farmers market on Arizona Avenue and the east and west sides on Second Street. I cannot believe the city and the management of the farmer's market is so blind and/or uncaring as to allow traffic to enter these streets and proceed up to the stands as if nothing can or will happen. The least that could be done is to ad pop-up barrier posts that can be raised or lowered on farmer's market days.

David Ludeke
Santa Monica

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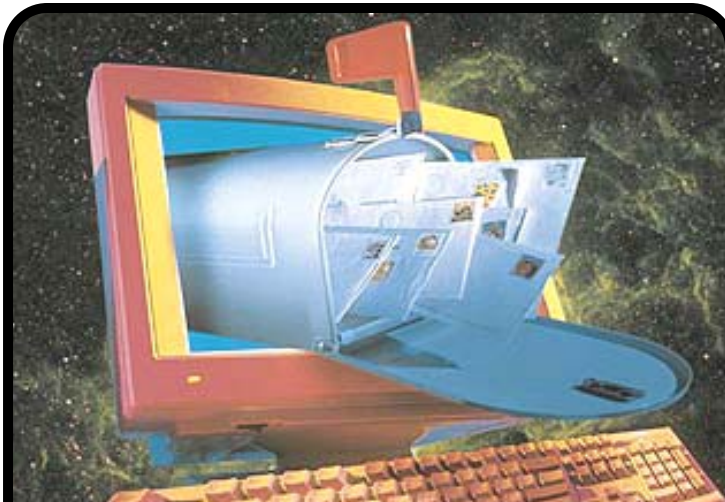
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LOCAL

Russell Weller could face civil, criminal charges

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no one's told them about it, but they have constructive knowledge about it."

Tony Condotti, assistant city attorney in Santa Cruz, agrees. He referenced the Los Angeles marathon, which attracts thousands to area roads each year.

"If you were going to plan for that type of eventuality, there are innumerable locations you would have to protect," he said. "The same thing could have happened if he'd jumped a curb and ran into people on the sidewalk."

But Panish said city officials should have erected some type of barrier and may have even discussed it in the past. He said he intends to investigate the matter further.

Councilman Bob Holbrook said Wednesday the barrier issue has never come up before.

"I've been elected for 20 years," he said. "And until last Thursday, nobody ever suggested concrete barriers and no one ever, ever said anything about not feeling safe at the market."

GM MAY ALSO BE NAMED

General Motors also may be pursued because the company apparently had serious problems with sudden acceleration in a similar 1992 model car, Panish said.

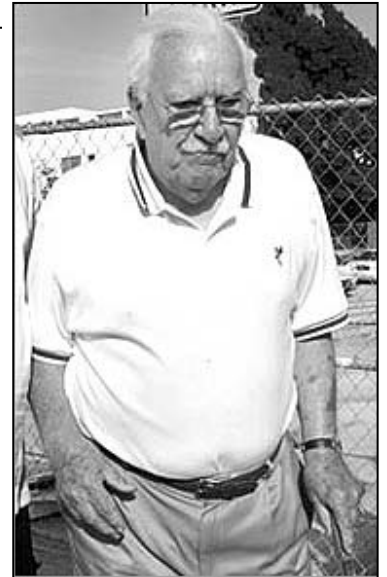
But before the car manufacturer can be pursued in court, Yeazell said lawyers must prove that any possible malfunction caused or exacerbated last week's accident.

Panish said his firm is currently investigating whether or not the same thing may have occurred in Weller's car before he sped through the farmer's market.

"I'm looking into it," he said. "I can't really disclose much but I'm going to find out more soon."

Asked if there was a recall on the car in question — a 1992 "W" model GM — Panish said, "They don't do recalls. Not very often. Recalls are rare. They claim that it's defective."

If GM and the city are found liable, there will likely be a jumble of cross lawsuits and complaints, Yeazell predicted. The three defendants, including Weller,



Russell Weller

may also seek indemnity by suing one another, Yeazell said.

Economic damages, such as medical bills and lost wages, are awarded against each defendant individually, which means a jury could decide whether and how the car company, city, or driver share liability. But non-economic damages, such as pain and suffering, are shared by all defendants, no matter their degree of guilt, Yeazell noted.

This could become important if non-economic damages are awarded against Weller and another party, because Weller's assets may quickly be vacuumed up.

Residents and farmers returned to the fabled Santa Monica marketplace on Arizona Avenue Wednesday, one week after Weller's accident. While city officials said it would be too expensive to erect concrete barriers, city service trucks were parked at both ends of the market, blocking motorists.

Victims' fund reaches \$70K

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"And while it hasn't gotten much easier, as I stand and listen to many of these great leaders in our community provide spiritual guidance, I am comforted," he added.

At 8:15 a.m. on Wednesday, a procession of clergy walked west on Arizona Avenue, following the path that 86-year-old Russell Weller's car took, stopping at the same place the Buick LeSabre did after it struck the last victim. There, they observed a moment of silence.

Later in the day, as the smell of incense filled the air, prayers were recited by interfaith leaders of all denominations in different languages, including Spanish and Hebrew.

The crowd grew as the 1 p.m. ceremony went on, piling up with passersby, many of whom appeared to be on their lunch break or were shopping.

During the moment of silence at 1:47 p.m. — the approximate time Weller came through the market — a gong was hit 10 times in honor of all 10 dead. Interfaith council members, along with Mayor Bloom, lit 10 candles in honor of

the deceased. Church bells throughout the city could be heard in the foreground. The market — and all surrounding areas — fell completely silent.

Many people bowed their heads, some fought back tears, others couldn't keep themselves from sobbing.

A few mothers clutched their children a little tighter during some of the prayers, including one prayer from a pastor who urged the crowd to value each moment because life could be over before you know it.

He added to never leave home with madness or hate because you may never come home again, just like the 10 who died last week.

A poem written and read by 9-year old Shirley Good, who is going into fourth grade at John Muir Elementary, included messages like "let's hope guardian angels are by their side, guarding their way."

Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce President Dr. Mike Gruning announced during the memorial that a fund for victims of the accident has received \$70,000 in donations.

STATE



Experts: Catastrophic fire danger in SoCal

BY DON THOMPSON
Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO— The danger of a catastrophic wildfire in 400,000 acres of beetle- and drought-killed trees in mountain communities east of Los Angeles is so severe firefighters are comparing the potential to the worst firestorms in the nation's history.

One briefing paper circulating among Southern California fire agencies, and obtained by The Associated Press, says fuel levels near Lake Arrowhead in the San Bernardino National Forest are approaching those of the Peshtigo firestorm that swept across Wisconsin on Oct. 8, 1871, killing more than 1,500 people.

"The last time historically that the forests were in this condition was 1910. Students of fire history will remember that great fires swept over 3 million acres of the West during two August days that year," warns a second briefing paper.

Nationally, the 2003 fire season has been mild so far. Less than 1.5 million acres have burned this year, compared to more than 2 million acres on average to this date. However, fire managers have cautioned that much of the Interior West, Northwest, Northern Rockies and parts of California would face tough fires before the season ends.

In California, conditions are aggravated by four years of drought, including the driest winter on record a year ago; a beetle infestation in San Bernardino, Riverside and San Diego counties; and a wet spring that produced a bumper crop of now-dead and dried grass.

"Homeowners are living in a sea of dead standing trees," Andrea Tuttle, director of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, said Tuesday. "They are in a potential fire trap."

The combination has firefighters fearing for their own safety as well as the safety of the tens of thousands of area residents who live mostly in wooden homes along narrow, winding mountain roads.

Decades of fire suppression mean a region that could sustain about 40 trees an acre is crowded with as many as 568 trees per acre, according to a fire safety briefing prepared by the San Bernardino National Forest and the interagency Southern California Coordination Center in Riverside. The Peshtigo fire region had about 640 trees per acre.

It and a second memo for the Orange County Fire Authority say conditions are right for a wildfire so severe it could create a fire "plume" rising 20,000 to 40,000 feet, raining firebrands as far as 10 miles away and spinning off whirlwinds along its edges.

"This saturation fire bombing leads to many simultaneous spot fires in these new areas and rapid area-wide ignition," the Orange County briefing warns.

Adds the federal memo: "These conditions are explosive and are extremely dangerous conditions for firefighters. ... A rapidly spreading wildfire coupled with highly ignitable homes can cause many homes to burn simultaneously. Structure protection may not be possible."

Officials say federal, state and local agencies are doing everything they can to prepare. In California's most risky forests, evacuation plans are in place, fires are banned even in established campgrounds, and firefighters and utilities are trimming trees along 111 miles of priority evacuation routes.

The Forest Service alone has 17 fire prevention officers advising residents on safety precautions. It has brought in 19 extra 20-person firefighting crews, three elite 20-person Hotshot crews and two helicopters from outside California, plus shifted two more Hotshot crews and a team of smokejumpers from within the state.

But Tuttle said more than \$3 million in federal funds are tied up by the state's budget stalemate, even as the state tries to tap into millions more in federal money.

"We have federal money that is staring us in the face, and we cannot spend it until we have a budget," Tuttle said. "It's truly dangerous and nonsensical."

Nielsen Entertainment to relocate in Hollywood

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Nielsen Entertainment, the firm that tracks television viewership, is consolidating operations into a Hollywood location on Sunset Boulevard.

Mayor James K. Hahn and City Councilman Eric Garcetti made the announcement during a Tuesday news conference touting the financial incentives that played a role in attracting Nielsen.

"Nielsen's relocation sends an important message to the entertainment industry and other major corporations that Los Angeles is the place to do business," Hahn said.

"Encouraging tenants like Nielsen Entertainment to relocate to Hollywood goes a long way toward supporting the revitalization of this historic part of Los Angeles and will help us to continue to ensure Hollywood's prominence as the entertainment capital of the world," he said.

Nielsen had considered moving its operation's Mid-Wilshire district offices to Glendale or Burbank, but Los Angeles officials stepped in with incentives that included a \$250,000 rehabilitation loan and a \$50,000 grant to improve the front of the building.

In addition, Garcetti said the bid was helped by changes to the city's business tax code that will cut Nielsen's annual gross receipts tax from about \$600,000 to \$87,000.

"We couldn't think of a more appropriate place than Hollywood to bring our entire operation under one roof," Nielsen president Andrew Wing said.

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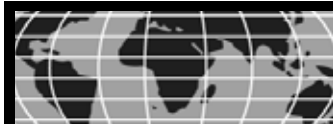
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WORLD BRIEFLY

Liberian rebels announce cease-fire

By The Associated Press

MONROVIA, Liberia — West African defense chiefs struggled to finalize the details of a peacekeeping force for war-battered Liberia, as rebels announced a cease-fire and aid groups warned that many people in the capital were running out of food.

European diplomats said a cease-fire was key to any deployment — particularly if the Americans are to be persuaded to participate.

Three U.S. ships with 2,000 Marines and 2,500 sailors aboard were moving toward the Mediterranean Sea, where they were to await orders to head to Liberia.

President Bush has made any deployment of U.S. troops conditional on the departure of President Charles Taylor, a former warlord indicted for war crimes in Sierra Leone.

Taylor has pledged to resign and accept an offer of asylum in Nigeria — but only after peacekeepers arrive to ensure an orderly transition.

Abbas to meet with Bush

By The Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Palestinian Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas must emerge from a summit with President Bush in Washington this week with concrete results for the peace process if he is to bolster his standing, Palestinians say.

Abbas meets with the U.S. president on Friday in what will be the first visit to the Bush White House by a Palestinian leader. Abbas leaves for the United States on Wednesday, after holding talks in Jordan and Egypt.

In the Israeli Arab town of Taibeh, angry residents rioted after police at a roadblock shot dead a driver who ignored an order to pull over. Police had been warned to be on the lookout for a Palestinian attacker.

A passenger fled on foot after the shooting, said police spokesman Gil Kleiman, who identified the dead man only as a local resident who had no driver's license. No weapons or explosives were found in the vehicle.

During his nearly three months in office, Abbas has yet to show his people tangible steps to ease their lives after 33 months of Palestinian-Israeli violence. He came to power after the United States and Israel led an international campaign to pressure Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat to share power.

Attorney accused of assisting terrorism

By The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Defense attorney Lynne Stewart had a reputation as a zealous advocate for her clients when prosecutors turned their sights on her last year, accusing Stewart of crossing the line from representative to co-conspirator.

Stewart was charged with aiding terrorism by conspiring to help imprisoned client Sheik Omar Abdel-Rahman, a leader of a terrorist organization linked to al-Qaida.

Stewart contended that it was the government that had crossed the line.

On Tuesday, U.S. District Judge John G. Koeltl agreed, saying in a 77-page opinion that prosecutors had applied a 1996 anti-terrorism statute in a way that was unconstitutionally vague.

Stewart said she fielded congratulatory telephone calls from around the country Tuesday, mostly from fellow defense lawyers "all feeling this was a great victory for the right to counsel."

Basketball player charged with murder

By The Associated Press

HURLOCK, Md. — The asphalt court where Carlton Dotson developed his skills stood empty, and a trophy case at the high school he led to a state basketball

championship was pushed aside for maintenance work.

On the top shelf Tuesday sat the 1999 championship ball, bearing North Dorchester High School players' autographs. Beneath Dotson's angular signature was his jersey number, 55, and the title: "King of Da Court."

Residents of this small farming community on Maryland's Eastern Shore were still coming to grips with the murder charge that has tarnished the king's crown.

Dotson, 21, was arrested Monday night in Chestertown, Md., on a warrant issued by Texas authorities, who believe he killed Patrick Dennehy, his former Baylor University teammate who has been missing for more than five weeks.

"It's a shock," said Kevin Jones, 21, who played with Dotson on the North Dorchester team and was one of his closest high school buddies. "He's just a good person. I don't believe he did it."

Hadley takes responsibility for error

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A top White House national security adviser is taking the blame for allowing a tainted intelligence report suggesting Iraq was trying to buy uranium in Africa to find its way into President Bush's State of the Union address.

Deputy national security adviser Stephen Hadley said two CIA memos and a call from CIA Director George Tenet had persuaded him to take a similar passage out of a presidential speech in October — and that he should have done likewise when it turned up again in State of the Union drafts.

"Had I done so, this would have avoided the whole current controversy," Hadley said on Tuesday. "It is now clear to me that I failed in that responsibility."

National security adviser Condoleezza Rice, Hadley's immediate supervisor, told reporters on July 11 that there was discussion with CIA officials about their reservations to proposed language in the State of the Union Speech and that it was changed to meet the CIA objection. She has said repeatedly that the CIA did not object to the final wording used.

U.S. captures senior Republican Guard official

BY NIKO PRICE

Associated Press Writer

MOSUL, Iraq — U.S. forces captured a senior Republican Guard official Wednesday, a day after killing Saddam Hussein's sons Qadai and Qusai in a four-hour gunbattle. But the bloody insurgency showed no signs of letting up, as attacks claimed the lives of two more American soldiers.

The commander of coalition forces in Iraq, Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez, said the deaths of the two sons "is definitely going to be a turning point for the resistance and the subversive elements that we are encountering." He warned in an interview with CNN, however, that there may be "a spike" in attacks on U.S. forces.

President Bush said Iraqis can gain comfort from knowing that "the careers of two of the regime's chief henchmen came to an end."

"Saddam Hussein's sons were responsible for torture, maiming and murder of countless Iraqis," Bush said at the White House. "Now more than ever, Iraqis can know that the former regime is gone and will never come back."

Bush added, though that "a few remaining holdouts" loyal to Saddam's government are complicating efforts to stabilize Iraq and advance freedom.

On Wednesday, a new tape aired by an Arab satellite TV broadcaster and purportedly made by Saddam on Sunday called on fighters loyal to him to persist in their uprising against the U.S.-led occupation force.

The head of the Special Republican Guard, Barzan Abd al-Ghafur Sulayman Majid al-Tikriti, was seized at an undisclosed location in Iraq, Sanchez told a news conference in Baghdad. He was 11th on the U.S. list of 55 most-wanted figures from the deposed regime.

On the streets of Baghdad, where gunfire broke out Tuesday in celebration of Saddam's sons' deaths, residents said they wished American forces had captured them alive — ready to stand trial, face their victims and suffer punishment for the horrors they inflicted on Iraq.

"We are happy for this, but we hoped that they would have been captured instead of killed so that they could have been tried by the Iraqi people," said Jassim Jabar, a 22-year-old tailor. "I hope Saddam will face the same fate soon."

Others didn't believe the Americans had finally run the brothers to ground.

Sanchez said that the coalition would provide proof "in due time" to the Iraqi people that Qadai, 39, and Qusai, 37, second only to their father in power in the ousted regime, were killed in the U.S. raid on a palatial villa in this northern city Tuesday.

Their bodies were taken to the Baghdad International Airport base of American forces Wednesday to be flown out of the country, U.S. officials said.

Dental records, X-rays and four former senior figures from the Saddam regime — including presidential secretary Abid Hamid Mahmud al-Tikriti — helped establish certainty that the two sons were dead, Sanchez said.

He said dental records were a 100 percent match for Qusai and a 90 percent match for Qadai. Injuries to Qadai's teeth made it impossible to achieve a perfect match.

Two other Iraqis, including a teenager, were killed in the raid. The teen was thought to have been Qusai's son, Mustafa. The other man was believed to have been a bodyguard, U.S. officials said. But Sanchez said experts have yet to identify the bodies.

Ten Humvee-mounted TOW anti-tank missiles fired from Humvees had silenced most of the resistance, apparently killing the three adult suspects, Sanchez said. He said the battle ended at about 2 p.m. Tuesday, when soldiers stormed up the stairs to the second floor and shot the remaining suspect, apparently the teenager, who was firing at them.

Sanchez defended the decision to kill the suspects hiding in the house, saying they had repeatedly fired on troops trying to enter the fortified second floor.

"That was the decision the commander on the ground made, and that was right decision," Sanchez said. "Our mission was to find, kill or capture. In this case, we had an enemy that was defending, that was barricaded and we had to take the measures that were necessary in order to neutralize the target."

Sanchez told CNN that four Americans wounded in the raid were not seriously hurt. Three have returned to duty, and the fourth will do so soon, he said.

He said he believed the \$30 million bounty for Qadai and Qusai would be paid,

but gave no details about who tipped the Americans to the hide-out.

American soldiers on patrol in Tarmiyah, a town 30 miles north of Baghdad, were elated by the news of the deaths of Saddam's eldest sons.

"This is the best thing that can happen to the coalition," said Army Capt. Sean C. Nowlan, 31, of the Fort Carson, Colo.-based 4th Infantry Division. "It deflates their campaign against us."

But the euphoria was short-lived.

On Wednesday, a U.S. soldier was killed and six wounded in an attack on a convoy near Mosul, the military reported. And a convoy was attacked in Ramadi, 60 miles west of the capital, killing one soldier and wounding two more.

The two deaths brought to 155 the number of American servicemen killed in action since the war began March 20, surpassing by eight the death toll in the 1991 Gulf War.

In western Iraq, several Iraqi insurgents, their faces covered and cradling rocket-propelled grenade launchers and automatic weapons, vowed to "raise hell" against the United States and Britain for the killing of Saddam's sons.

They also threatened to bring their fight to the countries of the coalition partners, as well as Israel.

"If this news is true that Qadai and Qusai are dead, we shall raise hell on Americans," one of the unidentified men said in a videotape obtained by Associated Press Television News. "Even the unborn child will take revenge for Qadai and Qusai."

SPORTS

SPORTS IN BRIEF

By The Associated Press

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

■ **WACO, Texas** — Investigators searched a gravel pit near the Brazos River for the body of Baylor basketball player Patrick Dennehy, who police believe was killed by a former teammate.

The teammate, Carlton Dotson, was charged with murder Monday in Chestertown, Md., near his hometown. He was ordered held without bail, and his attorneys said they would oppose his transfer to Texas.

The search for the body was centered just miles from the Baptist university where Dotson and Dennehy were on the basketball team last season.

BASEBALL

■ **PITTSBURGH** — The Chicago Cubs acquired center fielder Kenny Lofton and third baseman Aramis Ramirez from the Pittsburgh Pirates for infielder Jose Hernandez and two minor leaguers.

The trade was announced minutes after the Pirates' 2-0 loss to Houston.

■ **NEW YORK** — The New York Yankees acquired 46-year-old left-hander Jesse Orosco in a trade with the San Diego Padres for a player to be named.

SWIMMING

■ **BARCELONA, Spain** — Michael Phelps of the United States broke his own world record in the 200-meter butterfly at the world championships.

Phelps was timed in 1 minute 53.93 seconds in the semifinals. His previous mark of 1:54.58 was set July 24, 2001, in Fukuoka, Japan.

Australia's Ian Thorpe won his second gold medal of the meet in the 200-meter freestyle. Hannah Stockbauer of Germany won gold in the 1,500 freestyle, with the second fastest time (16:00.18) in history. Aaron Piersol of the United States won the gold medal in the men's 100 backstroke.

BASKETBALL

■ **WASHINGTON** — The Washington Wizards signed free agent point guard Gilbert Arenas to a six-year offer sheet worth about \$65 million.

The Golden State Warriors will have 15 days to match the offer sheet. They aren't expected to do so because they have little room to maneuver under the salary cap. Terms of the contract were confirmed by a source involved in the negotiations, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

SOCCER

■ **SEATTLE** — In its first game without superstar David Beckham, Manchester United beat Glasgow Celtic 4-0 behind goals by Ruud van Nistelrooy, Ryan Giggs, Ole Gunnar Solskjaer and David Bellion.

The match was part of Manchester's four-game United States tour, which continues on Sunday in Los Angeles against Mexico's Club America.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

■ **HUNTINGTON BEACH, Calif.** — Lifeguards were searching the water southwest of Los Angeles for an 18-year-old Southern California football recruit who was reported missing a day earlier.

Huntington State Beach lifeguard Mike Brouard said the teenager was identified by his family as Dreon Rucker. Rucker was expected to report to the beginning of practice at USC on Aug. 5.

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I Captured the Castle - 1:50, 4:25, 7:00, 9:40
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The Italian Job PG-13 - 11:10, 1:45, 4:20, 7:05, 9:45

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1310 Third Street Promenade
Bad Boys II R 11:30, 12:15, 2:55, 3:45, 6:25, 7:20,
9:55, 10:45, 11:30
Freaky Friday PG - 7:00p.m.
Bend It Like Beckham PG-13 - 1:00, 4:00, 7:30, 10:15
Bruce Almighty PG-13 - 7:45, 10:10
Finding Nemo G - 11:45, 2:15, 4:40, 9:35
Legally Blonde 2: Red, White, & Blonde PG-13 -
11:40, 2:20, 4:30, 7:10, 9:20
Shrek: Legend of the Seven Seas PG - noon, 2:30,
5:10
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Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle PG-13 - 10:45, 1:30,
4:15, 7:05, 9:40
Johnny English PG - 11:15, 1:45, 4:30, 7:10, 9:35,
11:50
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10:30, 11:30, 1:15, 2:15, 4:00, 5:00, 7:00, 7:45, 9:45,
10:30, 12:20
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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Police sorry for comparing assault suspect to Ice Cube

By The Associated Press

■ **CHICAGO** — The Chicago Police Department has apologized for issuing a community alert that described a suspect in a series of sexual assaults as resembling Ice Cube after a television station aired one of the rapper's videos during its evening newscast.

Police are searching for a man who sexually assaulted three women in Wicker Park, a trendy neighborhood on the city's North Side.

A police alert Sunday described the suspect as a black male in his mid-20s who "resembles the popular rap artist Ice Cube."

On Monday night, Chicago CBS station WBBM showed an Ice Cube music video when it reported the story.

"We acknowledged the information should not have been on the alert," police spokesman David Bayless said Tuesday. "We took immediate corrective action. We apologize to Ice Cube for what was an honest mistake and came with no ill intent."

The community alert was reissued without a reference to the 34-year-old, whose real name is O'Shea Jackson.

The rapper-actor had begun filming "Barbershop 2," the sequel to last summer's surprise hit "Barbershop," in Chicago on Monday. Cast members were watching as WBBM-TV broadcast the video, said Matt Labov, a spokesman for Ice Cube.

"This is an unfortunate and hurtful situation for Ice Cube," Labov said. "That his good name ever came up in association with the events currently taking place in Chicago's Wicker Park area is damaging to Ice Cube as a father, husband and artist."

■ **LOS ANGELES** — William H. Macy isn't a fan of horses, although he understands the power of animals on the human spirit.

"They're really dangerous. When you fall off a horse, you fall a long way," said the actor, who plays fast-talk-

ing radio announcer "Tick-Tock" McGlaughlin in the new horse racing movie "Seabiscuit."

"But there's something about telling stories about animals that allows us to empathize even more than we can with people. People can see a person get hit by a car and it doesn't do anything compared to seeing a dog get hit by a car. It's just one of the things that makes us human."

Macy's character supplies the humor in the movie as he touts the top betting prospects amid a cacophony of sound effects.

"I didn't do any research and I didn't base him on anything. It's all me," the 53-year-old said. "I didn't improvise with the words because they were really well-written. But other than that, I tried to be loose as a goose."

■ **LOS ANGELES** — Alec Baldwin wants you to "Meet Your Meat."

"The Hunt For Red October" actor has narrated a new documentary short for the activist group People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals that shows images of animals raised for food.

In a grass-roots bid to disseminate the short, neither PETA nor Baldwin copyrighted the film, hoping people who buy a DVD or VHS for \$5 from the group's Web site will make bootleg copies for friends or post it on the Internet, said PETA spokesman Bruce Friedrich.

In a letter to journalists, Baldwin said the film "documents the routine and horrific abuses that animals raised and killed for food endure and makes the case for Americans to adopt a vegetarian diet and enact humane legislation to weed out the worst abuses."

"Animals on factory farms are never allowed to do anything that is natural to them — breathe fresh air or feel the grass beneath their feet or the sun on their faces. Any kind person would be appalled at their current living and dying conditions," he wrote.

■ **NEW YORK** — Artist Chris Ofili drew the ire of former Mayor Rudolph Giuliani with his portrait of the Virgin Mary daubed with elephant dung.

Ofili appears to have garnered support from the company owned by Giuliani's successor.

Bloomberg L.P., owned by Mayor Michael Bloomberg, is sponsoring Ofili's exhibit at the Venice Biennale's British Pavilion, The New York Times reported Wednesday.

The British Council chose the artist to represent Britain with an exhibit of paintings that depict couples in richly colored rooms, the Times said.

A spokesman for Bloomberg, who resigned as chief executive officer of his company after he was elected mayor, declined to comment, as did a spokeswoman for Giuliani, the Times said.

Chris Taylor, a spokeswoman for Bloomberg L.P., told the Times that the company has sponsored shows at the British Pavilion in the past.

In 1999, Giuliani tried to cut public funding from the Brooklyn Museum of Art after it featured Ofili's work "Holy Virgin Mary."

A work by artist Zhou Tiehai, currently displayed at the Whitney Museum of American Art, references the controversy by depicting Giuliani with two balls of elephant dung.

■ **LOS ANGELES** — Holy bouncing baby, Batman! Chris O'Donnell, who played the Caped Crusader's partner in "Batman Forever" and "Batman & Robin," has announced the birth of his third child.

His wife, Caroline, gave birth to Charles McHugh O'Donnell on July 11 in Los Angeles, said publicist Tracy Shaffer. The baby weighed 7 pounds and 7 ounces.

"Mother and baby are doing great," Shaffer said Tuesday.

The couple, married since 1997, also have a 3-year-old daughter, Lily, and a 2-year-old son, Christopher Jr.



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