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Santa Monica police Segway onto the streets

BY ANDREW H. FIXMER

Daily Press Staff Writer

"It" has come to Santa Monica.

The Santa Monica Police Department is poised to become the state's first law enforcement agency to use an odd two-wheeled vehicle to protect and serve.

Police are field testing Segways, a vehicle that stands upright and is battery powered, to use for traffic services and patrolling of beach lots and parking structures. The company that manufactures Segways has loaned the SMPD two of the vehicles.

"With the new transit mall complete, we're trying new options down there to increase visibility, safety and find new ways of enforcement," said Lt. Clinton Muir, the SMPD officer in charge of traffic enforcement.

"They can get to a troubled intersection and easily park off-site without blocking the intersection and further adding to the congestion," he said.

Besides having zero emissions and requiring almost no maintenance, the machines also could save the city thousands on traffic enforcement cars. The Segway model the police department is considering costs about \$9,000 while the traffic cars average \$33,000 a piece.

"There is a substantial savings," Muir said.

The vehicle looks a little like a Roman chariot without the horse and is able to carry one 250-pound individual and 75 pounds of cargo at a time. Segways can reach top speeds of 17 mph and they can travel 10 to 15 miles on a fully-charged battery.

Four gyroscopes and several sensors allow the device to stand upright on its own. A rider leans forward or



Andrew H. Fixmer/Daily Press

Traffic services manager Don Williams and traffic patrolman Orlando Imperial test out the Segway recently in the courtyard of City Hall. The devices may be used to replace traffic cars.

backward to move in those directions and the vehicle turns by twisting either end of the handle bar's grips.

Batteries are interchangeable and can be recharged in

four hours. Should one of the vehicle's run out of juice in the field, it can be recharged by simply plugging it into any normal electrical socket.

Worse-case-scenario, if an outlet can't be found, the 85- to 95-pound Segway can be rolled back to the station.

The invention caused a stir in the media last year when word of "it" leaked out and top computer executives were reported as saying the device would change the world. Dean Kamen, the inventor of the device, officially released the Segway at the beginning of this year. He showcased the vehicle's abilities on the Santa Monica boardwalk less than a month later.

Currently the vehicles are being field tested by police departments in Atlanta and Anaheim, the U.S. Postal Service, the National Parks Service and numerous private corporations.

Police officers and civilian traffic enforcement officers have been putting the vehicles through regular parking patrols, including zipping up and down the parking structures and patrolling the boardwalk. Officers also have used them to patrol the city's alleys.

"It gives us a lot more flexibility," said Orlando Imperial, a traffic patrolman. "I have to say I haven't found a drawback yet."

Traffic services manager Don Williams added, "There is really endless possibilities for these."

Traffic officers are required to wear bike helmets and lime-green neon vests with SMPD lettering on the back.

"We are looking into all safety aspects in our field tests," Muir said. "It's important we make sure it's safe

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Developer finally gets approval after four years

BY ANDREW H. FIXMER

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It took a lawsuit, a settlement, and a four-year review process, but a 10-unit luxury condominium project near Montana Avenue will finally be built.

The Santa Monica City Council helped broker an agreement this week between the project's developer, Gerald J. Marcil, and residents living near 834-838 16th Street, where construction of the building will take place. The complex will be built between Montana Avenue and Idaho Avenue, on 16th Street.

"I want to congratulate the residents and developers for working together on this," said Councilman Richard Bloom. "This is the way we like to see things done in Santa Monica and though we can't give priority to projects going through administrative review, I hope these guys get a quick approval."

Resident Robin Wainer, a former chairman of the Wilshire-Montana Neighborhood Association said the residents should be commended for organizing and forcing the developer to make changes on his project.

"This is what Santa Monica democracy

is all about," he said.

However, it did take four years and a lawsuit to get the project started.

Marcil agreed to lower the height of the building by more than six feet, make the building's appearance smaller in size, and make numerous other adjustments in exchange for approval.

"We have worked diligently for years

to get this project approved," said Norman Saltair, the project's general contractor.

Four years ago Marcil proposed combining 834-838 16th Street into one lot where two Mediterranean-style buildings would face each other across a shared interior courtyard.

But the project was denied in July 2000 by the planning commission and in

August 2000 by the city council for being too tall and not fitting in with the character of the neighborhood — even though it conformed to all the city's zoning and building codes.

Two months later Marcil filed a lawsuit against the city challenging the denial of his project.

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Man sues fast food chains for health problems

By The Associated Press

NEW YORK — A man sued four leading fast food chains, claiming he became obese and suffered from other serious health problems from eating their fatty cuisine.

Caesar Barber, 56, filed a lawsuit Wednesday in Bronx Supreme Court, naming McDonald's, Wendy's, Burger King and Kentucky Fried Chicken.

"They said '100 percent beef.' I thought that meant it was good for you," Barber told Newsday. "I thought the food was OK."

"Those people in the advertisements don't really tell you what's in the food," he said. "It's all fat, fat and more fat. Now

I'm obese."

Barber, a 5-foot-10 maintenance worker who weighs 272 pounds, had heart attacks in 1996 and 1999 and has diabetes, high blood pressure and high cholesterol. He said he ate fast food for decades, believing it was good for him until his doctor cautioned him otherwise.

"The fast food industry has wrecked my life," Barber told the New York Post.

Barber said there is no history of heart disease or diabetes in his family. He said he started eating fast food in the 1950s because it was cheap and efficient.

His lawyer, Samuel Hirsch, said the restaurants should list ingredients on their menus.

"There is direct deception when someone omits telling people food digested is detrimental to their health," Hirsch said.

The four chains have been providing nutritional information, including calorie and fat content, of their meals for many years.

Steven Anderson, chief executive and president of the National Restaurant Association, called Barbers claim "senseless and baseless."

"Obviously the lawsuit is a blatant attempt to capitalize on the recent publicity and news stories on the growing rates of obesity," he said.

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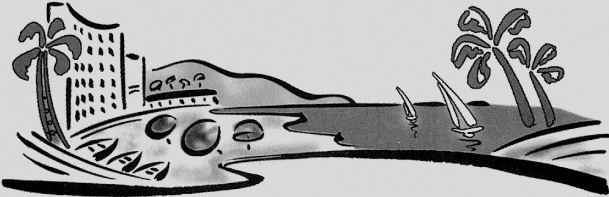
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★★★★★-Dynamic ★★★★★-Positive ★★★-Average
★★-So-so ★-Difficult

♈ ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★ Take your time digesting information. You might need to change your plans accordingly. Carefully review a situation with someone you view as a trusted adviser. No matter what you do, you will need to make an adjustment. Tonight: Decide on quiet.

♉ TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Your friends have one idea, and a dear friend or partner has a totally different one. What reflects in the plans is a natural antagonism between these two groups. Decide who is more important, and make decisions accordingly. Tonight: Keep yourself happy, too!

♊ GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ Your vision of what needs to happen with a parent or someone key in your life might be very different than an associate's. Coming to an agreement might take a lot. In fact, that vision might not be presently attainable. Tonight: Do what you think is right.

♋ CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Extend yourself to someone at a distance with whom you might not be comfortable. Carefully review a personal matter that involves your day-to-day life. If you can back off of a decision until you feel a little surer of yourself, do so. Tonight: Join others at a new spot.

♌ LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Think before you leap. Although another's offer could be unbelievably appealing, you might not want to go down that alley. Lighten up about a difficult child or an uptight friend. Take time with a loved one who means a lot to you. Nothing can replace this special time. Tonight: Make nice.

♍ VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ Pressure builds. You might feel as if someone wants more from you than you are giving right now. A property or domestic matter also weighs heavily on your mind. Talk about your thoughts with someone you can trust. Clear the air. Tonight: Go along with plans.

♎ LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ Plans change. You could also choose to react strongly. Why waste the energy? Choose to get into a project or share a hobby with a child or loved one. Let go of your preconceptions, and everyone else will relax, too. Sort through a misunderstanding. Tonight: Easy works.

♏ SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Realize that a risk could cause more of a problem. You might not be able to handle a backfire. Charge your creativity into a special relationship. Be imaginative when making plans. You delight another and walk away from tensions. Tonight: Act like this is Saturday night.

♐ SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★ You might be causing yourself more problems than you realize. For the moment, you might want to play recluse. Hide out, if that is what appeals to you, but also hold up a mirror. A discussion with a trusted friend or family member gives you insight. Tonight: Make a favorite meal.

♑ CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Don't cast a black shadow on a beautiful rainbow right now. Your negativity could muck up your plans. Relax with others. Visit with a neighbor or a friend. Catch up on news, knowing what you seek. Tonight: You don't have to go far.

♒ AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ Handle finances with your normal skill and precision. Consider a friend's idea, but honestly look at what you can afford. Tame your lifestyle for the moment, and you'll gain. Do not give in to whimsy and risk. Tonight: Your treat.

♓ PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ (Feb. 19-March 20) Understand what motivates a boss or parent who might be very difficult or touchy. You're not going to change this person, but you can be your very charming self. Eventually, he or she will respond. Decide what you would like to do. Others chime in. Tonight: Beam in what you want.

QUOTE of the DAY

**“Never believe anything
until it is officially denied.”**
— Claud Cockburn (1904-1981)

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LOCAL



From the people's court in the Byron Y. Appleton Honorary Courtroom in Santa Monica.

By John Wood

Landlord ordered to pay tenants

■ The new Los Angeles Unified School District police chief illegally withheld funds from tenants who occupied his Marina Del Rey apartment for the past 2 1/2 years, a judge ruled last week.

Santa Monica Small Claims Judge Pro Tem William Ireland recently awarded Susanna Horton and her husband \$1,860 for back rent and their security deposit.

Alan Kerstein, who accepted his LAUSD post in May, told the court he gave the Hortons a 30-day notice on May 3 to move out of the residence.

Susanna Horton, who was studying for June medical exams, asked for an extension. But Kerstein denied it.

Days later, Kerstein began making plans to remodel his 1979 townhouse and asked the Hortons to leave earlier than the 30-day notification. The Hortons said they agreed to leave "a day or two" early.

"We then received a note ordering us to leave by May 21, no later than noon — 10 days before the end of the month," said Susanna Horton, who added that throughout the ordeal Kerstein had "bullied" the couple, misusing his standing as a police officer.

"We were very hurried, very pushed and shoved," she said. "It was psychological abuse."

The Hortons did leave early but they claim they didn't get a portion of May's rent owed to them or the security deposit. They said they left the townhouse in good condition.

Kerstein denied using any force or intimidation. He counter-sued the Hortons for \$3,037 in damages to the apartment, claiming that Horton's "ethnic cooking" and "sweet curries" had caused irreparable damage to the kitchen cabinets and stove top. Also, the bathroom sink, shower and other areas of the house were in disrepair.

Ireland did not accept the counter-claim because Kerstein didn't provide any evidence. "I'm troubled by the lack of photos," Judge Ireland told Kerstein. "You are a person with prior experience, professional experience, in the legal system. I assume you've testified as a witness before."

Ireland ruled in favor of the Hortons for their full \$1,860 claim, citing inconsistencies in Kerstein's testimony.

"I don't happen to find that your 30-day notice was sufficient," Ireland said. "(Susanna) was legally entitled to receive her security deposit, was she not? So it wasn't a negotiation."

Live-in contractor sent packing

■ A Santa Monica woman who sent her general contractor to Wyoming to work on her second residence must pay him wages amounting to \$1,050, a judge ruled last month.

The pair's working relationship came to an abrupt end when Frances Christopher, owner of the Jackson, Wyo. residence, asked Simon Strong to place a tarp over a section of the roof in the middle of an electrical storm.

Fearing for his safety, Strong refused. The storm caused considerable damage to the open-roofed structure. Christopher claimed to have asked Strong to place the tarp before the storm arrived, but Strong said the request came in the midst of it when venturing onto the roof would have endangered his life.

The pair's working relationship deteriorated quickly thereafter. Christopher asked Strong to leave. When he returned to Santa Monica, Strong attempted to deposit a check Christopher had given him for his work. But Christopher had stopped payment on the check, claiming that Strong's refusal to place the tarp had caused extensive damage to her home. She added that Strong had become difficult and temperamental in Wyoming.

"I wasn't comfortable. I was afraid. I would have paid anything to get this person

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Music under the stars



Franklin Smith/Special to the Daily Press

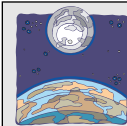
Band members from Rachid Taha perform during the twilight hours at the Santa Monica Pier Thursday in front of hundreds of music fans.



The recent months of small, weak surf ended Friday. Gangs of hungry surfers swarmed Point Dume and Zuma to rip clean, consistent, three-to-five-foot waves. Point Magoo was breaking double overhead for short surfers.

Expect swell to hold today. Northern spots keep hitting in the chest-to-shoulder range, with occasion plus sets.

Swell will begin to back off Sunday, windswell keeping South Bay in knee to waist level waves. The north will hit chest high occasionally, but average sets will probably stay around the waist.



Today's Tides:

Low-	6:22a.m.	-0.09'
High-	12:50p.m.	4.00'
low-	5:55p.m.	2.32'
High-	11:43p.m.	5.08'

Location	Saturday	Sunday	Water Quality
County Line	2-4'/Fair	2-3'/Fair	A
Zuma	3-5'/Fair	3-4'/Fair	A
Surfrider	2-3'/Fair	2-3'/Fair	A
Topanga	2-3'/Fair	1-3'/Fair	A
Breakwater	2-3'/Poor	2-3'/Poor	A
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OPINION

LETTERS

MADD is mad

Editor:

Upon reading Mr. Smith's article on "Saturday night fever: Drivers sweat out DUI checkpoint" I would like to comment and clarify the issue of checkpoints and drinking.

Mr. Smith's description of the sobriety checkpoint was dramatic and lop-sided at best. The Santa Monica Police Department is a hard working agency whose goal is to save lives by preventing impaired driving through sobriety checkpoints. The legality of checkpoints has been and continues to be upheld by the Supreme Court.

I have attended two of the Santa Monica Police Department's checkpoints. They were well organized and well run. Traffic delays are kept to a minimum and those drivers who are stopped at the checkpoints are almost always supportive of the work the police department does; appreciating that the checkpoint's purpose is to save their life and that of their families — with the obvious exception of those who have combined drinking and driving.

One of the most deadly and tragic impaired driving crashes in Los Angeles County occurred in Santa Monica, needlessly taking the lives of five young adults. The purpose of checkpoints is not to regulate drinking; only drinking and driving.

Unfortunately, those choosing to risk their own lives by driving under the influence of alcohol and other drugs also risk everyone else's while driving impaired. If everyone made safe and legal choices instead of reckless and selfish choices, the sole responsibility of saving lives would be on our shoulders instead of on the police departments.

It does not matter if you are returning from a wedding, dinner and drinks or a baseball game — if you are driving under the influence and cause a death or injury — "I am sorry" will not bring back a life or return a serious injury to normal again. The end result is a death or injury resulting from a crime committed by vehicle and reckless negligence. There is not today, nor will there ever be anything amusing or entertaining about the devastation of driving under the influence.

MADD commends the Santa Monica Police Department for the resources and officers dedicated to saving lives.

Tina Pasco

Executive director

MADD, Los Angeles County Chapter

City stickin' it to the landlord

Editor:

I read with interest your front page story of 07/22/02 "City to Raise Icon's Rent" in which it was pointed out that the city manager of Santa Monica asked the City Council to raise the rent currently paid by a beachside hot dog stand (Hot Dog on a Stick) from \$550 per month to a "market-rate rent" of \$2,200 per month — a 300 percent increase. The hot dog stand has been in the same location since 1945.

I, too, like the City Council, am a landlord in Santa Monica but cannot raise rents to "market rate" unless my tenant voluntarily vacates the unit — which the hot dog stand has not done. This year, provided I have pre-paid my tenant's rent control fees to the Rent Control Board 13 months in advance, I am allowed to increase my tenant's rent by \$11 per month, versus \$1,650 per month the city is allowed to increase its tenant's (the hot dog stand) rent!

In that same article, it was explained that the city ended its month-to-month lease with the Boathouse restaurant on the pier, for which it was receiving \$5,559 in basic monthly rent and fees. The city then leased the building to Bubba Gump Shrimp for \$12,306, a monthly increase of \$6,747 or 120 percent! If I, as a landlord, attempted to replace a perceived undesirable tenant with a more desirable one, I would be prosecuted by the city attorney for "harassment" and subject to considerable penalties and fines.

Is this double standard between a citizen as a landlord and the city as a landlord a beautiful thing or what?

Robert V. Heldman

Santa Monica

Do you remember Santa Monica's Main Street?

GUEST COLUMN By Hank Rosenfeld

Do you remember...

"Meet me at The Buttery," for the greasiest croissants and most normal cup of coffee where Holy Guacamole is now?

Wednesday's Coffeehouse for cool folks, tea and sympathy, drugs smuggled down from the dentist's office upstairs, and poetry as bad as anything at the Novel today?

The bread trucks parked behind Pioneer Boulangerie? The Boulangerie? When Big Blue was 50 cents?

Do you remember...

Paul Conrad hanging out with Buzz Aldrin partying at Josh Needle's Impolitic Cartoon Gallery?

Quarterdeck Company at the corner of Pico and the bicycle shop below?

"Man in the Moon," "Rancho Loco" and "Stay Awake" on KCRW?

CP Shades for 19 dollars and 95 cents?

Do you remember...

A drugstore or a bookstore or a record store?

Finding bargains at the OP Library book sales?

SMASH school on 4th and Ashland?

The Santa Monica Trading Company where everything was overpriced but you could still enjoy thumbing through lobby cards from "The Trip" starring Jack Nicholson?

Do you remember....

The boxes of vegetables piled high in the morning outside Panini Garden?

The strong French country brew at Bamboo Café?

When Doug Brudoff roamed the earth between the Novel and his station wagon like Kerouac staying in a room above the Carousel?

Ordering up an "anti-aging Yin from the Cold" elixir at Java Zen?

The Santa Monica Art Museum in Edgemar before the theater promised to come in?

LA: The Bookstore in Edgemar where Paul Krassner recorded one of his first comedy albums and Ann Randolph developed solo shows?

The architecture bookstore that followed LA: The Bookstore in Edgemar and the African art shop across the hall?

Andy Kindler at Creativity on Pier Street, or the two galleries that followed it, the one run by Bill Attaway, the other by Rico who would throw you out on Bastille Day if you danced too crazily, with excuses like "Too much of the audience kept looking at you instead of the band?"

Do you remember...

The VIC (Venice Interactive Commune) at the Victorian, Thursday nights jammed with wild webhead women in de rigueur black skirts and drunk frat boys in nametags sneaking in without paying the \$20 and selling an idea for a cartoon on the way out for \$1,000?

Chess and Jazz in the space before The

Malibu Surf Co. (fastest-abandoned boutique ever), moved in?

Back when there were two competing trendy rip-off juicers, Robeks and Jamba a block apart?

When businesses in the neighborhood were supported by the neighbors?

The "female enhancer" for 50 cents extra, and the "male fortifier" for 75 cents extra at U.S. Smoothies near Joe's Diner? Add both and you'd come out feeling aggressive and yet more receptive?

Do you remember...

The Design Group?

Leonard Drake Skin Care Centres?

Sylvia Levin registering voters in front of Mani's?

Cora's breakfast and lunch counter before she served dinner or had the outside tables wrapped by Christo?

Homeless Thanksgiving at the Civic Auditorium before decent human kindnesses became "public feedings?"

Ireland Pays? Amalfi's? Amici Mare? Paul's Video?

Do you remember...

Back when Jimmie Spheeris played guitar in the Circle Bar which his mom ran, full of surfers and songs from Jimmie like: "I am the mercury/light of the morning/looking for shelter in the thunder and the raaaaain..."

Spending part of Sunday as part of the Cappuccino Club with Shari and Gloria at the Farmer's Market? When the Farmer's Market stayed open 'til 2? (me neither)

Do you remember...

I "N" Joy Bagels on Pico or Noah's on Main Street where you could easily rip off celery soda? Between that and the rent no wonder they closed.

Taking your bike to Bicycleville in the alley behind Vidiots, where the friendly guy kept it for six months without repairing it and it turned out he couldn't find it because there were so many bikes stacked up in Bicycleville?

The Green garbage containers before they put in new ones with the PAC-Man-come-lately logo of mountain, sea, and bike path?

Schwarzenegger's Shatzi when he held his first cigar nights and Sinatra would show up and flirt with Groucho Marx 'til a quarter to 3?

Do you remember...

When Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan lived on Appian Way and ordered eight dishes at Gates of India and when they asked how many people were in the band so they could figure in enough utensils, Nusrat said, "No, all eight are for me."

Hot Dog Stick when they raised the rent 600 percent?

(And don't even ask about when they had actual newspaper racks and you could find a Times downtown.)

(Hank Rosenfeld is nostalgic for five minutes ago, and reading Rufus Baker's guest column last Friday realized he just can't handle the changes.)

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LOCAL



Condo project takes four years to receive approval

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But then city officials entered into an agreement with Marcil that says the city council will approve the project after it is redesigned to lower its height from 30 to 23 feet and its overall size reduced. In turn, Marcil had to drop his lawsuit, but if the project was not approved after redesign, he could continue with his suit.

The project then went through a year-long redesign process and Marcil undertook an extensive outreach program to the neighborhood, he claims. However, residents deny hearing from company officials until a week before the project was scheduled to appear in front of the city council on July 9.

"The process in Santa Monica of getting a project approved is too brutal — there is a substantial cost to carry it this far," Marcil said. "The process must be streamlined and speeded up somehow, it just doesn't work out for us."

City council members delayed approving the project another two weeks to allow nearby residents a chance to discuss changes they wanted made. The council ordered city staff to organize and mediate a meeting between the two sides, which was held last week at the Ken Edwards Center.

A number of small changes were made to give residents more privacy and better views, but many of the larger changes they wanted could not be accommodated.

"I think there was a sense of agreement," Saltair said. "We had a discussion and talked about what we could and could not do."

Residents wanted the condominium's height reduced another few feet, but architects said lowering the building any further would negatively affect the subterranean parking and the stability of the structure.

Residents also wanted the buildings' traffic to empty out into the street instead of the alley, which they believe has become too crowded.

"The project will be a tremendous burden on the neighborhood," said resident Karen Leader. "The last two developments essentially blocked the alley for long periods of time, and as almost anyone on our street can attest, as the traffic has increased in the alley it has ceased being an effective route for traffic."

Some residents feel the building still does not fit into the neighborhood, which consists of some single-family homes but is predominantly lined with two- and three-story apartment complexes, which is what Marcil is proposing.

"While I believe it is an attractive building, I still believe it's too big for the neighborhood," said resident Louise Gibson. "But I guess that's a nationwide trend that developers are buying up multiple lots across the country and building these large buildings."

Segways to be defined

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for the riders and the public before using something like this for the first time."

Besides a two-day safety course taught by Segway officials, the officers are not required to have any sort of special license to operate the device — a driver's license is not even needed.

A bill before the California Legislature hopes to define the vehicle as a motor-powered scooter that would not mandate

state licensing.

The SMPD has not decided if it will purchase any of the vehicles but because officers and operators are so impressed with them, it may be only a matter of time before officers are seen zipping through downtown on them daily.

"The chief is always looking at the cutting edge of technology," said SMPD spokesman Lt. Frank Fabrega, "and looking at how it can be applied to the police department."

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out of my house," she said.

Judge Pro Tem Bonita Churney found that, as a contractor, Strong could start and stop work at his own discretion.

"We don't have slavery in the United States," Judge Churney reminded Christopher. "I think it's clear that services were rendered. And under the law I can award treble damages."

Judge Churney did not award treble damages. But she did rule that Strong should be paid for his work, which amounted to \$1,050, plus court costs.

Judge awards more than \$20 a kilo

■ Air France is responsible for losing at least one piece of luggage on a flight from Los Angeles to Paris last year, a judge ruled last month.

Samir Hafza, who was flying with his wife and child, claimed that more than 120 people on the flight had lost their luggage. All three of his bags were lost, but two were recovered within a week and a third bag was delivered to his home more than a month later.

But the bag was not his.

"They had a terrible month, according to them," Hafza said.

A representative from Air France denied Hafza's claim, while acknowledging that bags are sometimes lost.

"We have no baggage claim for this gentleman," he said. "We don't send people away with nothing. Sometimes people leave with nothing and sometimes people are very angry and we understand that. These bags were delayed but ultimately delivered."

Santa Monica Small Claims Judge Pro Tem Craig Mordoh was displeased that the airline representative claimed to have no documentation of Hafza's flight or luggage.

"It makes me nervous that in this day and age of hijacking you don't even have paperwork for this gentleman," he said.

Judge Mordoh found in favor of Hafza, granting him \$640, plus court costs. The court did not follow Air France's policy of reimbursing passengers \$20 per kilo for lost luggage.

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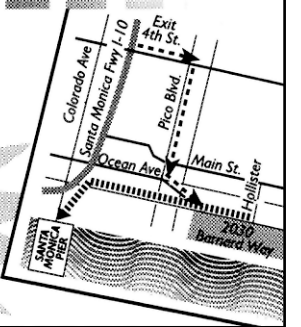
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STATE

State airports struggle, a few see silver lining

BY LAURA WIDES
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES — All of California's airports are working to put passengers back in the air. The most successful so far have been smaller airports offering easier access and cheaper fares.

The rebound from Sept. 11 has been the slowest at San Francisco and Los Angeles international airports. From January to May, about 12 million passengers took flights in or out of San Francisco, compared with nearly 15 million in 2001.

Flights to Mexico, the Caribbean and Central America were down 34 percent in May compared with last year, San Francisco airport spokesman Ron Wilson said. Flights to Canada and Europe were down 18 percent. Domestic flights were down 16 percent.

The one area that has rebounded slightly for San Francisco is Asia. Travel in May was up nearly 3 percent over 2001, Wilson said.

Well before Sept. 11, the economy had started to take a toll on air travel, Wilson said. "The icing on the cake was Sept. 11," he said.

About 27 million people traveled through Los Angeles International Airport between January and June, down from nearly 33 million in the same period last year. It was the lowest passenger volume in six years.

Los Angeles Mayor James Hahn unveiled plans Friday to beef up security with a \$15 million overhaul of the airport's perimeter fence. The city hopes this and other upgrades will increase safety and the public's confidence in flying.

Despite the drop in passenger volume at the bigger airports, flying can be more time-consuming because of security measures implemented for parking, baggage and passenger check-in.

Passenger volume will increase, predicted LAX spokeswoman Nancy Castles.

Both Castles and Wilson said the one bright spot is air cargo.

"Our air cargo is picking up and is actually better than June of last year," Castles said. "Our previous history is that when air cargo picks up it usually signals six to eight months

in advance of an upswing. That would show the economy will be picking up."

San Francisco and Los Angeles attribute much of their losses to cuts by United Airlines, the largest carrier at both airports.

and Southwest," said Ontario International Airport spokesman Dennis Watson. "In Southwest's case, it's not fewer flights, it's fewer passengers. In United, it's flights," he said.

"The biggest drops come from United Airlines and Southwest. In Southwest's case, it's not fewer flights, it's fewer passengers. In United, it's flights."

— DENNIS WATSON
Ontario International Airport spokesman

The airline eliminated nearly 40 percent of its flights at LAX last fall and about a quarter of its flights at San Francisco. Since then, United has increased flights slightly.

The airline will put more planes on line only as demand increases, United spokesman Chris Brathwaite said. If the numbers continue to go up, and if flights remain 80 percent to 90 percent filled, "then you can massage the schedules," he said.

"The biggest drops come from United Airlines

Ontario traffic dropped from about 3.1 million during the first half of 2001 to about 3 million during the first half of this year, he said.

Officials at John Wayne International, Long Beach and Oakland International say numbers there are on the rise.

Oakland International volume is up 4.2 percent. "We're an easy, low-cost airport. And our weather is good, so you don't see a lot of delays," spokeswoman Rosemary Barnes said.

Combing through the fire



Kevork Djansezian/Associated Press

A Forest Service firefighter from San Bernardino, Calif., combs his hair in front of his tent at the McNally fire base camp in Kernville, Calif., Friday. A 58,500-acre fire raging near the nation's giant sequoias was only 10 percent contained as of Thursday, but firefighters appear to have saved several groves of the ancient trees in its path.

STATE



Ladyfest takes pride in being noncommercial

BY ANGELA WATERCUTTER
Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — More grassroots than Lollapalooza, more political than Lilith Fair, Ladyfest is a summer festival produced entirely by people proud that their styles of feminism, art and music cannot be easily categorized — or commercialized.

Appearing in more than a half-dozen cities around the world this year despite no major corporate sponsorship, Ladyfests have created havens for female artists and organizers who feel excluded from male-dominated pop culture.

"For a lot of us in the punk rock scene we get harassed at the door and in the clubs, then you see some stupid boy band on the stage," said Allison Wolfe, whose band Bratmobile is playing Ladyfest Bay Area. "This space felt much more shared."

Some call Ladyfest an "anti-Lilith Fair." But Wolfe, who was instrumental in starting the first festival two years ago in Olympia, Wash., rejects the comparison.

"I don't want to have Ladyfest pitted against Lilith Fair," she said. "I really do appreciate the space that it created."

Ladyfest organizers have invited "pro-woman people" of all genders, ages, shapes and sizes — but the event also has drawn some backlash.

"We talked to a couple of filmmakers who didn't want to be premiered at Ladyfest because they didn't want to be

pigeonholed," said Lara Warren, organizer of the Los Angeles Ladyfest set for in November, which will feature a West Coast film premiere.

The planning for San Francisco's five-day festival, which runs through Sunday, began last October, mostly in people's living rooms. There were 40 volunteers in 10 committees and no hierarchies.

They pulled together more than 30 bands, 12 film screenings, visual arts galleries, spoken-word performances, and 50 workshops with topics ranging from transgender issues and knitting to "How to Be An Ethical Slut."

"I think it speaks to the power of feminist culture at this moment. We have the energy to produce the world we want for ourselves," said Kyla Schuller, one of the organizers. "It's filling a really crucial gap of noncommercial entertainment and politics."

The first Ladyfest came out of a reunion of people from the 1990s Riot Grrrl movement of punk rock feminists. There hasn't been another event in Olympia since, but that was the point — organizers hoped others would take the idea and run with it.

They got their wish.

In 2001, events emerged in Chicago, New York, Bloomington, Ind., and Glasgow, Scotland. This year has seen festivals in Lansing, Mich., and Ontario, Canada, with more events scheduled for Washington, D.C., Amsterdam, London, Atlanta, among other cities.

UCLA doctors set date to separate conjoined twins

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Conjoined twins Maria Teresa and Maria de Jesus Quiej-Alvarez got a special gift on their first birthday.

UCLA doctors announced Thursday that surgery is planned Aug. 5 to separate the Guatemalan girls, who are joined at the head.

The rare and difficult procedure is expected to take about 10 hours and will involve more than 50 medical personnel. Less than 2 percent of conjoined twins are attached at the head.

The girls were born in a small town and have spent the last two months at UCLA's Mattel Children's Hospital preparing for their operation.

Doctors said they are doing well, play-

ing and trying to crawl.

Dr. Jorge Lazareff, associate professor of neurosurgery, cautioned that the surgery itself is only the first phase in helping the twins.

The most challenging part of the surgery will be separating veins that connect the front of each girl's head to the back of the other. If doctors can't preserve and reroute those veins normally, both twins may be at risk for stroke.

Last month, doctors surgically implanted two balloons under the babies' scalp to stretch the skin so it will cover their separated skulls.

While many members of the UCLA medical staff are donating their services, the hospital expects the babies' care to cost more than \$1.5 million and is seeking donations to help recover some of this costs.

Ozzy, wife sued over show idea

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — A producer has sued Ozzy Osbourne and the rock musician's wife, claiming the couple stole the idea for their hit MTV reality show "The Osbournes" from him.

Plaintiff Gary Binkow said he met on several occasions with the couple and executives from Miramax TV between 1999 and 2000 to discuss "a real-life docu-sitcom" about their family, according to the suit filed Thursday in Los Angeles Superior Court.

The court papers include what Binkow said was a copy of his original treatment of the proposed series from January 2000, registered with the Writers Guild of America, The Hollywood Reporter reported Friday.

The lawsuit seeks unspecified damages for breach of contract and fraud.

Lisa Vega, a spokeswoman for the family, said previously published reports have made it clear that Binkow was not the show's creator. MTV was not named in the lawsuit.

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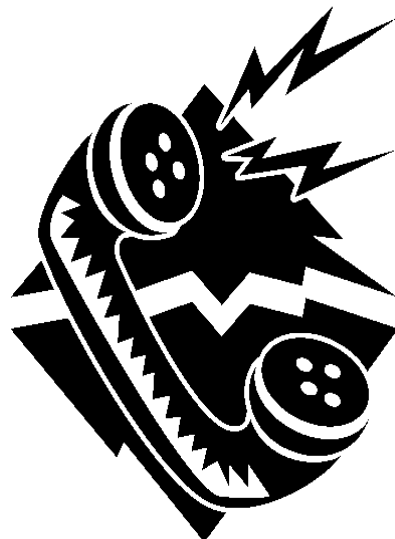
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NATIONAL

Agency under fire again, case involving old man

BY JILL BARTON
Associated Press Writer

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — An internal investigation into the death of an elderly man found unconscious with rats eating his feet has led to the resignation of a supervisor in Florida's embattled child- and family-protection agency.

A review of the death of Clarence Lewis, 73, found that the Department of Children & Families failed to do enough to protect the man after finding he was living in a rundown home infested with rats and roaches.

The review called for an overhaul of the department's operations and more supervision and training for investigators.

The report was released Thursday by the order of a judge after The Palm Beach Post argued it was a public record.

Samara Navarro, department director of adult services, said the case was complicated because Lewis refused to let an investigator into his home to provide care. The investigator, Joan Karns, could have asked for a mental health evaluation and the department could have gone to court, but Karns did not know those options were available, Navarro said.

Karns will receive additional training, but Navarro said the blame rests with Karns' supervisor, Lois Peterson, who resigned in the middle of the investigation. Peterson did not immediately return calls Friday.

Karns had gone out to the elderly man's house three times. A month later, Lewis had a paralyzing

stroke. Neighbors called an abuse hot line after they had not seen him for three days. Rats were eating his feet and ears when he was found. He was hospitalized and died Nov. 7.

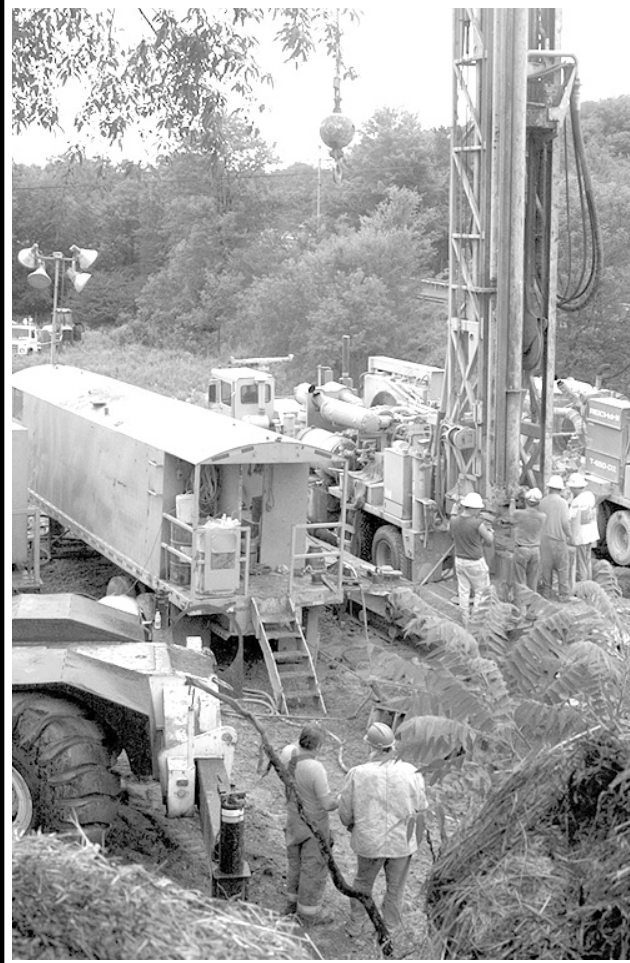
The department has come under fire recently over the case of Rilya Wilson, a 5-year-old Miami girl who disappeared while under state protection more than a year ago. In another case, a department employee was charged with falsifying records to show that she visited a 2-year-old boy on the

day he was beaten to death, allegedly by a baby sitter.

The department is also responsible for caring for frail, elderly and disabled adults who are victims of abuse, neglect or exploitation and those who need assistance to remain in their homes.

"The foster care program is in complete shambles, but I think this just verifies that the adult services system is in no better shape," said state Rep. Susan Bucher. "We need to concentrate on fixing both sides."

Rescue continues



Keith Srakocic/Associated Press

Work continues on Friday morning, to retrieve a 30-inch bit that broke while drilling a hole at the rescue site for nine miners trapped in a coal mine in Somerset, Pa.

Man who threw fatal punch in road rage incident pleads guilty

By The Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — A man who killed another motorist with a single punch during a road rage episode pleaded guilty and will get nearly 12 years in prison.

Gary Durham, who had faced up to 30 years behind bars, struck a plea bargain on Thursday.

Durham, 26, and Timothy Gibbs, 48, got out of their cars and argued angrily after they nearly had a car accident Oct. 24.

Gibbs' hands were at his side when Durham punched him, said prosecutor Doug Covington. Gibbs fell and hit his head on the pavement. He was in the hospital for nine days before he died of brain swelling.

After Gibbs' death, Durham turned himself in and said he had thrown the punch in self-defense and had not meant to kill Gibbs.

NATIONAL

Samaritan group patrols desert to assist illegal immigrants

BY ARTHUR H. ROTSTEIN
Associated Press Writer

TUCSON, Ariz. — Frustrated at the mounting deaths of illegal immigrants, Kittie Ufford-Chase and a group of humanitarian activists now patrol the searing southern Arizona desert offering water, food and medical assistance — if they can find anyone.

"It has been a real challenge to figure out how to be most effective in the desert," said Ufford-Chase, a volunteer with the Samaritan Patrol. "This has been a needle-in-a-haystack proposition. It's huge out there."

Fewer than a dozen migrants were found in the first three weeks that members patrolled desert roads in four-wheel-drive vehicles.

Spokesmen say the patrols' operations are strictly humanitarian and within the scope of U.S. immigration law. Critics like Wes Bramhall, head of Arizonans for Immigration Control, insist that they violate the Immigration and Nationality Act.

The patrol's organizers include several holdovers from the sanctuary movement 20 years ago — including the Rev. John Fife, a co-founder. That was a faith-based effort to help Central Americans fleeing political persecution.

Fife and seven other sanctuary members were convicted of conspiracy or other charges involving illegal entry of aliens.

But Samaritan Patrol organizers say their goals are much different.

"It evolved because there were people who were appalled by the almost daily deaths of migrants trying to find their way into this country," said Rabbi Joseph Weisenbaum, a sanctuary veteran who helped organize the Samaritan Patrol.

"It began and continues to function as a humanitarian gesture to try to provide water, food, medical aid," Weisenbaum said. And its 120 to 150 volunteers patrol areas where an allied humanitarian group, Humane Borders, does not have perma-

nent water stations for immigrants crossing the desert.

As of Tuesday, at least 91 people have died since Oct. 1, when the fiscal year began, in the Border Patrol's Tucson sector covering most of southern Arizona. More than half have been heat-related.

A July 9 incident in which Samaritan Patrol volunteers assisted a couple found in the desert prompted Bramhall, an 81-year-old retiree, to request a Border Patrol investigation.

He said a lawyer representing his organization contends that the patrol violated eight felony provisions, including transporting illegal aliens within the United States and aiding or abetting.

"They're just wrong," said William Walker, an attorney for the Samaritan Patrol. "We didn't violate the law and we don't intend to violate the law."

Bramhall said if he were out in the desert and came across someone, "I'd probably give them a drink of water. But I wouldn't be out there looking for them."

He also said that if he were "one of those poor, unfortunate people down there, I would probably be one of the first people across the border. But we can't accept everyone in the world."

In the incident in question, volunteers including Ufford-Chase and a physician assisted a couple on the Tohono O'odham Indian Reservation southwest of Tucson headed from Chiapas, Mexico, to Maricopa County to find work.

The doctor determined that the man was dehydrated but did not need emergency medical treatment, she said.

"The decision was made to take them to Southside Presbyterian Church (in Tucson) for several hours," to be treated for dehydration and exposure, Walker said.

The patrol's protocol calls first for giving medical assistance, food and water, then letting migrants continue on their way if they want, "neither assisting in their further

entry nor doing anything to impede it," Walker said.

Volunteers will put the migrants in contact with the Border Patrol if they want to return home and will take them to a medical facility if emergency attention is needed.

For non-emergency medical treatment, "we take them to a place where they can get the treatment until they get stabilized," Walker said.

When patrol volunteers told the migrant couple they could not be helped with their travel and could leave the church or be put in touch with the Border Patrol, they chose the latter, Walker said.

The Border Patrol arranged their return to Mexico, he said.

Three days later, Samaritan Patrol members met with Border Patrol officials to discuss their protocol and mission.

"They said as long as our mission was simply a humanitarian mission to aid people in the desert they wouldn't bother us," Walker said. "They said they felt we had acted within the law in what we did. Since then, we have been sticking with our protocol and attempting as best we can to get along with everybody."

Border Patrol spokesman Rob Daniels said, "The outcome was resolved in a satisfactory way for both sides."

Daniels was unaware of any investigation into the group's activities and said no opinion has been issued on Bramhall's letter, but leaving transportation of immigrants to federal authorities is preferable to avoid problems.

"There needs to be a very, very defined line drawn between rendering aid to someone and actually transporting somebody or furthering their entrance illegally into the United States," Daniels said.

Walker said the statute says transportation in furtherance of one's illegal purpose is illegal.

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merely for the purpose of rendering medical and humanitarian assistance, it's not illegal. We do everything out in the open. We do nothing other than to get them needed medical and humanitarian assistance."

Daniels said the Border Patrol considers rendering medical attention most important for a person in distress. "And it's then equally important to notify the proper authorities to ensure that proper action is taken."



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CEOs face new playing field amidst scandals

BY JUSTIN POPE
AP Business Writer

Life as a CEO isn't what it used to be. Falling markets and accounting scandals have tarnished the once-iconic image of chief executive officers. They've watched authorities cart off peers in handcuffs and endured ridicule on late-night TV.

Meanwhile, tougher rules and penalties for misdeeds, along with rising scrutiny and distrust, have created new anxieties and fostered some anger at those who've given the job a black eye.

And company mail rooms are hardly bursting with condolence cards, given how well many CEOs made out during the big-salary, bigger-bonus 1990s.

"The 1990s, with CEOs as heroes, was a lot more fun than 2002, when you're a criminal until proven guilty," Jim Mullen, CEO of Cambridge-based Biogen, one of the nation's largest biotech companies, said in an interview Friday. "There's a huge amount of skepticism about what it means to be a corporate leader. But it's like any other business challenge, we just have to work through it."

While maintaining they're confident in the transparency of their own companies, Mullen and other executives acknowledge the current business climate demands a change in style and substance.

"I think it's important that we go the

extra mile," said Jeff Rodek, CEO of Hyperion, a Sunnyvale, Calif.-based software company that recently added an independent board member, is considering creating a corporate governance committee, and this week for the first time released a figure on the size of its direct sales force that analysts had requested for years.

Still, some CEOs are worried about how they can, even with good intentions, keep track of everything going on in their companies.

"The really outrageous, unethical things people have done has really shaken up a lot of CEOs that I've seen, because they say, 'how the hell do we really know what's happening?'" said Dr. Barrie Greiff, a psychiatrist and former Harvard Business School professor who treats several CEOs and has written several books about business executives.

Similar worries came up at a recent retreat for 46 CEOs in New Hampshire. Most years, the topics are more nuts-and-bolts financial discussions, but this year the talk was of post-Enron ethics.

"With so many gray areas, it's very hard to know when you are crossing over some invisible line," said Loren G. Carlson, the leader of the group CEO Roundtable, which hosts the retreat and other conferences. "However, the summary is there is a line and you rely upon your own instincts to know when you've gone too far."

Woman sues Delta, says she was humiliated over sex toy

By The Associated Press

CLEARWATER, Fla. — A woman who says she was pulled off an airplane and asked to take a sex toy out of her luggage after it started vibrating is suing Delta Air Lines, saying she was publicly humiliated.

Renee Koutsouradis, 36, said she was with her husband awaiting takeoff from Dallas in February when her name was called over the loudspeaker.

She said she was met by a Delta security agent who told her something was vibrating in one of her bags. She said she explained it was an adult toy that she and her husband had just bought on a trip to Las Vegas.

She said the agent took her to the bag on the tarmac and made her remove the toy and hold it up, according to the law-

suit filed Wednesday. Some passengers on the plane saw everything, and three male Delta employees "began laughing hysterically" and made "obnoxious and sexually harassing comments."

Koutsouradis was allowed to repack and return to her seat.

A spokeswoman for Delta would not comment on the specifics of the lawsuit.

"We have an obligation to protect the safety and security of passengers," said spokeswoman Katie Connell. "If there's anything questionable about a bag, we have a responsibility to investigate."

The lawsuit seeks unspecified damages, accusing Delta of negligence, intentional infliction of distress and gender discrimination.

Dentist accused of running over husband three times

By The Associated Press

HOUSTON — A woman who apparently suspected her husband of having an affair was charged with murder for allegedly running him over three times and leaving her silver Mercedes-Benz parked on top of him.

The husband's 16-year-old daughter from a previous marriage was in the car at the time.

Dr. Clara Harris, a dentist, was released from jail Thursday on \$30,000 bail. She told reporters it was an accident.

Her husband, Dr. David Lynn Harris, an orthodontist who shared a mansion

with his wife and their 3-year-old twin sons, died at a hospital.

Clara Harris, 44, confronted her 44-year-old husband at a suburban hotel. Witnesses said she got into a fight in front of several hotel employees with a woman she accused of having an affair with her husband.

Then, "she jumped the median and ran over him three times," Nassau Bay police Lt. Joe M. Cashiola said. "I saw the daughter lying on the ground, crying uncontrollably and sobbing. She had to watch her dad five feet from her, underneath the car, while they're putting her mom in handcuffs."

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SPORTS



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Overall leader Lance Armstrong of Austin, Texas, center, rides with the pack during the 18th stage of the Tour de France cycling race between Cluses, French Alps, and Bourg-en-Bresse, central France, Friday.

Armstrong is in command

BY MICHAEL MCDONOUGH
Associated Press Writer

BOURG-EN-BRESSE, France — Lance Armstrong doesn't have a rider threatening to cut into his lead in the final two stages of the Tour de France. He likes it that way.

Armstrong finished 24th in Friday's 18th stage, 11 minutes, 42 seconds behind winner Thor Hushovd. The Texan maintained his 5:06 lead over Joseba Beloki after Friday's 18th stage and is a virtual lock to win his fourth straight Tour de France.

After saying Thursday he sleeps well thanks to his large lead, Armstrong cruised Friday and wants to augment his lead in Saturday's individual time trial from Regnie-Durette to Macon.

"I want to show the value of the yellow jersey," Armstrong said.

Hushovd won the 109.4-mile stretch from Cluses to Bourg-en-Bresse in central France in 4:28.28. He crossed the line just ahead of Christophe Mengin, credited with the same time.

Hushovd, who rides for Credit Agricole, won his first stage in the Tour de France. He struggled to finish the second leg earlier this month after a severe leg cramp. He had to have his leg massaged by the trainer during the stage.

Australian rider Robbie McEwen finished at the front of the main pack and moved a point ahead of Germany's Erik Zabel in the standings for best sprinter.

Sunday's final stage from Melun, outside Paris, to the Champs-Elysees should be little more than a victory lap for the 30-year-old Armstrong.

Last year, Armstrong finished 6:44 ahead of Jan Ullrich of Germany. He could top that by winning the time trial, and round off what many consider his easiest victory.

"The team has made it easier for me," Armstrong said. "To have guys always there in multiples, that makes life a lot easier."

Armstrong will try to win a record-tying fifth Tour de France next year,

adding to his remarkable comeback story.

In 1999, Armstrong won the first of his three Tour titles less than three years after being diagnosed with advanced testicular cancer that had spread to his lungs and brain. He was given a 40 percent chance of survival and underwent brain surgery and chemotherapy.

"I think about it a lot," said Armstrong, who is completely recovered. "Maybe not on a daily basis, but 90 percent of the time. It's still a big part of my life."

He has been a source of inspiration for those afflicted with cancer.

"He has given us extraordinary courage," Antoinette Joubert said before Thursday's stage from Aime to Cluses. "At hospital, when we're having chemotherapy and we see him on TV, we cry with happiness."

Joubert, a 50-year-old woman who works as a social worker with cancer patients, suffers from bone cancer and has metal pins in her spine to keep her body upright.

Joubert waited outside the U.S. Postal Service team bus for Armstrong to sign a French edition of his autobiography. She wore a T-shirt with "Lance" written on the front and surrounded by a heart.

"I should be dead," she said. "But when I see Armstrong, I go for it."

Diamondbacks rookie pitcher is showered with praise, and beer

BY RICK FREEMAN
AP Sports Writer

John Patterson's beer shower was five years in the making.

The rookie signed with the Diamondbacks in 1996, well before they even played a game. Then came arm trouble the last two years. Last Saturday, he gave up one run in six innings in his major league debut, but Arizona didn't score any until the eighth.

Finally, on Thursday night, Patterson earned his first major league win as the Diamondbacks beat San Diego 10-0. His teammates celebrated by dousing him with beer in their Bank One Ballpark clubhouse.

In Houston, the celebration for Kirk Saarloos' first major league shutout — an 8-0 triumph over Pittsburgh — was more reserved.

Saarloos made his major league debut for Houston in June, but went 0-2 in three starts with a 17.65 ERA before being sent to the minors at the end of the month.

Since being recalled last week, Saarloos (2-2) has allowed one run in 14 innings. He became the first starter on a staff that includes Roy Oswalt and Wade Miller to pitch a complete game this season.

"Even after he had a rough start in Milwaukee his first time up, I still felt he would succeed at this level," catcher Brad Ausmus said. "As long as he keeps the ball down, he's going to get a lot of ground balls and beat people."

Saarloos gave up just six hits, striking out six and walking nobody. He was the first Astros starter to pitch into the ninth inning this season.

"The first time I was up here, I didn't know many faces," Saarloos said. "I didn't go to spring training with the major league club, so I didn't know these guys and I really wanted to do well the first time up to show them I could. I put a lot of pressure on myself then."

In other games, it was: St. Louis 4, San Francisco 3; Philadelphia 6, Chicago 2; and Florida 3, Montreal 2.

The Montreal Expos drafted Patterson fifth overall in 1996. After major league baseball declared him a free agent, he signed with the Diamondbacks before they even played a game — in November 1996.

Patterson had surgery on his right

shoulder before the 2001 season and on his right elbow before the 2000 season. He opened this season in extended spring training.

After going 6-4 with a 4.71 ERA in 14 starts with Triple-A Tuscon, he was called up to fill in for Rick Helling, who went on the disabled list.

So far, he's 1-0, and has allowed just one run in 13 1-3 innings. He could be sent to the minors when Helling returns. But if not for Helling's ankle injury, he might still be in Tuscon awaiting his chance.

"I knew I could do this," Patterson said. "I learned the work that it took to be a major league pitcher and stay consistent, and not just come in for a couple of starts and disappear."

Cardinals 4, Giants 3

J.D. Drew homered and drove in four runs as St. Louis won at Pacific Bell Park.

Travis Smith, who wasn't even in St. Louis' plans for this season a few months ago, has won three of his five starts since being brought up. He held the Giants to seven hits over six innings while striking out six.

The NL Central-leading Cardinals took three of four from the Giants, who are trying to stay atop the wild-card race despite injuries to several regulars.

Phillies 6, Cubs 2

Tomas Perez of Philadelphia hit a bases-loaded triple and then made a daring dash home in the eighth inning.

The Phillies won their third straight after losing the series opener at Wrigley Field. Fred McGriff hit his 470th career home run for the Cubs.

After Perez tripled for a 4-2 lead, he scored when Cubs catcher Todd Hundley threw to first base when Jimmy Rollins struck out on a ball in the dirt. Marlins 3, Expos 2.

Juan Encarnacion singled through a drawn-in infield to drive in the go-ahead run in the ninth inning, leading Florida over Montreal at Olympic Stadium.

After the teams traded runs in the eighth, Preston Wilson singled to lead off the ninth and advanced to third on Mike Lowell's double off the left-field wall.

Derek Lee was walked intentionally to load the bases, and Encarnacion singled to left to give the Marlins their third and final lead of the game.

L.A. Lakers sign Shaw, Medvedenko

By The Associated Press

INGLEWOOD — The three-time defending NBA champion Los Angeles Lakers signed veterans Brian Shaw and Slava Medvedenko and undrafted rookie Jannero Pargo on Friday, putting 13 players under contract for the upcoming season.

Terms were not announced.

Others in the fold are starters Robert Horry, Rick Fox, Shaquille O'Neal, Kobe Bryant and Derek Fisher; veterans Samaki Walker, Mark Madsen, Devean George, Tracy Murray, and rookie

Kareem Rush, a first-round selection in last month's NBA draft.

The 36-year-old Shaw, who had been an unrestricted free agent, averaged 2.9 points, 1.9 rebounds and 1.5 assists in 58 games with the Lakers last season, his third with the team. He played an average of 12.5 minutes per game in the playoffs and 16.3 in the NBA Finals.

Shaw, a 6-foot-6 guard, has averaged 7.2 points, 3.5 rebounds and 4.4 assists in 871 career games.

The 23-year-old Medvedenko, who

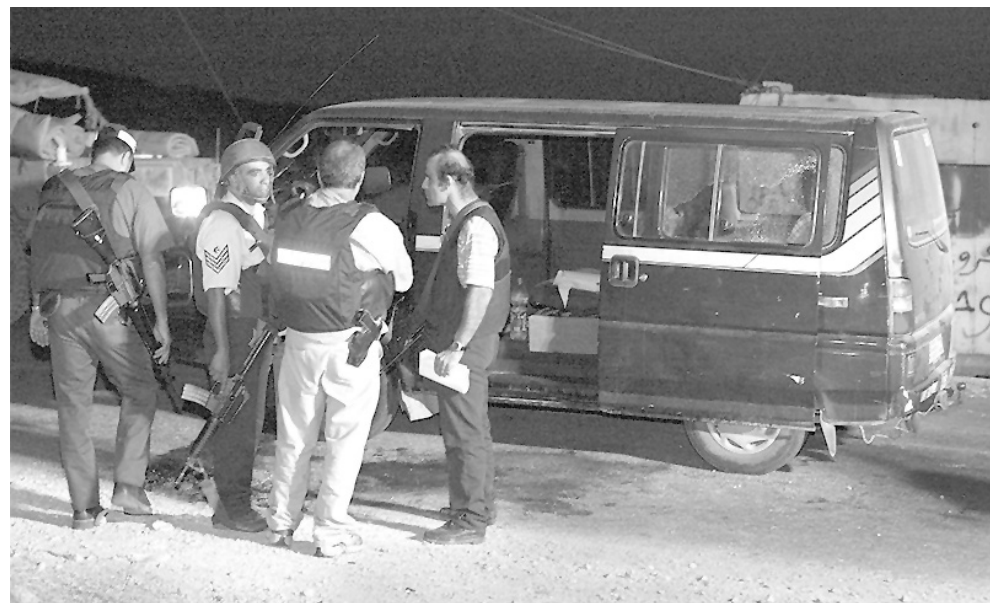
had been a restricted free agent, averaged 4.7 points and 2.2 rebounds in 71 games last season, his second with the team. The 6-foot-10 forward/center, who played in only seven games as a rookie, is a member of the Ukrainian National Team.

Pargo, a 6-2 guard from Arkansas, averaged 11.0 points, 2.7 rebounds and 1.6 assists for the Lakers' summer league team. Pargo, the only signed player on the Lakers' roster with a non-guaranteed contract, averaged 16.6 points and 3.3 assists as a senior at Arkansas last season.



INTERNATIONAL

Assessing the damage



Markus Schreiber/Associated Press
Israeli police officers stand in front of a bullet-riddled van on a road, south of the West Bank city of Hebron, Friday. Palestinian gunmen waiting in ambush fired on two passing Israeli cars Friday near a Jewish settlement in the southern West Bank, killing four people and injuring two children before fleeing, the army said.

Victims of Northern Ireland's bloodiest bomb file lawsuit

BY SHAWN POGATCHNIK
Associated Press Writer

BELFAST, Northern Ireland — Victims of Northern Ireland's deadliest bombing delivered court papers Friday naming five suspected senior Irish Republican Army dissidents, the first time that alleged terrorists have ever been sued.

The landmark civil case being pursued by relatives of 29 people slain when a car bomb devastated downtown Omagh on Aug. 15, 1998, is being closely watched throughout Britain and Ireland. If successful, the suit could open the way for other cases in the Northern Ireland conflict in which more than 3,600 people have died, mostly at the hands of the IRA and splinter groups.

Although the Omagh families hope to win financial damages from the five accused, they say the major point of their campaign — made possible after tens of thousands of people donated more than \$1.5 million to a legal fund.

"We are one step closer to justice today, a step nearer seeing in court those who are suspected of murdering ... innocent people in Omagh," the fund, known as the Omagh Victims' Legal Trust, said in a statement.

Jason McCue, the human rights lawyer representing the Omagh victims, had two police guards as he delivered civil writs to the isolated border homes of two suspected Real IRA activists, Seamus Daly, 30, and Seamus McKenna, 46.

Daly's father took the documents at his house, while nobody answered at

McKenna's, where the lawyer shoved documents through the mail slot.

McCue offered the documents to Daly's father, who initially pushed them back.

"This is a writ for your son Seamus. I'm going to put it through the window and if you could put it onto him please," McCue said. "I'm sorry to bother you. If you could please put it onto him."

McCue and the police traveled south to Ireland's top-security prison, Portlaoise Prison, to deliver papers to the other three: Michael McKevitt, 51, the Real IRA's alleged founding father; Liam Campbell, 38, its alleged chief of staff; and Colm Murphy, 49, a wealthy border businessman who in January became the first figure convicted in connection to the Omagh atrocity. McKevitt and Campbell accepted the writs, but Murphy refused to meet with McCue.

The lawyer said he expected the court case to begin at Belfast High Court in December or January.

Police have yet to gather sufficient evidence to charge anybody with the 29 murders, but just as in American law, civil suits in the United Kingdom have a lower threshold of proof than criminal cases. The Omagh families said they were inspired in part by the successful civil action taken against O.J. Simpson in the United States after he was found innocent in a criminal trial.

"At least the families are doing something. The (British) government doesn't seem to be doing too much," said Stanley McCombe, whose wife, Ann, was among those slain.

Dictator's son convicted for ordering murder of Supreme Court justice

BY STEVEN GUTKIN
Associated Press Writer

JAKARTA, Indonesia — The playboy son of former dictator Suharto was convicted Friday of ordering the murder of a Supreme Court justice and sentenced to 15 years in prison in a case that symbolizes Indonesia's struggle to rein in judicial corruption and the abuses that defined the Suharto era.

A verdict like Friday's would have been unthinkable during Suharto's 32-year reign, when the rich and powerful were almost always beyond the law's reach.

Advocates for judicial reform hope the ruling will put other former Suharto cronies on notice — and possibly signal a more honest approach to doling out justice in a country widely seen as among Asia's most corrupt.

Still, some Indonesians scoffed at the 15-year sentence for Hutomo Mandala Putra, better known as Tommy, saying the 40-year-old tycoon got off easy. His conviction for murder, illegal weapons possession and fleeing justice could have earned him a death sentence.

Critics note the two men convicted of shooting Supreme Court Justice Syafiuddin Kartasasmita received life sentences.

"It hurts very much," declared Kartasasmita's widow, Iwah Setyawati. "This sentence is not enough. I have lost my husband. I have lost everything."

Iwah testified during the trial that Tommy had attempted to bribe her husband, who had sentenced the young Suharto to an 18-month prison term in a September 2000 graft case.

"If you're nice to me, I can be better to you. But if you're nasty, I can be nastier," Iwah quoted Tommy as telling the judge.

Friday's verdict was delivered during a 10-hour proceeding that was most notable for Tommy's absence from the courtroom. His lawyers tried unsuccessfully to postpone the verdict, saying it was unfair to proceed because their client was sick and unable to attend.

Doctors examined Tommy and confirmed he had a stomach ache. A packed courtroom burst into applause when presiding Judge Amiruddin Zakaria rejected the defense request for a delay and began reading the verdict.

The entire six-member defense team stormed out of the courtroom in protest.

"It is a surprise to me," said Frans Winarta, a member of the National Law Commission, which advises the Indonesian government on legal reform.

"I thought the judges wouldn't have

the courage to sentence him to 15 years. But this isn't finished. We know that Tommy will appeal this case. So there is a long way to go."

Andi Samsan Nganro, a member of the five-judge panel that heard the case, said Tommy has one week to appeal.

"It hurts very much. This sentence is not enough. I have lost my husband. I have lost everything."

— IWAH SETYAWATI
Kartasasmita's widow

Kartasasmita was shot dead by two hit men on a motorcycle exactly one year ago Friday. Judge Nganro said Tommy paid \$11,000 to the two men and ordered them to kill Kartasasmita.

Nganro said the handgun used to kill the judge belonged to Tommy.

By the time he was arrested on Nov. 28, 2001 — after more than a year on the run — Tommy had already come to symbolize the excesses committed by Indonesia's ruling class during Suharto's reign, which ended in 1998 amid widespread pro-democracy demonstrations.

"He should have gotten more," said Usnah Al-Weny, a 27-year-old housewife who burst into tears after the verdict. "He's a coward. He didn't even attend the verdict."

The four-month trial was marked by frequent courtroom outbursts by the defendant, witnesses recanting their stories and the brief detention of a defense attorney for allegedly bribing witnesses.

Earlier in the day, about 400 policemen armed with batons and handguns patrolled in and around the courtroom, where more than 100 people gathered to hear the verdict.

Another 200 people, many of them Tommy supporters, stood outside the courtroom. One man said he had been paid \$5 to show his support for the defendant.

Because the proceedings went on for 10 hours, most of the crowd inside the courtroom had dispersed by the time the verdict was announced.

Prosecutors had requested a 15-year sentence, but the judges were at liberty to impose a stiffer sentence, including death.

Raids in Vietnam lead to counterfeit Nike, Adidas shoe parts

BY TINI TRAN
Associated Press Writer

HANOI, Vietnam — Police in southern Vietnam seized 25 truckloads of material used to make counterfeit Nike and Adidas sneakers in the first major operation assisted by Nike officials, officials said Friday.

Tipped off by Nike, police launched a months-long investigation and finally raided two assembly shops on July 15 in

Ho Chi Minh City, police said.

"This is the first large-scale action that we've undertaken with the Vietnamese authorities," Nike spokesman Chris Helzer said. "We're really happy with their response and cooperation."

Authorities confiscated 25 truckloads of material as well as defective shoe parts salvaged from Nike and Adidas factories near Ho Chi Minh City, Helzer said.

Although the factories are under

orders to destroy the parts, "leakage" does occur, he said. "We send it out for recycling. At any point in that process, there exists the possibility of leakage."

The owner of the illegal assembly shops bought the shoe parts for 10 to 30 cents per pound from scavengers, police said.

The illegal workshops turned out about 40 pairs of shoes a day, which sold for roughly \$4.50 to \$8.50 a pair, police said.

The owner of the workshops has not

yet been arrested. Authorities are considering whether to file criminal or civil charges against him.

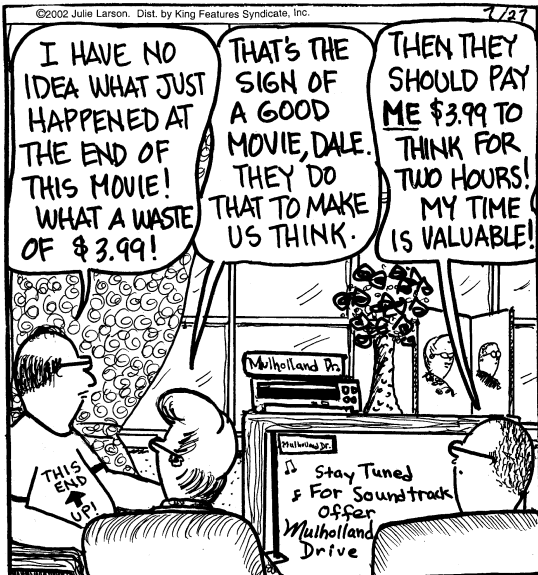
Vietnam is grappling with a large counterfeiting problem, with fake items ranging from CDs to clothing being produced in the country or smuggled in from elsewhere.

There is added urgency to its fight against counterfeiters because a trade pact signed with the United States last year requires protection of copyrights and intellectual property.

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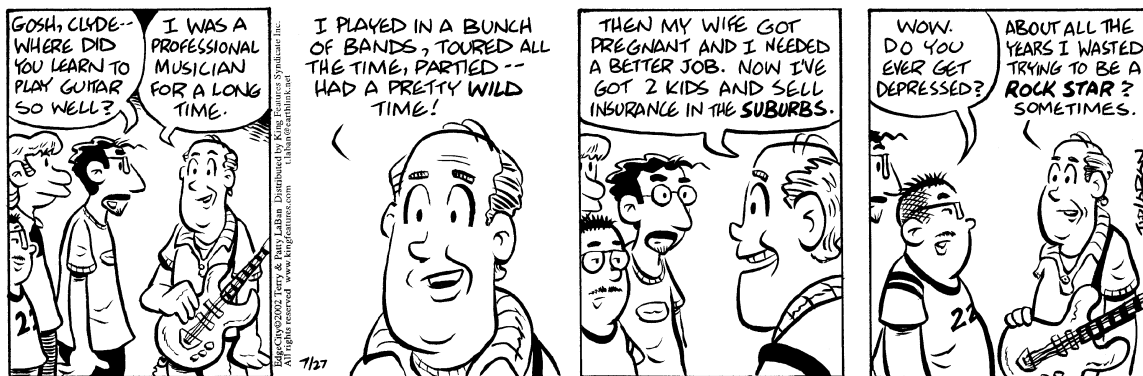
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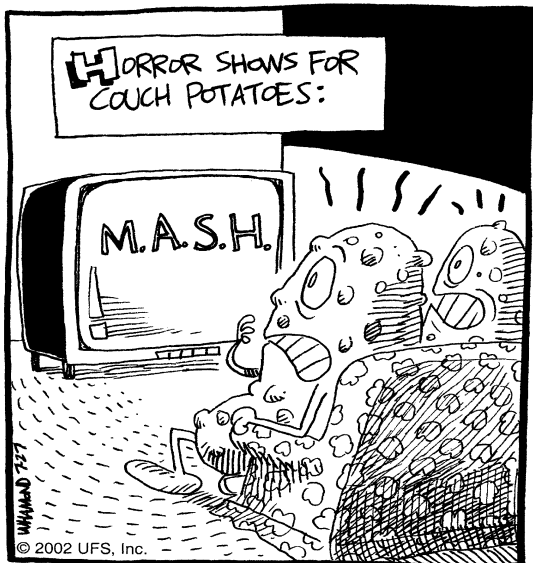
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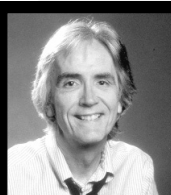
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by Chuck Shepard

Actor acts as attorney in his own trial; hires actors for audience

In June, retired British actor Michael Fabian was sentenced to six months in jail for duping an employment agency into sending him 12 actors for a job he had, before leaving town without paying. Fabian had been on trial for harassing a prosecutor and had acted as his own lawyer, presenting a lavish, theatrical defense, for which he thought he needed the inspiration of a good audience, i.e., the 12 actors, sitting in the gallery. (Still, he was convicted.)

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Calendar

Saturday, July 27, 2002

movies

Loews Broadway Cinema
1441 Third St. at Broadway
The Sum of all Fears (PG-13) 9:30. *The Bourne Identity* (PG-13) 10:45, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30. *Like Mike* (PG) 11:15, 1:45, 4:15, 6:45, 9:15. *Stuart Little 2* (PG) 11:00, 12:15, 1:15, 2:30, 3:30, 4:45, 5:45, 7:00, 8:00, 10:15.

Mann Criterion
1313 Third St.
Minority Report (PG-13) 11:40, 3:15, 7:10, 10:30. *K-19: The Widowmaker* (PG-13) 12:00, 12:30, 3:30, 4:00, 7:00, 7:30, 10:15, 10:45. *My Big Fat Greek Wedding* (PG) 11:20, 2:00, 4:30, 7:20, 9:50. *Men in Black II* (PG-13) 11:50, 2:30, 5:15, 8:00, 10:40. *Halloween: Resurrection* 11:45, 2:15, 5:00, 7:40, 10:00.

AMC Theatre SM 7
1310 3rd Street
Lilo & Stich (PG) 12:00, 2:10, 4:20, 7:05. *Mr. Deeds* (PG-13) 11:45, 2:15, 4:40, 7:10, 9:35. *Insomnia* (R) 9:15. *Reign of Fire* 11:15, 1:50, 4:50, 7:35, 10:20. *The Crocodile Hunter* (PG) 10:45, 12:40, 2:55, 5:10, 7:25, 9:40. *Road to Perdition* 11:00, 1:00, 2:00, 4:00, 5:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:55, 10:50. *Eight Legged Freaks* (PG-13) 11:25, 1:55, 4:30, 7:20, 10:00.

Landmark Nu-Wilshire
1314 Wilshire Blvd.
The Fast Runner: Atanarjuat (NR) 11:30 I 3:15 I 6:45. *Lovely and Amazing* (R) 12:15 I 2:30 I 4:45 I 7:15 I 9:45. *Notorious CHO* (R) 10:05.

Laemmle Monica
1332 2nd St.
Y Tu Mama Tambien (NR) 12:00 I 2:35 I 5:10 I 7:45 I 10:15. *Read My Lips* (NR) 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45. *Me Without You* (NR) 1:00 I 3:15 I 5:30 I 7:50 I 10:10. *Tadpole* (PG-13) 1:30, 3:35, 5:40, 7:45, 9:55.

Saturday Community

Chili Cook-Off! The Bitter Redhead Bar, located at 2101 Lincoln Blvd. In Santa Monica, 2 blocks South of Pico, is holding it's Second Chili Cook-Off. Open to the public. \$5.00 tasting fee. \$8.00 judging fee. For more information, call (310)450-6776. If you would like to enter a chili, please call the same number. Space is limited. Prizes awarded to the top three finishers.

Classes / Lectures

Take One Film & Theatre Books welcomes Frederick Levy! He will be speaking about at signing his book *The Hollywood Way: A Young Movie Mogul's Savvy Business Tips for Success* in any Career. Take One is located at 11516 Santa Monica Blvd., W. Los Angeles. 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. For more information please call (310)445-4050.

Theatre / Arts

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

Music / Entertainment

Mount Olive Film Night. A World War II veteran becomes "unstuck in time" in this film based on a 1969 novel by Kurt Vonnegut, Jr. Music by Glenn Gould. A light supper served at 6:00p.m. Film starts at 7:00p.m. FREE Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 1343 Ocean Park Boulevard (310) 452-1116

Sunday Community

Toastmasters - An education and leadership organization that promotes speaking and listening skills. Kick-off meeting, 7:00 p.m. @ Tandoori Restaurant, 11819 Wilshire Blvd., L.A. Second floor of Granville Center (look for Kinko's). Featuring a presentation on the art of flirting and a captivating romantic story.

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BACK PAGE



It's payday for 'Odd Todd'

By The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The creator of a Web site about a jobless man can keep his unemployment money.

Todd Rosenberg, who created the cartoon site after he was laid off last year, does not have to return the \$2,237.50 in benefits he received, an administrative judge ruled.

"Justice prevails!" read a message Thursday on Rosenberg's Web site. "I was cleared of all charges! Yea!"

Officials at the state Department of Labor had challenged Rosenberg's filing for unemployment, alleging that the Web site was a moneymaker for the man who dubbed himself "Odd Todd."

"As a joke, the claimant started a Web site poking fun at the day in the life of an unemployed person," the decision said. "It was simply a lark that turned into something lucrative."

Rosenberg filed for unemployment on June 13, 2001, after losing his job at a dot-com company. When he had trouble finding a new job, he launched his Internet site with cartoons about his job woes.

Rosenberg stopped collecting unemployment on Dec. 21, 2001.

What raised the state's interest was Rosenberg's November introduction of a "Tip Cup," which allowed visitors to contribute \$1 to Odd Todd. Rosenberg was surprised to receive several thousand dollars from Web surfers.

The Labor Department said taking the donations

were tantamount to running a business, making Rosenberg ineligible for any benefits. Rosenberg challenged the ruling, and received word of the judge's decision on Wednesday.

Tortoise recovers from bum leg

By The Associated Press

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — Topsy the tortoise is back on his feet.

About a year after his handlers at Roger Williams Park Zoo noticed he had a bum left front leg, the 21-year-old year-old radiated tortoise has finished his rounds of physical therapy and is back munching on plants and scoping out the females in his pen.

The endangered tortoise from the African island of Madagascar had suffered tissue damage and spent a year getting around on a makeshift skateboard that allowed him to exercise without putting too much pressure on the injured limb.

After confirming the injury during tests at Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine in Grafton, Mass., caretakers cobbled together an oval-shaped roller.

Topsy showed admiring onlookers Thursday just how well he could scoot around on his mini skateboard. He bounced off walls, crashed into a door, walked over shoes and wiggled between legs.

Topsy's ailment was the first such injury veterinarians grappled with in the decades the zoo has housed tortoises.

Pick 3 wins twice in a row

By The Associated Press

BATON ROUGE, La. — Anyone who won the Louisiana Lottery's Pick 3 daily game earlier this week should have tried again the next night, too.

Zero, five and one were winners for the Louisiana Lottery's Pick 3 daily game on Tuesday. They were winners again on Wednesday.

"That's the first time in the near 11-year history of

the lottery that that's happened for Pick 3," said lottery spokesman Dudley Lehw. "What the odds are I couldn't even begin to calculate."

The selection was pure coincidence because one computer randomly chose the numbers Tuesday and a second computer randomly picked the numbers again Wednesday.

Winners of the Pick 3 on those two nights received \$40 to \$290, depending on the order of the numbers and the way the numbers were selected.

A member of the lottery security staff, a member of the legislative auditor's office and a security guard are on hand when the numbers are drawn in Baton Rouge. Members of the public can watch the computers through a pane of glass, Lehw said.

Lehw said he knew the double picks could look suspicious, and said he was grateful for one thing: "I'm glad we had two different computers."

Pay toilets reversed

By The Associated Press

MANLY, Iowa — A fund-raising drive in this northern Iowa town gives the phrase "pay toilets" a new meaning. People pay to have them taken away.

Parishioners of Sacred Heart Catholic Church can plunk down \$10 to have one of three portable toilets — painted in neon yellow, pink or orange — put in a friend's front yard.

The toilet remains until the recipient pays \$10 to have it moved elsewhere. For another \$10, the recipient can make sure the troubling toilet doesn't come back.

"We had \$80 right away from people who said, 'Don't give it to me,'" the Rev. Daniel Kucera said of the "Have Toilets, Will Travel" campaign begun earlier this month.

The church pastor moonlights as director of potty placement. Kucera said people have been forgiving "when I am sneaking around the yards in the middle of the night."

He said the campaign has raised \$1,700 for the church so far.

What do Shaq and Lenny Krayzelberg have in common?

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For additional information regarding the purchase of luminary bags, please call Arthur Spencer at 310.451.1358 or Maxine Tatlonghari at 213.368.8537.

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