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Bus strikes pedestrian



Andrew H. Fixmer/Daily Press

Officers investigate the scene where a pedestrian was struck by a Big Blue Bus while attempting to cross the intersection of Ocean Boulevard and Broadway on Tuesday at 7:32 p.m. Paramedics took the man to an area hospital and as of press time his condition was unknown.

The accident is under investigation and any witnesses are urged to call Investigator Chris Dawson at (310) 458-8954 with any information.

Man declared mentally incompetent to stand trial

He's accused of stabbing his own mother in Santa Monica

BY ANDREW H. FIXMER

Daily Press Staff Writer

A 20-year-old Woodland Hills man has been declared mentally incompetent to stand trial for charges of repeatedly stabbing his own mother.

Santa Monica Superior Court Judge Bernard J. Kamins agreed with a panel of psychologists Tuesday that Tyler Hurricane Ehrlich should be admitted to Patton State Hospital until doctors deem him mentally fit to stand trial.

Ehrlich is charged with attempted homicide, assault with a deadly weapon, robbery and attempted car jacking.

At the hospital — which is approximately 80 miles east of Santa Monica in San Bernadino County — doctors will treat Ehrlich for at least 90 days before issuing a report determining whether he is competent to stand trial at that time.

Doctors have to believe that Ehrlich understands the charges against him and

that he is able to assist his lawyer in his own defense in order to declare him fit for trial.

However, if after 90 days Ehrlich is still not well, he will remain at the hospital until his mental condition improves and he is able to understand the charges against him.

"There is no question that he never intended to hurt his mother. This is a really sad case. He needs help, not prison."

— STEPHEN D. SITKOFF
Attorney

"I want to be very clear that these charges are not going away," said Deputy District Attorney Wendy Moss. "He is in state custody at a state hospital but the charges still remain."

Ehrlich was arrested on April 30 by

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Department of Health goes undercover in Santa Monica kitchens

Learning the A,B,C's of restaurant health inspections

BY CAROLYN SACKARIASON

Daily Press Staff Writer

When a Los Angeles County health inspector recently showed up unannounced at a Santa Monica restaurant, sudden panic set in.

The bartender in the back frantically made sure his bar was in order before the anticipated examination. A waitress pulled out her best flirting techniques in an attempt to butter up the inspectors.

It's a common scene in Santa Monica where an average of four health inspectors are roaming the streets each day, surprising restaurants, grocery stores and bars with their food thermometers, ultra violet flashlights and specially-trained eyes.

Many managers of those establishments nearly jump out of their skin when the health inspector shows up, fearing the worst — that the place will get shut down and they'll get fired. When managers are asked to be accompanied by the health inspector to tour the establishment, they stumble and fumble around while they try not to appear nervous.

The Los Angeles County Health Department serves as the watchdog for the public in making sure that the people who handle our food are doing it safely, cleanly and properly.

And for the most part, Santa Monica's kitchens are clean. At the end of this fiscal year, which runs from July to June, 21 businesses had been temporarily closed for unsafe or unclean conditions. The health department counts 686 businesses throughout the city that handle food or beverage. There were 1,667 inspections conducted in Santa Monica last year, resulting in 41 ranked as a "B" and only six given a "C."

Last Tuesday, environmental health specialist Jacklin Mikhail made three surprise inspections in Santa Monica — Ralph's Grocery Store on Cloverfield Boulevard, The Slice on Wilshire Boulevard and the Fairmont Miramar Hotel on Wilshire Boulevard.

They all fared well on the LA County Environmental Health Department's grading system, but no one got a perfect score either. It's rare that any place does, thanks to a rigorous grading system that was instituted in 1998 after a Los Angeles television

news station went undercover into restaurants and found egregious behavior in kitchens throughout the county.

"Public concern turned into political outrage and a month later a grading system went into effect and mandatory public education was required," said Terrance Powell, chief environmental health specialist for LA County. "Every owner now has to pass a test for food handling."

"Overall the operators are doing a pretty good job. It's very gratifying to see the industry has stepped up to the plate."

— TERRANCE POWELL
L.A. County Health Department

Since Santa Monica adopted the grading system in 1999, the amount of restaurant closures and dirty, unsafe kitchens has been reduced significantly.

"At that time, Santa Monica was significantly lower than the rest of the county with grades," Powell said. "Overall the operators are doing a pretty good job. It's very gratifying to see the industry has stepped up to the plate."

Food establishments are measured on a unique grading system that deducts points for infractions. The system was devised to allow the public a way to gauge for themselves whether it's clean or safe enough to eat somewhere.

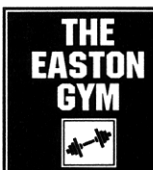
Last week, each establishment had points knocked off — some were minor problems but others were more serious. Mikhail will return unannounced within a few weeks to make sure the problems have been corrected.

"We have an aggressive monitoring system," Powell said. "We are meticulous and we will come back to make sure the corrections have been made."

Inspectors show up unannounced and during the restaurant's busiest time to get the best picture of how an operation is run day to day. Critics say it only gives the health department a "snapshot" of what's going on in the kitchen, but Powell disagrees.

"How we find you is how you oper-

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♈ ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Use the morning, when you're empowered. Others respond well to your instructions and ideas. Emphasize home, security and finances later on. Check out an investment more carefully. A boss makes demands. Tonight: Clear your desk first.

♉ TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ Verify facts and figures this morning. Be ready to present your case or make a needed presentation. In the p.m., the moon slides into your sign, empowering you for the next few days. Timing works at this point. Tonight: Reach out for the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow.

♊ GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ The only error you can make right now is to hesitate. Know what you want and where you're heading. Carefully consider your options in the later day. Close your door or take a walk and think. Maintain a low profile if possible. Tonight: Vanish from work.

♋ CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Stay on top of changes that surround your work and your relationships with those in charge. Be open to a key meeting, where many ideas could be tossed out. Do remember the difference between orders and suggestions! Tonight: Where your friends are.

♌ LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ Check your facts and make sure a plan fits together well. You will have an opportunity to test the waters; recognize limits here. Understand what others expect, knowing also what you can deliver. Discuss agreements, especially in terms of what is possible. Tonight: In the limelight.

♍ VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Deal with others directly this morning. Success follows those who are ready to greet it. Take an overview in a discussion. Though you might be cynical about another's approach, it works. Detach and observe more often right now. Tonight: Hop on the computer or relax to a favorite TV show.

♎ LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Make an effort toward others this morning. Bring in a favorite munchie to share or go out of your way to make someone's life easier. Don't let a friend push you too hard. Work with associates at the office individually, and you'll succeed. Tonight: Go for togetherness.

♏ SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ Loosen up and make the most out of an opportunity that comes your way that could involve travel and/or education. Deal with others directly, especially in the afternoon when a convivial mood shines on you. Tonight: Accept an invitation.

♐ SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Charge your ingenuity into work and getting the job done. A lunch could evolve into a meeting. Work with others as they attempt to clear the air and perhaps get a project going. Take time to listen and integrate different views. Tonight: Get some exercise.

♑ CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ You might not be in work mode. Say so. Take a personal day or attempt to leave the office early. Your mind floats to domestic and private matters. Schedule an early dinner with a special person in your life. Add more zest to your day. Tonight: Keep on adding spice.

♒ AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Reach out for others. Say what is on your mind when dealing with someone at a distance. You get important feedback, even though you might not be ready to act on it. Steer a steady course in the afternoon. Consider your options. Tonight: Mosey on home.

♓ PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Deal with your finances directly. Postpone calls and networking until lunchtime or afterward. Clear out items one at a time. Carefully consider your options surrounding a meeting. Pressure builds to get a project done. Dig in. Tonight: Bring extra work home.

QUOTE of the DAY

"Ronald Reagan is not a typical politician because he doesn't know how to lie, cheat and steal. He's always had an agent for that."

— Bob Hope

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LOCAL



One step at a time



Seth Kotok/Special to the Daily Press
Exercise enthusiasts run up and down a steep set of stairs by Fourth street and Adelaide Drive on Tuesday afternoon.

The Q Line

It seems that one by one, Santa Monica's old-school institutions are leaving town. Places like Midnight Special Bookstore on the Promenade, the Aero Theater on Montana Avenue, the Santa Monica Playhouse on Fourth Street and the Boathouse restaurant on the pier, have either closed up, are closing up or may close up.

Many people cherish these places not just because of what they provided, but because they collectively make Santa Monica what it is — a funky, cool beach town.

But as these long-time businesses continue to disappear, many people wonder what Santa Monica is becoming.

So this week Q-Line wants to know:

"Is Santa Monica losing its soul? Why or why not?"

Call (310) 285-8106 with your response before Thursday at 5 p.m. We'll print them in Friday's paper. Please limit your comments to a minute or less; it might help to think first about the wording of your response.

SM Playhouse reaches \$100K fundraising goal

Group meets first benchmark, still needs to raise \$300K more

By Daily Press staff

Santa Monica Playhouse officials announced they have raised \$100,000 in an effort to buy their theater and remain in the city.

But theater officials warn that even though the group has reached one of the largest fundraising milestones, they must still raise \$300,000 more in one year to buy their theater.

"The key thing is that by making this goal, this benchmark, it keeps the deal on the table," said Sandra Zeitzew, the theater's spokeswoman. "We're still in the running to buy this building."

Six months ago the Santa Monica Playhouse was told its rent would be increased to more than \$12,000 a month starting this January, but the venerable theater group can barely pay the \$10,000-

a-month rent for its prime downtown location on Fourth Street between Wilshire Boulevard and Arizona Avenue.

However, the theater group's landlord, local attorney Jules Kievits, isn't viewed as the villain. He is giving the theater group 18 months to raise \$400,000 to buy the building. Every six months the group must reach fundraising milestones, or risk losing it all.

The city council has donated \$75,000 to help save the Santa Monica Playhouse, which would be fully refunded if the theater does not make its goal. Besides the city's donation, the majority of the theater's fundraising has come through pure grassroots efforts.

"We've had school kids give us pennies and audience members give us big checks," Zeitzew said. "We've been lucky to have a lot of different people giving us very different amounts of money."

To learn more about how you can help save the Santa Monica Theater please call (310) 394-9779 or visit the group's Web Site at www.santamonicaplayhouse.com.



New southwest joins current southwest and a fading tropical swell today. Charts show only remnant energy from former Hurricane Elida, the storm responsible for the recent boom in southern swells.

Well exposed spots should see waist/chest high surf. Northern spots look better than southern, although El Porto will see some shoulder high sets.

Energy should hold steady Thursday. Slightly smaller — but still consistent and fun — sets are expected.

Reports show calm morning conditions with northwest winds picking up during the afternoon.



High-	2:08a.m.	3.39'
Low-	8:30a.m.	1.70'
High-	3:29p.m.	4.29'
Low-	10:40p.m.	2.11'

Location	Wednesday	Thursday	Water Quality
County Line	2-4'/Fair	2-4'/Fair	A
Zuma	2-3'/Fair	2-3'/Fair	A
Surfrider	2-3'/Fair	2-3'/Fair	A
Topanga	2-3'/Fair	2-3'/Fair	A
Breakwater	2-3'/Poor	2-3'/Poor	A
El Porto	2-4'/Fair	2-4'/Fair	A



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OPINION

LETTERS

Be careful when dealing with the court

Editor:

Warning to all Daily Press readers who may find themselves summoned to jury duty at the Santa Monica Courthouse: If you want to avoid a nightmarish experience with the court and its sheriffs, make photocopies of every document you send to the court; post your jury responses by certified mail; record names, dates and times of everyone at court with whom you speak, and save all your files where you can find them at a moment's notice.

It may be only because I saved copies of my juror summons paperwork from last year because I was willing to loudly and nonviolently speak up in Santa Monica courthouse Jury Assembly Room for my civil rights that I am still a free man following a traumatic episode there equal parts Kafka and Donovan Jackson.

The new "streamlined" jury system is resulting in more people being summoned more often - up to twice a year. And, as my elderly, housebound father has learned, there is no longer any automatic exemption for the handicapped or those over 70 years old. As a result, the courts have implemented both a bewildering, multiple-menu, push-button phone response system that many, such as my father and I, simply don't understand, and that doesn't allow for a caller to change an incorrect response to a recorded voice prompt, as well as a deluge of inadequate paperwork apparently so overwhelming that the Santa Monica Court, in my case and perhaps in yours, too, simply loses its files who knows where.

On Friday, July 26, I received an official letter from the court, stating: "Our records indicate that you have failed to Section 209, provides any prospective trial juror who has been summoned for service, and who fails to attend, may be attached and compelled to attend; and...the court may find the prospective juror in contempt of court, punishable by fine, incarceration or both...In order to avoid an order to show cause hearing and imposition of a fine, your immediate attention to this matter is imperative."

Wow! What a false accusation! What frightening, threatened consequences!

Fortunately, I was at once able to locate a photocopy of my completed juror questionnaire from last summer, which had excused me from service because at the time I was the sole caretaker for my housebound, infirm father.

Unable to reach a live, human voice on the phone number supplied by the court's warning, I hustled down to the Santa Monica Courthouse, where a civilian juror employee decided he could not assist this understandably upset victim of the court's mistakes and called for the Sheriff's Office to respond.

At once, I was surrounded by multiple deputies who told me (as Inglewood police told

Donovan Jackson) to "calm down." I'll calm down, I assured them, as soon as the court corrects its errors and withdraws its threats of prison and fines.

A woman deputy grabbed me by the arm; I shouted loudly for her to take her hands off me. Another deputy snatched my court documents and photocopies away from me; again, I protested.

One deputy had the audacity to ask if I were on medication. (Yes, I replied, one anti-cholesterol pill very night). The increase in juror summonses will surely add to the Santa Monica Court's mistakes, such as losing the file with my jury service exemption.

Sheriff Lee Baca needs to train his deputies now to understand that "the problem" is not necessarily with the angry and upset person in their presence but in the court system's deficiencies that made that person angry and upset in the first place.

Thankfully, the whole matter was resolved in a matter of minutes by Lt. Bob Corbett, the friendly and efficient officer on duty at the Sheriff's Marshall Service Branch - largely because I had my photocopy proof from last year.

Most folks, however, won't be as willing to make such a forcefully loud and nonviolently defensive ruckus in a public place, and aren't likely to be escorted to Lt. Corbett's private office.

For those of you, I say: Make copies, mail certified, keep all records at a hand.

For the courts: Improve your record keeping, avoid frightening innocent citizens with false accusations and upsetting threats.

For the sheriff's office: Try to avoid treating understandably angry and upset, innocent citizens as if they were convicted criminals or worse.

Rufus Baker
Santa Monica

Living Wage is a political ploy

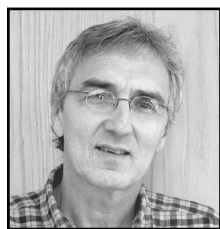
Editor:

Thank you Tom for that very clear explanation of what the Living Wage Ordinance really is ("A witch hunt on Santa Monica's Beach hotels" 7/30/02). It is obvious to anyone paying attention that SMART is concerned about how to unionize the hotels not about how much employees earn.

Once a hotel chooses to unionize they are except from the Living Wage Ordinance. As usual, in this town, it appears that this ordinance is a political power play. It is not really for the benefit of the people. It is for the benefit of the politicians and the people behind them.

Barbara Tenzer
Santa Monica

'US vs. Iraq, the sequel', coming soon to a continent near you



EDGE of the WEST

By Ron Scott Smith

*"And here I sit so patiently
Waiting to find out what price
You have to pay to get out of
Going through all these things twice.
Oh, mama, can this really be the end..."*

If Saddam Hussein is up on his Dylan, he may be walking around these days humming that refrain to himself, as the American drums of war pound louder in his ears daily.

Not only Saddam, many Americans must be thinking- haven't we heard that beat and seen this thing before? It's apparently no longer "if", but "when"- as a well oiled US military machine revs up for this new...or is it old... mission. Congressional leaders are down with it. Pundits on the air and in the papers are fully engaged in deep analysis of how this campaign will play out, no longer concerned with why.

Saddam is building weapons of mass destruction, the reasoning goes, so he must go. Who better to know about weapons of mass destruction than us? We wrote the book. We dropped the bomb. In the middle of a city. Twice.

Apparently he's found the blueprint and is over there building them, our demise his

objective. If there is proof that this man, this madman as we are told, has real intentions and real capabilities to attack us, well, as they say, let's roll. Build them, aim them at us, and we will come. But does it ever cross your mind- who's coming to get us, and our perceived bad intentions and our stockpiles, would that they could?

This populace, caught up in the numbing onslaught of announced terror threats, and an economy headed due south at high speed, has its hands full just getting to the market. Or out of the market as the case may be. We hardly notice evil despots out to get us, and so, leave these things up to the powers that be.

But an unprovoked attack on a country halfway across the globe because we don't approve of its ruler, may not sit as well with the people as this administration believes. There's an oddly quiet generation out here, probably just resting, with finely honed anti-war instincts, born of Vietnam-era peace struggles. They've been keeping those instincts to themselves, but start sending their sons and daughters to far away lands to offer up their lives without absolute, compelling reasons, and watch them come out of their slumber. And, although peace, as always, seems to be an idea way ahead of its time, a new generation on campuses around the nation haven't given up on it, trust me. They are trying to make time catch up.

Many are wondering how the US can lean back, look around, declare you, you, you, and you, an evil axis, then casually ponder which one's to be the next target of our military might. Right now it happens to

be Iraq in the crosshairs, and nobody anywhere else is buying it, save a reluctantly obedient England.

But that's the way this administration likes it. You and me against the world. They've repeatedly turned their back on the rest of this planet in the short time they've been in power. A few examples:

■ Kyoto Protocol global warming treaty--- count us out. It would "hurt our economy and risk the welfare of the American people and American workers," said the chairman of the White House Council of Environmental Quality. Sounds like Enron to me.

■ International Criminal Court--- count us out. The US threatened to pull its troops from UN peacekeeping forces unless we're granted immunity from any and all war crime prosecutions for at least one year.

■ UN sponsored World Conference on Racism--- count us out. We refused to even attend, not wishing to be confronted with slavery reparations issues.

■ UN Family Planning and Population Fund--- count us out. The US withdrew \$34 million pledged to the fund- after heavy conservative lobbying against possible pro-choice benefits. European nations chipped in to make up for the missing US contribution.

■ Strategic Defense Initiative (Star Wars II)--- count us in. Us and only us, that is, as every other nation around the world vehemently opposes the creation of this interstellar missile shield up there in the neutral reaches of outer space.

■ UN Summit on Sustainable Development (later this summer)--- count

us...undecided. Environmental and human rights groups are pleading with Bush to join other heads of state in Johannesburg to support this forum on the interface between human society and the environment. He'll go. And dogs will grow wings and fly.

Guess who is going? Your own Santa Monica Mayor Michael Feinstein and Councilwoman Pam O'Connor. The United States, by all indications, will sit this one out, but like "the little engine that could", our guys will be in South Africa, at their own personal expense, to seek knowledge, and to show off Santa Monica's widely regarded advanced sustainability program. Somebody's got to have a global vision which extends beyond the military and the corporate, and that's not the vision coming from Washington.

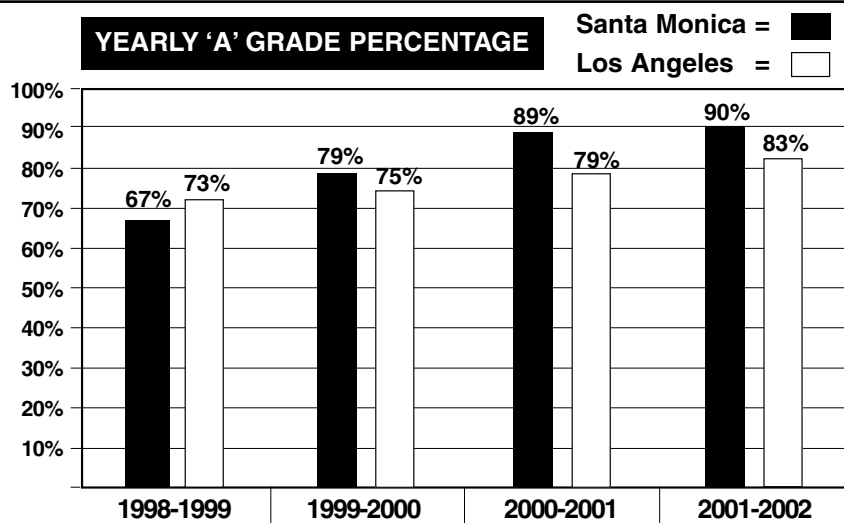
All we hear out of there is how the next gruesome terrorist attack is not only likely, it's inevitable. Right from the horses' mouths- Cheney, Ashcroft, Rumsfeld, and the President himself- they all say- "we will be hit hard again." Thanks for the warning, guys. They do nothing to mitigate, they reach out to no one. Does it have to be inevitable? It does, so long as they continue only to ratchet up the tension and the conflict around the globe, holding up the index, ring, and middle fingers and saying- "read between the lines."

US against the world. And the world is the heavy underdog.

(Ron Smith is a Santa Monica resident. To reach him, email him at Edgeofthewest@aol.com.)

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LOCAL



Source: LA County Health Department

Since Santa Monica adopted the LA County Health Department's grading system in 1999, food establishments have been forced to clean themselves up. The number of restaurants that have been given an "A" which is the highest mark to get, has risen steadily for the past four years, even surpassing the county.

Restaurants must keep report on file for customers

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ate," he said. "We try to change habits and change behavior. Grading and coming unannounced tends to change people's habits and teach them that they have to be diligent and prepared all the time."

Mikhail acknowledges that while she is a public official who lives and dies by regulations, inspecting a restaurant doesn't have to be completely an unpleasant experience. She approaches her job as one of a teacher, educating when it's needed and deducting points when it's warranted.

"We are here to make sure they are doing what they are supposed to be doing," Mikhail said. "It's not our intent to set them up for failure."

Matt Aminoff, owner of The Slice, welcomed Mikhail, who has been inspecting the pizza shop for more than a year, into his kitchen.

"I have nothing to hide," he said, acknowledging that with each inspection, the better his staff is educated on how to keep the operation safe and clean.

"We have an open kitchen and customers can see it," Aminoff said, adding he is never nervous when the inspector shows up because he keeps it up to snuff. "Believe me, (customers) are much more critical of us than (the health department)."

Mikhail agrees. For a small operation, The Slice does a good job of keeping things in order, she said.

"Overall, I think you guys are running a good show," she told Aminoff. "It's relatively clean for as much traffic as it gets."

Making the grade

The county environmental health department requires that every establishment hang its dirty laundry in the front window for all to see.

It's no problem when the sign says the restaurant has an "A" rating, but when it slips to a "B" or a "C" a customer may think twice before eating there.

"When I walk in, you have 100 points, a full hand," Powell said. "After that, it is a sliding scale."

But what does the letter mean to the average consumer?

An "A" rating means the establishment has between 90 and 100 points. A "B" rating indicates the place has between 80 to 89 points and a "C" rating gives between 70 and 79 points. If an establishment falls below a "C," it is unsafe to operate and it will be shut down until the violations have been corrected.

Points are knocked off based on how

serious the infraction is.

"High risk" violations carry six-point deductions and range from everything from unsafe food temperatures to a lack of employees washing their hands, or evidence that rodents, cockroaches or flies pose an immediate risk. A restaurant could be shut down for any violation in this category.

Inspectors have special flashlights that can detect whether rodents have been crawling on food.

"We'll be able to tell if there is evidence that the rodent stepped on it, peed on it, defecated on it or ate some of it," Powell said.

"Moderate risk" violations carry four-point deductions that also address food temperatures in thawing meats, or if the food is being prepared in an inappropriate place. "Low risk" violations carry one point deduction and mostly address operational procedures like employees not wearing hair restraints, structural problems in the building or inappropriate storage of food and supplies.

Many restaurant managers will tell customers that the establishment fell to a "B" or a "C" because one minor infraction was found, like a towel was left on the floor. But in reality, it may have been several violations that led to the downgrade.

"The score is cumulative," Powell said. "But now the public can ask to see the report because the restaurant has to disclose what we found ... It's just one more tool to make an informed choice."

The health department is currently making new signs that must be posted in all food establishments that tell the public that they can request a copy of the latest inspection report on the spot. By looking at the report, the consumer will be able to see whether or not the restaurant's employees didn't wash their hands, the place has rodents or it isn't handling food properly.

"The public is not savvy, not informed enough to know what the grade means," Powell said. "The key here is to be transparent and we are going to tell people what we found."

Consumers can also log onto the health department's Web site at www.lapublichealth.org/eh to read inspection reports on any restaurant in the county.

Asked if they would eat at a restaurant with a "B" or "C" rating, Powell, Mikhail and Aminoff all said they would.

"A 'B' or a 'C' is safe enough to operate, otherwise they would be closed," Mikhail said. "But I would ask to see the report."

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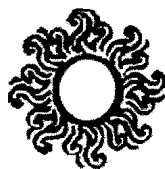
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Members of the Fort Apache 90 fire crew from Cibecue, Ariz., including Jyme-Joan Dickson, at far left, line up for breakfast at a fire camp in Happy Camp, Calif. on Tuesday. The mood of the camp was somber Tuesday morning, two days after a fire engine accident claimed the lives of three firefighters patrolling the Stanza fire early Sunday in the Klamath National Forest near Happy Camp.

Fire by Julian burns 5,000 acres; homes evacuated

By The Associated Press

JULIAN — A wildfire burning in the mountains east of San Diego on Tuesday forced the evacuation of homes, trailer parks and a wolf preserve, officials said.

The fire near Julian had charred more than 5,000 acres of a sparsely populated area, California Department of Forestry spokeswoman Martie Perkins.

Five homes were destroyed by fire, including three in an area outside Julian where the fire broke out Monday afternoon, Perkins said. There was one report of an injury, but no details.

San Diego County Sheriff's officials evacuated homes and trailer parks in Julian, a picturesque former mining town and weekend getaway best known for its apple pies. By mid-afternoon, winds were pushing the flames away from the town, 40 miles east of San Diego.

A dozen or so wolves were rescued from the California Wolf Center, a sanctuary for the animals in Julian, said Gigi

Bacon Theberge, a spokeswoman for the San Diego Humane Society.

The humane society's animal rescue team also provided shelter overnight for 10 horses, two miniature horses, two llamas and one cow, Theberge said.

About 1,700 firefighters were battling the Pines Fire, which was about 10 percent contained by Tuesday afternoon.

Gov. Gray Davis directed the Office of Emergency Services to deploy 95 local government fire engines and a portable satellite communications unit to the scene.

On Monday night, the fire jumped a rural highway, destroying four outbuildings a barn and prompting an evacuation of a small roadside mobile home park.

The break was quickly contained by firefighters, said Rick Figueroa of the San Diego County Sheriff's department.

About 300 people spent Monday night at a shelter set up at Julian High School, said Sue Irey, a Red Cross spokeswoman. Two additional shelters were open Tuesday.

Family urges judge to send Ehrlich to hospital, not prison

STABBING, from page 1

Santa Monica police officers after allegedly stabbing his 51-year-old mother in the arm and torso with a folding knife following a dispute over her purse on a sidewalk on the 600 block of Ashland Avenue. The pair had traveled from Los Angeles to visit a friend in Santa Monica.

Residents who witnessed the attack initially called police about an apparent carjacking. When police arrived on the scene, Ehrlich was taken into custody after a brief foot chase. After officers spotted him hiding on a roof of a nearby home, Ehrlich jumped off the roof and

tried to run-away.

About a dozen of Ehrlich's family members and friends attended the sanity hearing to support sending him to a hospital. After Judge Kamins ruling, Ehrlich's mother broke out into tears and thanked the judge for being "so kind."

Ehrlich's family does not blame their son for the stabbing incident and they want to see him in a hospital rather than a prison, said attorney Stephen D. Sitkoff.

"There is no question that he never intended to hurt his mother," Sitkoff said. "This is a really sad case. He needs help, not prison."

STATE



Power players contribute to anti-secession war chest

BY PAUL WILBORN
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES — Upstart groups in the San Fernando Valley and Hollywood campaigning to break away from Los Angeles and form their own cities are finding themselves up against a very well-financed incumbent.

A combination of business, political and union groups with ties to the city, have contributed nearly \$2 million so far to L.A. United, the anti-secession campaign launched by Mayor James K. Hahn.

Secession forces have collected combined contributions of around \$300,000, officials said.

With the first campaign finance reports due July 31, the November election is shaping up as two struggling Davids versus a very imposing Goliath.

If voters approve the secession measures on the Nov. 5 ballot, the San Fernando Valley city would become the sixth largest city in America, just behind Philadelphia and ahead of Phoenix and San Diego. Los Angeles would slip from second to third, behind New York City and Chicago. Hollywood would be home to about 185,000 residents.

To earn their independence, the secession campaigns have to gain a majority of the vote cast within the boundaries of the proposed cities, and win a majority of votes citywide.

Hahn has promised to wage an intensive media campaign to convince voters to keep Los Angeles together.

Former Mayor Richard Riordan, who is co-chairing the anti-secession campaign, said many of the city's biggest names are giving money because he's asking them to do it.

The donors are acting out of a love for Los Angeles, not self-interest, Riordan said.

"The people who have given a lot of money have no self-interest in government, they've made their money. These are people who love this city," Riordan said.

L.A. United's campaign finance report, filed with the City Ethics Commission, shows that some of the city's most power-

ful companies, unions, law firms, and individuals are casting their vote against secession by writing large checks. The committee reported receiving \$1.9 million as of June 30 with \$1.8 million still in the bank.

Among the donors are Eli Broad, a billionaire who made a fortune in home building and retirement services; and Jerry Perenchio, chairman of Univision, the nation's largest Spanish-language network. Both gave \$100,000 to the campaign.

Two of the concessionaires at Los Angeles International Airport, which are dependent on leases approved by Hahn appointees, gave \$25,000 each. And labor unions representing public employees have contributed a total of \$85,000 to the campaign.

The largest donation — \$250,000 — came from Majestic Realty Co., run by Ed Roski. Roski's company was one of the builders of the Staples Center, the downtown arena where the Los Angeles Lakers play, and is promoting a plan for a hotel, retail and entertainment project near the center.

But Roski's support of L.A. United is more personal than professional, one of his executives said.

"Our core business is not in the city. We build warehouse distribution centers. I think it is just a passion," said Fran Inman, a senior vice president at Majestic. "The more we looked at secession, the more appalled we were. There are just so many unanswered questions."

Secession backers see the contributions as evidence that city government is controlled by powerful business interests and unions.

"This says that the downtown power elite, those with a vested interest in maintaining the status quo are investing heavily to protect their interests," said Richard Katz, chairman of the San Fernando Valley Independence Committee. "They fear change and they fear a dilution of their power."

Katz said his committee's fund-raising report would be modest by comparison. The Hollywood and valley secession committees, which are using the same private fund-raising company, are expected to report around \$300,000 in contributions, Katz said.

Judge ruled Net governing group must give record access

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The non-profit group that governs the Internet is subject to California laws and must allow its board member to inspect its financial records, a Superior Court judge ruled Monday.

Judge Dzintra Janavs ordered Marina Del Rey-based Internet Corp. for Assigned Names and Numbers to make its documents available to Karl Auerbach, a Santa Cruz computer researcher. The publicly elected board member alleged the group delayed his request numerous times and issued a policy that limited his access rights.

Janavs ruled state law does not permit non-profit corporations to place any restrictions or conditions on their board members' inspection rights.

ICANN will consider whether to appeal the decision upon review of the court's written judgment, which is expected to be issued next week, group spokeswoman Mary Hewitt said in a prepared statement.

"So long as (Auerbach) continues to assert that he has a unilateral right to make decisions on behalf of ICANN without regard to the views of his fellow directors, ICANN is required to seek to protect the rights of the corporation from being abridged," Hewitt said.

The group was formed in 1998 by a coalition of the Internet's business, technical, academic and user communities to manage domain names and other numbering systems.

Auerbach began asking for corporate records shortly after he was elected in November 2000 to be one of five at-large members of ICANN's board of directors. But the group repeatedly delayed in responding to his request, Auerbach alleged in his lawsuit.

He contends that despite being created to regulate and develop the World Wide Web, ICANN has become beholden to corporate interests.

The organization needs to be reformed, he said.

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James S. Traficant gets eight years in prison

BY PAUL SINGER
Associated Press Writer

CLEVELAND — Expelled from Congress a week ago, an unrepentant James A. Traficant Jr. was sentenced to eight years behind bars for corruption Tuesday and made it clear he intends to run for re-election from his prison cell — and expects to win.

The 61-year-old former House member was immediately led off to jail in handcuffs after the judge refused to let him remain free on bail while he appeals his conviction on charges of taking bribes and kickbacks.

“Quite frankly, I expect to be re-elected,” the pugnacious former congressman told U.S. District Judge Lesley Wells.

The judge gave Traficant a longer sentence than the minimum 7 1/4 years prosecutors had requested, saying he had undermined respect for the government and lied to distract attention from the charges against him.

The judge also fined him \$150,000 on top of the \$96,000 the jury required him to forfeit in ill-gotten gains.

“To protect a junkyard full of deceit and corruption and greed, you fought like a junkyard dog,” Wells said, borrowing Traficant’s own words.

Traficant — a Democrat known on Capitol Hill for his arm-waving rants on the House floor, his loud ’70s-style suits and bellbottoms, and his thatch of unruly gray hair and shaggy sideburns — was unrepentant: “I committed no crime. I regret nothing that I said.”

He turned to one of the prosecutors and repeated his oft-stated claim of witness intimidation. “You should be ashamed of yourself, not me,” he said.

Defiant throughout his trial and ethics hearings in Congress, Traficant filed earlier this year to run for a 10th term in November as an independent, despite the threat of imprisonment and expulsion.

Traficant said Tuesday he plans to run for re-election from jail, and asked the judge to select a prison in Ohio to make sure he is still eligible to run in the state. He said that if he wins, he will try to abolish the IRS and create an advisory board to oversee the Justice Department.

Traficant was found guilty of bribery, tax evasion and racketeering April 11 after a 2 1/2-month trial in which he mounted a loud, sometimes comic and frequently vulgar defense, serving as his own lawyer without benefit of a law degree.

He was found guilty of requiring staff members to do personal chores for him and kick back a portion of their paychecks and of accepting cash and various favors from businessmen who were seeking his help in Washington.

Last Wednesday, he was expelled from the House in a 420-1 vote, with only Rep. Gary Condit, whose career was ended by his connection to slain intern Chandra Levy, siding with Traficant. Traficant became only the second congressman expelled since the end of the Civil War.

Wells rejected Traficant’s argument that he should not be sanctioned because he has already been punished by expulsion from the House. Traficant had argued that a prison sentence would amount to double jeopardy, or being punished twice for the same crime. Wells agreed with prosecutors that expulsion is not criminal punishment.

At his sentencing, Traficant complained that the judge did not allow him to argue at his trial that the government has a vendetta against him. “Why did you tie my hands behind my back?” he asked. The judge ordered him to sit down.

Prosecutors had asked the judge to deny Traficant bail, saying he had bragged that he would escape from prison and had threatened federal agents in the case.

Federal prosecutor Craig Morford welcomed the judge’s decision.

Princeton president upset at computer snooping charges

By The Associated Press

PRINCETON, N.J. — Princeton University’s president has condemned the unauthorized visits from admissions office computers to a Yale University Web site for prospective students.

In a message posted Monday on Princeton’s Web site, President Shirley Tilghman said “basic ethical principles of privacy and confidentiality are at stake here. Violations of these principles ... must not, and will not, be tolerated.”

Yale officials have found 18 unauthorized log-ins to their site that were traced to computers at Princeton, including 14 from computers in its admissions office.

The Yale site allowed undergraduate applicants to see if they were accepted to the university. Applicants could access the site and information about their own status simply by using their Social Security numbers and birthdates.

Marilyn Marks, a Princeton spokeswoman, would not comment on a report by The Washington Post that said Princeton admission officials accessed the account of fashion model Lauren Bush,

the president’s niece. Lauren Bush’s publicist, Christine Schott of Elite Model Management in New York, told The Times of Trenton she will attend Princeton this fall after having been accepted there and at Yale.

Stephen LeMenager, Princeton’s associate dean and director of admission, said the school checked Yale’s site simply to see how secure it was. Princeton gained access to the Web site using information from students who had applied to both schools.

LeMenager is on paid administrative leave pending the outcome of an investigation.

The site included a notice that only students, not parents or others, may access the site, and it warned that Yale would investigate and act on any unauthorized use.

Marks said university officials have determined that the four log-ins not linked to the admissions office were not the fault of administrators.

Three were made by Princeton students checking on the status of a sibling’s Yale application, and the fourth involved a status check by a Yale applicant who used a Princeton computer, Marks said.

NATIONAL



Federal officials find rails out of alignment by two feet

BY STEPHEN MANNING

Associated Press Writer

KENSINGTON, Md. — The engineer of the Amtrak train that derailed this week saw a “misshapen” area of track just before the accident and investigators later found the rails more than two feet out of alignment, a federal official said Tuesday.

Carol Carmody, vice chairwoman of the National Transportation Safety Board, wouldn’t say whether the misaligned track caused the double-decker passenger train to derail about 10 miles from its destination.

“The alignment was existing before the derailment, let’s put it that way,” Carmody said.

The engineer of the Capitol Limited told investigators he applied the brakes after seeing the “misshapen” area, which he said was about 18 inches long, Carmody said. The train derailed about 45 seconds later.

Investigators found the track in the area was as much as 30 inches out of alignment, Carmody said.

The train was traveling from Chicago to Washington when it went off the tracks, injuring 101 people. Sixteen of them remained hospitalized Tuesday, including one in serious condition.

What caused the track to buckle wasn’t immediately known, but experts speculated that Monday’s hot weather was to blame. The number of accidents due to heat-twisted track has dropped over the years, but no technology exists to stop it.

Buckling can happen on welded rails that don’t have joints, such as the CSX Corp. track the Amtrak train was on. Joints allow extra room when a rail expands in the heat; without them, the pressure can force track to bulge out more than a foot.

A reading taken before the accident showed the temperature of the rail was 118 degrees, Carmody said. However, she did not say whether that was unusual.

Earlier Tuesday, Rep. Jack Quinn, R-N.Y., who is chairman of the House transportation subcommittee on railroads, said initial reports show “the extreme temperatures in the Washington, D.C., area may have caused a heat kink in the track, forcing the train to derail.”

According to the Federal Railroad Administration, there were 174 accidents in 1980 resulting from buckled tracks. Last year, there were 44.

CSX, which owns and operates the tracks where the

accident occurred, said Tuesday it was ordering Amtrak and other commuter rail services that use its lines to slow down and follow rules imposed on its freight trains on days when heat threatens to warp rails.

“Until we know more facts about the recent derailment and are able to determine if there is a better solution, we’re taking the most conservative course,” said Alan Crown, executive vice president-transportation for CSX, which operates a 23,000-mile network in 23 states, the District of Columbia and two Canadian provinces.

The speed limit on the stretch of track where the accident happened normally is 70 mph for passenger trains and 55 mph for freight trains, CSX said. A heat order issued by CSX on Monday required freight trains, but not passenger trains, to travel 10 miles below the posted speed limit.

CSX said the new policy would begin Wednesday and continue at least until the end of the summer when temperatures rise to 90 degrees on consecutive days or fluctuate by 40 degrees two days in a row.

Amtrak spokesman Bill Epstein declined to comment about the specifics of the new policy, saying officials there hadn’t seen it yet.

“When we run on a host rail line, we have to follow their rules and regulations,” Epstein said.

Carmody also said that crews had worked on the tracks in the area where the derailment occurred on July 25 to ensure the rails had enough clearance from the rail bed. The crew initially used a mechanical tamper but finished the job by hand after the instrument broke down, she said.

The derailment occurred where the tamping stopped, she said.

“We’ve ruled nothing out,” Carmody said.

The derailment sent bleeding passengers crawling out windows and left a 150-yard stretch of twisted rails and ripped-up ties. Workers used cutting torches and cranes Tuesday to remove sections of damaged rails for examination.

An Amtrak engine towed six of the derailed double-decker passenger cars and four others from the site Tuesday. NTSB officials have said the cars would be taken to facilities for inspections.

CSX maintenance crews worked to replace the damaged track with new rails and wooden ties. The line was expected to re-open Tuesday night.



Juana Arias/Associated Press

A section of track is moved near the Capitol Limited as investigators and clean up crews work on Tuesday at the scene of Monday's Amtrak passenger train derailment in Kensington, Md. The overturned, damaged cars of the Capitol Limited have been put back on the tracks. Investigators probed whether summer heat could have contributed to the accident that sent a passenger train plowing off its rails and injured 101 people.

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NATIONAL

DNA evidence exonerates inmate of decades-old rape

BY JIM SUHR
Associated Press Writer

ST. LOUIS — A man who spent nearly 18 years behind bars for the rape of a college student was freed Tuesday after DNA tests cleared him.

Prosecutor Jennifer Joyce, who on Friday announced preliminary test results exonerating Larry Johnson, asked a judge to immediately release him after the final tests were completed Tuesday.

Hours after his release from the state's maximum-security Crossroads Correctional Facility, about 50 miles north of Kansas City, Johnson flew to Lambert Airport and into the tearful clutches of his family.

Johnson, 48, said he planned to reunite with loved ones and map out his job prospects as an "entrepreneur." He said he harbored no bitterness toward police, prosecutors or the 20-year-old female college student who wrongly accused him of raping her in 1984.

"Human errors happen every day," he said, smiling.

What mattered, he insisted, was liberty and the fact he never lost hope.

"When you've been through hell so many times, you've got nothing but peace left," he said.

The St. Louis man was convicted of attacking a 20-year-old Saint Louis University student in her car. The victim said her attacker, armed with a knife, kept a sweatshirt pulled over his head but removed a scarf from around his face.

The victim was shown 140 mugshots and identified Johnson, then picked him out of a lineup.

A Missouri law enacted last year lets convicted rapists seek new DNA tests if the technology was not available when they were tried.

In announcing the preliminary DNA results, Joyce said Johnson had been "horribly wronged" when he was convicted and sentenced in 1984 to life plus 30 years for rape, sodomy, kidnapping and robbery.

"Absolutely, there is no way I can ever make this up to him," said Joyce, who had no role in Johnson's trial. "But I'm really relieved and gratified to uncover this miscarriage of justice."

Joyce said she planned to ask police to reopen the case.

Barry Scheck, co-founder of the New York-based Innocence Project, which has pushed for DNA tests for Johnson and many other prisoners, applauded the release but accused Joyce of delaying Johnson's tests.

Three slayings connected to serial killer in Baton Rouge

BY MELINDA DESLATTE
Associated Press Writer

BATON ROUGE, La. — Women in Louisiana's capital were on edge Tuesday, a day after police confirmed three unsolved slayings were the work of a serial killer.

Many walkers and joggers were staying away from a Louisiana State University path near where two of the slain women lived, though all of the victims were attacked in their homes.

"There's normally a lot of cars, but we were the only ones here," said Donna Pfefferle, 45, as she walked on the lake-side path with friend Debra Sorel.

Police on Monday said DNA evidence shows that the man who killed Pam Kinamore July 12 also was responsible for the Sept. 24 strangling of Gina Wilson Green and the May 31 stabbing death of Charlotte Murray Pace. Police had linked the Pace and Green cases two weeks earlier.

Police set up a hot line for information about the cases and offered safety seminars in the city of 230,000. Some residents said they are taking precautions.

Police would not comment on the details of the investigation but said they are examining nearly three dozen other unsolved murders of women over the last decade to see if any of those cases are connected. The FBI is helping.

Holocaust survivor dies telling her story a final time

By The Associated Press

SPRING GROVE, Ill. — Lisa Derman had told her story countless times, recounting how she watched the Nazis massacre thousands of Jews but managed to escape their fate.

Derman, who committed her life to making sure the world never forgot the Holocaust and was president of the Holocaust Memorial Foundation of Illinois, told her story for the last time Sunday. The 75-year-old Derman died of an apparent heart attack while giving a testimony of her life at the Illinois Storytelling Festival.

"It gives me chills to say it, but her last public words were, 'Please remember this story and tell it to others because I don't know how long I will be here,'" said a son,

Daniel, of Evanston. "It's unbelievable."

Derman, of suburban Northbrook, had been speaking for about 20 minutes when she sat down, handed the microphone to her husband, Aron, and said softly, "I think I'm having a heart attack."

Paramedics and doctors in the crowd rushed to her side, and her husband knelt beside her and held her hand, witnesses said.

"Her last conscious act was to do what she knew was the most important thing to do," said foundation executive director Lillian Polus Gerstner. "Lisa Derman was a walking illustration of the philosophy so many Holocaust survivors have of the critical need to share their experiences with as many people as possible, particularly young people."

Derman, who was born in Poland, was 14 when the Nazis invaded her town.

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INTERNATIONAL



Suicide bomber attacks downtown Jerusalem

BY MARK LAVIE
Associated Press Writer

JERUSALEM — A Palestinian suicide bomber blew himself up Tuesday at a central Jerusalem fast-food stand popular with police, wounding four Israelis, police said. In the West Bank, gunmen killed two Israeli settlers who had entered a Palestinian village.

It was the first suicide bombing in Jerusalem since a pair of attacks June 18-19 killed 26 Israelis and prompted Israel to reoccupy seven of eight major Palestinian towns in the West Bank.

In the Jerusalem attack, the bomber entered the Yemenite Felafel Stand, located on a busy downtown street, and detonated the explosives, apparently prematurely, said Jerusalem Police Chief Mickey Levy.

"What is clear now is that the bomber died and there are four wounded," he said.

Government spokesman Daniel Seaman said the bomber was a 17-year old Palestinian from the West Bank town of Bethlehem.

The blast occurred in one of the most heavily guarded areas of downtown Jerusalem, on Hanevi'im street, or Prophet street. There have been at least eight bombing and shooting attacks in the area in the past 22 months of fighting.

Inside the stand, which sells typical Middle Eastern fried chickpea patties, blood splattered the cash register and counter, and the remains of the bomber were strewn about the ground.

"There was a big bomb, and some of the fragments hit my window and I realized immediately it was a suicide bombing," said Israel Adliarstein, who works across the street from the stand.

"I saw the owner (of the felafel stand) come out with his son and daughter," he said. "They were in shock but they didn't look badly injured."

Glass shards littered the street in front of the stand, which is popular with Jerusalem police, whose headquarters is

nearby. Israel Radio said it appeared the bomber drew the attention of police officers at the stand and that he set off the explosion prematurely.

Sharon spokesman Raanan Gissin said that Israeli plans to ease restrictions on Palestinians would be delayed if attacks continued. "These are just major setbacks which cause more suffering and more tragedy to the Palestinian people," he said.

Israel has blamed Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat for attacks on its civilians, saying the Palestinian Authority has done nothing to stop militant groups. The Palestinians argue that Israel's military assaults on its cities and security forces have left them with little ability to prevent attacks.

In the West Bank, masked Palestinian gunmen hiding behind olive trees shot and killed two Israeli settlers who had gone to a Palestinian village for business, residents and military sources said.

The Al Aqsa Martyrs Brigades, linked to Arafat's Fatah movement, claimed responsibility for the attack.

The violence occurred as Palestinians in Nablus defied the Israeli-imposed army curfew for the third day in a row Tuesday, restoring a semblance of normal life in the city after more than a month of military occupation.

And it came amid efforts by Israeli Defense Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer to resume security talks with the Palestinians to get them to take over security in Gaza and areas of the West Bank, allowing Israeli troops to withdraw, his spokesman, Yarden Vatikai, said Tuesday.

Palestinian Interior Minister Abdel Razek Yehiyeh, who is responsible for the security services, said "serious preparations" were under way for a meeting but that a date hadn't been set. Vatikai said Israel had not approached Yehiyeh yet, but that talks could come within days.

Yehiyeh denied reports that he had squabbled Monday with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat over a reshuffling in the police forces. He said he would travel to Washington with the Palestinian delegation as previously planned.



John McConico/Associated Press

Police forensic experts inspect the site of a bombing at a fast-food stand in Jerusalem on Tuesday. A Palestinian suicide bomber blew himself up Tuesday at the central Jerusalem food stand popular with police, injuring four Israelis.

Argentine icebreaker on rescue mission trapped in ice

BY LAURENCE NORMAN
Associated Press Writer

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina — An Argentine icebreaker attempting to rescue a German ship trapped in the Antarctic ice pack has itself become bogged down and could spend the next few months at sea, the icebreaker's captain said Tuesday.

The Almirante Irizar, one of Latin America's most formidable icebreakers, has been pulling the German vessel Magdalena Oldendorff to safety since July 19, but plummeting temperatures recently stalled the ships' progress, Capt. Eduardo Benmuyal said via satellite telephone.

"The winter conditions have made the ice even more compact in the last few days, making it impossible for now to navigate," Benmuyal said.

He said it now seemed likely both ships will remain trapped until November or December at the start of the southern hemisphere summer.

The vessels are 940 miles from the open sea in what Benmuyal described as a "very, very safe" position. The icebreaker will try one last time to break out of the ice in the coming days, although the Magdalena Oldendorff will be left where it is.

"We are trying to identify a safe place to make our way north," he said, adding that the icebreaker will use data from heli-

icopters and satellites to plot that route.

If unsuccessful, the ship is equipped to spend the next months where it is.

The Magdalena Oldendorff was carrying 79 Russian scientists and 28 crew to Cape Town, South Africa, from the Novolazarevskaya station in northeast Antarctica when it became trapped by drifting ice June 11 and was forced to

anchor in a bay. It was returning from a scientific mission at the time.

In a July 2 rescue mission, 89 passengers were lifted from the ship by South African military helicopters and taken to Cape Town in a rescue mission complicated by freezing temperatures, high winds and short winter days.

Sixteen German crew and one Argentine

doctor remain on board. They are in good spirits and have sufficient food, clothes and fuel to last the winter, Benmuyal said.

The Almirante Irizar was carrying hundreds of tons of fuel and supplies when it left June 25 for the 5,000-mile voyage that took more than three weeks.

It was unclear how many people were aboard the icebreaker.

U.N. join forces on controlling tobacco trade

BY DAFNA LINZER
Associated Press Writer

UNITED NATIONS — Negotiators from nearly 150 countries and the tobacco industry met at the United Nations Tuesday to work out a treaty halting the illicit tobacco trade linked to organized crime and terrorism.

The three-day conference is being held under the auspices of the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

Dr. Derek Yach, the executive director of the World Health Organization, said about 20 billion cigarette packs are smuggled every year, cheating governments of \$25 billion-\$30 billion in revenues.

"Tobacco smuggling undermines national pricing policies, deprives gov-

ernments of revenues used to combat smoking, permits tobacco companies to subvert and undermine international cooperation in tobacco control and above all, undermines legal restrictions and health regulations such as those that deal with health warnings and sales to minors," Yach said.

ATF Director Bradley Buckles said the illegal tobacco trade "provides fuel to organized crime and terrorist activities."

He recalled a recent case in North Carolina where a man was convicted in connection with a cigarette smuggling scheme "to provide money and supplies in support of the Hezbollah." The Lebanese-based organization carries out attacks against Israel and is on the State Department's list of foreign terrorist organizations.

New York Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly told negotiators that cigarette price discrepancies among different states "has attracted traditional organized crime groups and more recently, individuals with suspected links to terrorist organizations."

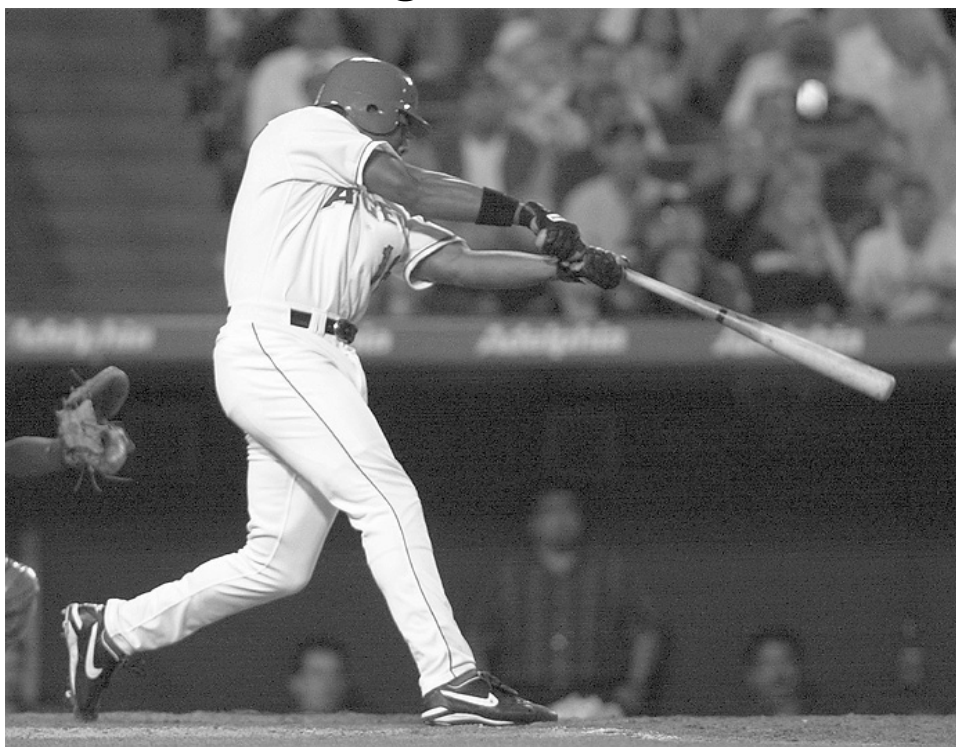
"International boundaries do not provide the safeguards against smuggling that they may have in the past and organized crime is poised to take advantage of the eagerness of nations to break down the barriers that separate us," Kelly said.

Views on a Framework Convention on Tobacco Control are varied among negotiators, especially those from tobacco-producing countries. But the United States strongly supports the idea of a treaty, the ATF said.



SPORTS

Sacrifice swing



Krista Niles/Associated Press
Anaheim Angels' Garrett Anderson drives in the go-ahead run with a sacrifice fly to score Tim Salmon during the eighth inning against the Boston Red Sox on Monday in Anaheim. The Angels won 5-4.

SF Niners ready to take American football to Japan

BY GREG BEACHAM

AP Sports Writer

STOCKTON — Masafumi Kawaguchi doesn't mind being a tour guide or an interpreter for the San Francisco 49ers this week — particularly if they'll help him out in return.

"I told the guys that if I take care of them in Japan, they've got to take care of me with a job," said Kawaguchi, a veteran NFL Europe linebacker who was assigned to San Francisco for the American Bowl in Osaka on Sunday morning (Saturday night EDT).

The 49ers leave for Japan on Wednesday. After a few receptions, a bit of sightseeing and a publicity appearance or two, they'll play an exhibition game against the Washington Redskins at the Osaka Dome.

A week of culture shock and a 10,778-mile round trip might not be the best way to prepare for an important season, but the 49ers seem excited about the prospect of broadening their horizons. Kawaguchi, who attended a California high school, is just one of many players who will be looking to catch coach Steve Mariucci's eye.

"It's a good chance for the young guys to have a great experience, but everybody has to remember that we're there to get a job done and get ready for the season," said defensive lineman Bryant Young, who went to Tokyo with the 49ers in 1995 for an American Bowl. "It'll be fun, and it'll be something to remember for your lifetime."

Aside from Kawaguchi, reserve defensive back Jimmy Williams is the only San Francisco player who speaks Japanese. Williams, who's from Louisiana, took Japanese classes in high school and studied in Japan for four months.

"Everybody's planning to hang out with Jimmy and that other guy from Japan," rookie cornerback Mike Rumph said. "I think it will be fun. The only thing I heard to watch out for was that some of

the things you buy over there might not work in America."

The American Bowl is the first of five exhibition games for the 49ers this summer. Mariucci refuses to complain about San Francisco's onerous schedule, which includes three games in 10 days to close the preseason, but he shares the sentiments of nearly every coach about the preseason's length.

"I believe we could do it in three preseason games," Mariucci said, citing the numerous minicamps, smaller rosters and year-round conditioning programs that make the lengthy exhibition season less necessary.

The 49ers will be playing in their eighth American Bowl since 1988. They've been everywhere from London to Berlin and Barcelona, but only a handful of the current players were around for San Francisco's last game abroad — in Vancouver in 1998.

Aside from Young, only J.J. Stokes, Dana Stubblefield and Derrick Deese were with the 49ers seven years ago for their previous trip to Japan.

San Francisco will practice twice in the Osaka Dome before the game, but much of the trip will be devoted to receptions and recreation. One player who's guaranteed to be focused on football is backup quarterback Tim Rattay, who will play most of the game after Pro Bowler Jeff Garcia opens.

"I feel pretty good about the X's and O's, but you don't really understand the rest of it until you get game experience," Rattay said. "That's what I'm waiting for, and that's what I need. There's a different level, a different speed in the regular season."

Rattay has barely played in two seasons as Garcia's backup, and the 49ers seem nervous about starting another season with such an inexperienced player in the role. San Francisco drafted Brandon Doman and traded for Cade McNown in the offseason, though Mariucci insists Rattay has job security.

Martinez pitches Red Sox to win over Angels

BY BETH HARRIS

AP Sports Writer

ANAHEIM — Pedro Martinez pitched two-hit ball for eight innings and struck out nine as the Boston Red Sox used home runs from Jason Varitek and Shea Hillenbrand to beat the Anaheim Angels 6-0 Tuesday night.

The Red Sox cut Anaheim's lead in the wild card race to one game and remained five behind the New York Yankees in the AL East.

The Angels dropped a game behind first-place Seattle in the West.

Martinez (14-2) left after 93 pitches and was relieved by Ugueth Urbina. The three-time Cy Young winner limited Anaheim to leadoff singles in the second and fourth innings by Brad Fullmer and Darin Erstad.

Urbina pitched a perfect ninth, setting down the last three of 17 straight Angels to be retired. The game took just 2 hours, 14 minutes.

Fullmer was picked off by Martinez, and Erstad was erased on Garret Anderson's 3-6-3 double-play grounder. Anaheim's only other baserunner was Tim Salmon, who walked in the first.

Martinez retired his last 14 batters, improving to 7-0 with a 1.10 ERA in his last eight starts. He lowered his season ERA to 2.36, just 13 points higher than league-leading teammate Derek Lowe.

Midway through the game, the Red Sox acquired outfielder Cliff Floyd from Montreal in a trade that sent minor league right-handers Sun-Woo Kim and Seung Song to the Expos.

Ramon Ortiz (9-8) was charged with six runs and seven hits in six innings. Three of the runs were unearned, the result of three errors by an Anaheim defense that entered tied with Minnesota for the fewest errors in the AL at 56.

Varitek opened the scoring with a two-out solo homer in the fourth inning, his eighth of the season. It extended his hitting streak to 16 games — the longest of his career.

The Red Sox increased the lead to 5-0 with four runs in the fifth, parlaying errors by shortstop David Eckstein and first baseman Fullmer with consecutive one-out RBI doubles by Johnny Damon, Trot Nixon and Nomar Garciaparra.

Brian Daubach started the inning with a leadoff walk, and Tony Clark followed with a grounder just to the left of second base. Eckstein, thinking double play, booted the ball as he approached the bag and everyone was safe.

Rey Sanchez hit another apparent double-play grounder to third, but second baseman Adam Kennedy's relay to first could not be handled by Fullmer, allowing Daubach to score.

Damon drove in Sanchez with his double to right-center and scored when Nixon doubled off Fullmer's glove. Garciaparra knocked in Boston's fifth run with a double to left-center.

Hillenbrand led off the sixth with his 15th homer, one pitch after Angels catcher Jose Molina was charged with an error for dropping a foul pop near the first-base dugout.

It was the 29th home run allowed by Ortiz, most in the majors.

Third-place cyclist in Tour de France says he's clean

BY MICHAEL MCDONOUGH

Associated Press Writer

PARIS — The third-place finisher in the Tour de France insisted he used no banned substances during the race and the drugs found on his wife were medications for his mother-in-law.

"I have never taken anything. My Tour is clean," Lithuania's Raimondas Rumsas told the Italian Gazzetta dello Sport newspaper on Tuesday.

Enrico Carpani, a spokesman for world cycling's governing body, the UCI, said Tuesday that all of Rumsas' drug tests from the Tour were negative.

Rumsas commented for the first time since his wife was detained Sunday morning after being caught with a stash of suspicious drugs by customs officials en route to Italy.

Edita Rumsas was put under formal investigation for supplying doping products following a hearing before an investigative magistrate Tuesday, prosecutor Vincent Le Paner said.

"The explanations given by the rider's wife are for now incomplete and in some cases hardly credible," Le Paner said. "They require numerous further inquiries."

Christian Lothion, of the judicial police in Lyon, said "an enormous amount of products" were seized from Edita Rumsas' vehicle that was stopped by customs officials near the Mont Blanc tunnel.

The illicit products included the injectable form of the performance-enhancing substance EPO and testosterone, he said.

The magistrate's hearing did not specify for whom the products were intended.

Raimondas Rumsas told the Italian sports paper he had not spoken with his wife. Concerning the products she was carrying, he said: "She was bringing them from Lithuania for my mother-in-law, Yakstenia."

Phone calls to Rumsas' house in Lucca were not answered Tuesday, and his Milan lawyer, Federico Cecconi, declined to make a statement.

Rumsas' performance in the grueling race surprised everyone, and Tour champion Lance Armstrong lauded him as a promising rider.

Six members of the logistical staff of the rider's Lampre team also were held for questioning, then freed, with no charges, said judicial sources, speaking on customary condition of anonymity.

Coach Pietro Algeri said Rumsas would be dismissed should the investigation show he used illegal substances.

"For the moment, we don't have this information," he said.

"If it turns out that there was doping by Rumsas during the Tour, he will lose his position in the standings and be suspended" from the Tour, Baal said by telephone Monday.

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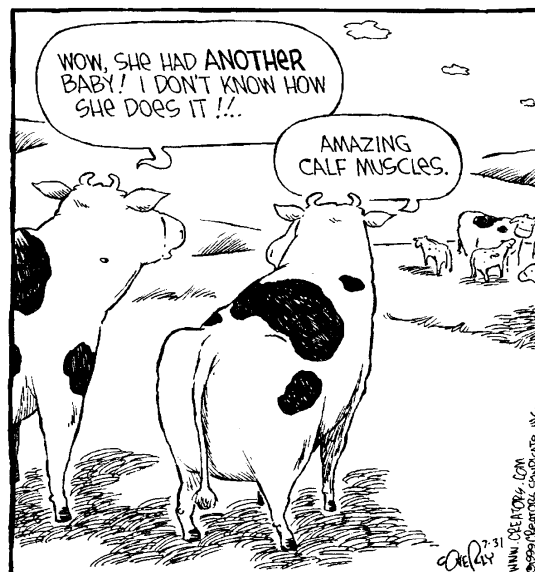
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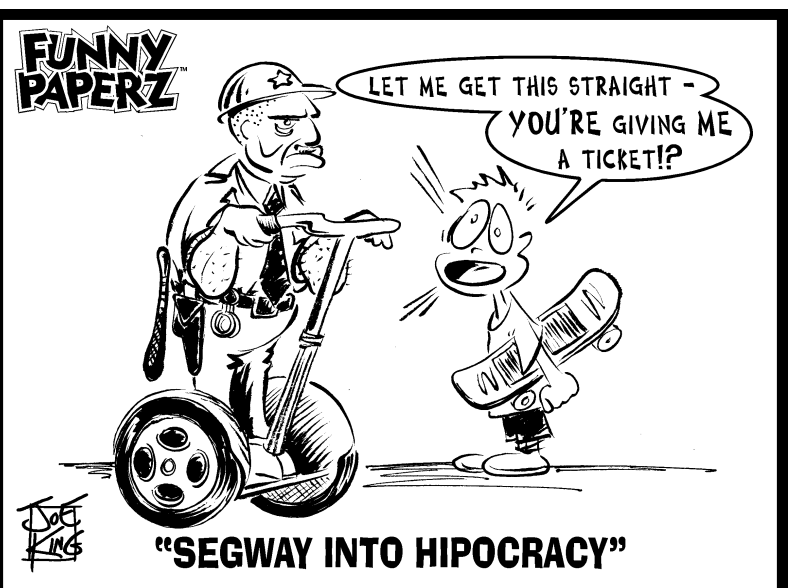


NEWS OF THE WEIRD

by Chuck Shepard

Arabs hold beauty contest for camels

- During the same week in February that the Westminster Dog Show opened in New York City, United Arab Emirates held its first-ever beauty contest for camels in Abu Dhabi, with total prize money of about \$27,000.
- In June, an Interlachen, Fla., farmer named a goat (which he said came from a long line of show goats) Li'l Dale when it was born with a white marking in the shape of a "3" on its brown coat (and which the hundreds of Floridians who flocked to see it thought was surely a divine sign about the late NASCAR driver Dale Earnhardt). (Babe Ruth also wore number 3, but the visitors seemed certain the goat did not refer to him.)



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Calendar

Wednesday, July 31, 2002

movies

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

Mann Criterion
1313 Third St.
Minotity Report (PG-13) 11:40, 3:15, 7:10, 10:30. *Men in Black II* (PG-13) 11:30, 2:10, 4:45, 7:40, 10:10. *Austin powers in Goldmember* (PG-13) 11:00, 12:00, 1:30, 2:30, 4:15, 5:15, 7:00, 8:00, 9:40, 10:40. *My Big Fat Greek Wedding* (PG) 11:20, 2:00, 4:30, 7:20, 9:50. *K-19: The Widowmaker* (PG-13) 12:30, 4:00, 7:30, 10:45.

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

Landmark Nu-Wilshire
1314 Wilshire Blvd.
Sex and Lucia (NR) 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45. *Lovely and Amazing* (R) 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:15, 9:30.

Laemmle Monica
1332 2nd St.
Y Tu Mama Tambien (NR) 12:00, 5:10, 10:15. *Read My Lips* (NR) 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45. *Me Without You* (R) 2:35, 7:45. *Tadpole* (PG-13) 1:30, 3:35, 5:40, 7:45, 9:55. *Who is Cletis Tout?* (R) 1:00, 3:20, 5:40, 8:00, 10:20.

Today

Community

Santa Monica Strutters, a FREE program sponsored by UCLA Healthcare's 50-Plus Program! Walking programs for adults 50 or older looking for safe, low-impact exercise in a comfortable environment. The Santa Monica Strutters meet Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, from 8 a.m. To 10 a.m., at Santa Monica Place, Fourth St. and Broadway Ave. in Santa Monica

Senior Suppers - Discounted meals for people AGE 55 or older are served daily, from 3:30 p.m. To 7 p.m., in the cafeteria at Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center, 1250 16th Street in Santa Monica. \$3.69 Info only: (310)319-4837.

Classes

Los Angeles Arts Academy, Summer Art Camp in Santa Monica & Westchester. Ages 5 to 13

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Music / Entertainment

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

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

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Thursday

Community

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

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American Cancer Society's Relay for Life

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The Survivor Lap & The Relay for Life

Opening Ceremonies begin on Saturday, August 3, 2002, @ 9:00 a.m. with the Survivor's Lap in celebration of their victory, because cancer never sleeps. This lap demonstrates the importance and reason for Relay For Life celebrations. If you are a survivor, mark your calendar to participate in this heart warming first lap. Special T-shirts and a reception hosted by Shutters On The Beach and Casa Del Mar will be provided to all cancer survivors at this event. The Relay for Life will be teams that are made up of 10-15 members and will relay a 24 hour walk around the Santa Monica College track. Enjoy music, entertainment and refreshments and build team spirit in this local, powerful fundraiser to find the cure for cancer.

Light the Way to a Cure with the Luminary Walk

On Saturday, August 3, 2002, at Santa Monica College, Corsair Field, we will be holding a Relay For Life luminary ceremony at 9:00 p.m. The luminary bags will line the track and will have the name of a person for whom the luminary was purchased. You may purchase a luminary in "honor" of someone who is battling cancer, or has survived cancer, or in "memory" for someone who lost his or her battle with cancer. You do not need to be present or a participant in the Relay to take part in this ceremony. But everyone is invited to attend and to light their luminary candles. It's the most powerful and moving part of Relay!

August 3-4, 2002

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