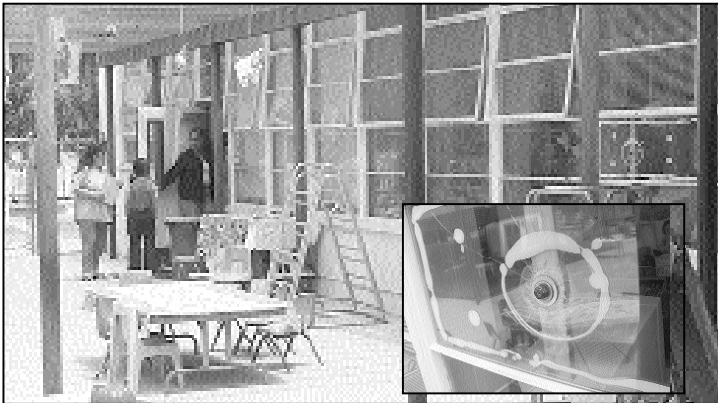


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Violence breaks out in Pico neighborhood

Stray bullet lands at pre-school; no one injured

BY CAROLYN SACKARIASON
Daily Press Staff Writer

Gunfire erupted in an east side neighborhood Wednesday morning, but no one was injured despite that one bullet traveled more than seven blocks and hit a pre-school.

Santa Monica Police are looking for two Hispanic men driving a brown or rust colored mini-van, who witnesses say may have been involved in the shooting, which occurred at 17th Street and Delaware Avenue.

SMPD responded at 8:39 a.m. to a call of shots fired in the alley between 17th Street and 18th Street on Delaware Avenue. Less than a minute later, while officers were en route, a call came from John Adams Child Development Center that a bullet hit an office window there.

Officers responded to the pre-school within 35 seconds, said Lt. Frank Fabrega, who noted first priority for the SMPD was the childcare facility because of the presence of children there. Police responded to the shooting scene on Delaware Avenue within three minutes.

All of the children were inside of the building when the stray bullet struck the window, which was only a few feet away from the pre-school supervisor's desk. The supervisor, who declined to give her name

or say whether or not she was sitting at her desk at the time, said the children were told to "stay down low." She fielded calls from worried parents Wednesday afternoon after they were informed by SMPD that a stray bullet landed at the school.

"It appears the shots came from the vehicle.

We did not locate any victims."

— LT. FRANK FABREGA
SMPD spokesman

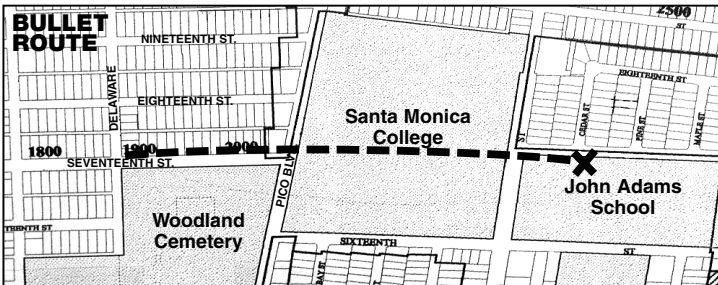
"It was an isolated incident," she said. "It could happen anywhere, and we are so grateful that no one was hurt."

The bullet traveled at least seven blocks to the south — from Delaware Avenue to Pico Boulevard, over Santa Monica College's main campus and the pre-school's outside courtyard before it was stopped by the office window, which did not break but was marked with a bullet hole.

"A bullet can travel up to a mile," Fabrega said.

Police recovered one bullet at the pre-school and plugged the hole in the window. Officers also discovered several empty shell casings and bullet fragments in the alleyway on Delaware Avenue.

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Carolyn Sackariason/Daily Press

It was business as usual at John Adams Child Development Center on Wednesday afternoon. A stray bullet from a shooting at 17th Street and Delaware Avenue traveled a half mile to where it hit an office window on Wednesday morning. The bullet managed to pass over the Santa Monica College campus. No one was injured.

Big Blue Bus kills elderly homeless man

BY ANDREW H. FIXMER
Daily Press Staff Writer

A Big Blue Bus fatally wounded a 70-year-old homeless man Tuesday evening as he attempted to cross Ocean Avenue.

According to eyewitnesses, the man had the right of way when the Big Blue Bus tried to make a left turn from Broadway as the traffic light was changing, though Santa Monica police investigators have officially ruled the incident an accident.

"There is no indication of any wrongdoing," said Lt. Frank Fabrega, a SMPD spokesman. "It is being considered an accident."

The route 1 bus, number 4023, struck the man at 7:32 p.m., sending him flying nearly 20 feet. Witnesses said the man was bleeding badly from his nose, ears and head — though the LA County Coroner's Office has ruled the cause of death as "blunt chest trauma."

Paramedics with the Santa Monica Fire Department transported the man to UCLA Medical Center where emergency room doctors pronounced him dead, according to an official with the coroner's office.

"It hit him squarely in the chest and a made a big sound that went 'boom,'" said Andrew Trayhan, a witness who was waiting for a Line 1 bus nearby. "It sounded like a gunshot."

Police are not releasing the name of the deceased while they attempt to contact his next of kin. Big Blue Bus officials say it is against company policy to reveal the names of drivers involved in traffic accidents.

Police and coroner officials described the victim as a "transient." One homeless witness said the man went by the name of "Pops" and stayed predominantly in Venice Beach.

"We knew him and he was homeless,"

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Wright pleads not guilty to 1998 Santa Monica murder

BY ANDREW H. FIXMER
Daily Press Staff Writer

A convicted felon who's DNA has linked him to a 1998 Santa Monica murder plead not guilty to charges of brutally raping and killing a 20-year-old female victim.

David Thomas Wright, 47, was arraigned Wednesday in a downtown Los Angeles Superior Court building. Wright has been charged with the June 14, 1998 rape and murder of Aviva Labbe, who was found sodomized and murdered in a walkway of a vacant Santa Monica home.

A preliminary hearing date will be set when Los Angeles County Deputy District Attorney Ellen Aragon and

Wright's public defender meet on Sept. 9 at a "scheduling" hearing. Until then, Wright is being held without bail.

However, the prosecution believes the preliminary hearing will not take place for many months.

"There's a lot of evidence to go over," said Sandi Gibbons, a spokeswoman for the district attorney's office.

Wright is already in the California state prison system serving a 6-year sentence for battery of a Santa Monica police officer during an unrelated incident, authorities said. In January, a jury found Wright guilty of battery, resisting arrest and failing to register himself as a

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★★★ Don't lose your temper. Talk! You find a creative solution if you just chill out, think and detach. Pressure builds between your different life concerns. A friend means a lot, but so does a loved one. Consider cloning yourself! Tonight: Make that inevitable choice.

♉ TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Not everyone falls in line, despite your extraordinary charm and positive nature. A situation might reverse itself if you relax and put more faith in those around you. Consider making a real estate investment in the near future. Tonight: Opt for a quiet night at home.

♊ GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★ Slow down, especially as you could be accident-prone right now. Not everyone does what you would like, but you find that a slow and steady pace makes a difference. Allow your sense of humor to emerge when others seek you out. Tonight: Vanish with a favorite person.

♋ CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You easily could go overboard. Avoid going to excesses, especially financially or emotionally. You might note a sudden change in how you feel or have some unanticipated problems showing up. You can handle whatever happens. Tonight: Talk to your pals.

♌ LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Pressure builds around work, no matter what goes on. Your high energy takes you in a new direction. You also start a new 11-year luck cycle today that will allow you many more options. Start visualizing what would make your life perfect. Tonight: Out with friends.

♍ VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Reach out for those at a distance. Seek out experts. You might want to consider taking more downtime. If you stay open to possibilities, your professional life could head in a new direction. Consider taking that seminar or trip. Tonight: Let your mind escape the here and now.

♎ LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You might feel a change in the wind as Jupiter, the planet of good luck, enters the sector that emphasizes your hopes and wishes. Be ready to make what you want happen. Network, with an eye to expanding your immediate circle of friends. Tonight: Let someone have what he or she wants.

♏ SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ You really might want to kick back and allow others to find you. You cannot seem to make another see things your way. Bosses make demands. Why not put your nose to the grindstone, making the most out of a situation? Tonight: Work late if you must.

♐ SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ You need to focus on work, striving to find unusual solutions to old problems. In the near future, you will have a chance to break out of a pattern or break through imposed restrictions. You might even get a hint today of what's in the wind! Tonight: Visit with a friend on the way home.

♑ CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Your creative efforts could finally be destined for some results. You might get criticism from an associate or someone you respect, but this same person can help pave the way to success. Don't resist change. Trust that what might be happening is positive. Tonight: Start thinking weekend.

♒ AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ You might feel like everyone is pushing you beyond your limits. Instead, learn to say no more often. Someone could give you a piece of his or her mind. On the other hand, this person could reverse his or her statement once the air clears. Tonight: Stay anchored.

♓ PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Reach out for others, not forgetting about your work. You do have a lot of ground to cover. Once you start focusing, you might find it hard to stop. You enter a very high energy cycle today that will last for a while. Tonight: At a favorite spot.

QUOTE of the DAY

“We must believe in luck. For how else can we explain the success of those we don't like.”

— Jean Cocteau (1889-1963)

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LOCAL



Man gets electrocuted at Santa Monica office, dies

BY ANDREW H. FIXMER
Daily Press Staff Writer

A 39-year-old Santa Monica man was electrocuted and died Wednesday when he cut through a clogged sewer pipe.

The accident occurred at 11:37 a.m. at an office building located at 1024 Pico Boulevard. Santa Monica Fire Department paramedics pronounced the unidentified man dead at the scene.

The electrocution was witnessed by several of the man's co-workers. They say the plumber was cutting through a pipe that was contributing to a clogged sewer. When water spewed from the pipe after being cut, the man was touching electrical wires. Apparently, he was lying on the floor where the wires were. When his belt buckle touched the wire, he was electrocuted. Witnesses say the man yelled out 'electricity' before collapsing dead.

The office where the man was working, Intestinal Fitness, was being remodeled. The complex where the accident occurred, which houses eight individual business offices, will be without electricity for two days, said Blair Brandenburg, who works at nearby Network Solutions International.

"It's horrific," he said, adding he was joking with the plumber just two days ago.

California Occupational Safety and Health Office investigators were on scene Wednesday afternoon, along with Santa Monica Police forensics officers, gathering evidence and taking photographs.



Carolyn Sackariason/Daily Press

Santa Monica Police officers, city personnel and investigators from California's Occupational Safety and Health Office photograph the pipe that electrocuted a plumber at an office where he was working on Wednesday.

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.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Emeritus College's first annual art exhibit

By Daily Press staff

Santa Monica College's Emeritus College will hold its First Annual Art Exhibition — a juried show that includes works of many prominent artists — which will be shown at several stores along the Third Street Promenade and in Santa Monica Place.

The exhibit will be held from Sept. 15 through Nov. 22. The opening reception will be from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 15, starting at The Midnight Special Bookstore, 1318 Third Street Promenade in downtown Santa Monica. Viewers then follow an "art walk" that will take them to several other stores and end at the Community Focus Gallery in Santa Monica Place, where the largest concentration of works will be displayed.

Artists in the show include Henry Fukuhara, Lilian Molina and Joseph Palmer.

Emeritus College is SMC's well-respected program that serves about 3,000 older adults with classes and special programs. The college recently purchased a new Second Street office building for Emeritus that will be completed early next year.

The exhibit is funded by the Stratton-Pettit Foundation Visual Arts Fund for Emeritus College.

Senior health care

By Daily Press staff

The regular meeting of the Santa Monica Commission on Older Americans will feature guest speaker, Ruth Roemer, J.D., a nationally known leader in the field of public health, at the Ken Edwards Center in Santa Monica, 1527 Fourth Street, room 104-105.

The professor has served as president of the American Public Health Association and received numerous awards, including the UCLA Public Health Student Association Faculty of the Year Award and, most recently, the Beverlee A. Myers Award, presented by the California Department of Health Services to Ruth and her late husband, Milton.

As a professor emerita, Roemer, 86, teaches every quarter at the UCLA School of Public Health on Public Health Law & Policy. Roemer will speak on the current status of Medicare and proposals for including prescription drug coverage. The public is invited to ask questions at the end of the lecture.



Breaks are booming still, even as tropical swells from back to back hurricanes Douglas and Elida dwindle.

South swell dies off today, but makes way for a combo of southwest swells that keep exposed breaks in semi-consistent, waist-level surf. Best sets reach the shoulders.

Forecasts show further decline in activity Friday, though left-over swell should hold northern spots in the two- to three-foot range. We'll see smaller surf at the more westerly exposed south bay spots.

Where visibility permits, check the ocean floor for stingrays. The bottom-feeding fish come north for the warm water to feed on crabs, mollusks and prawns. They are harmless to surfers.

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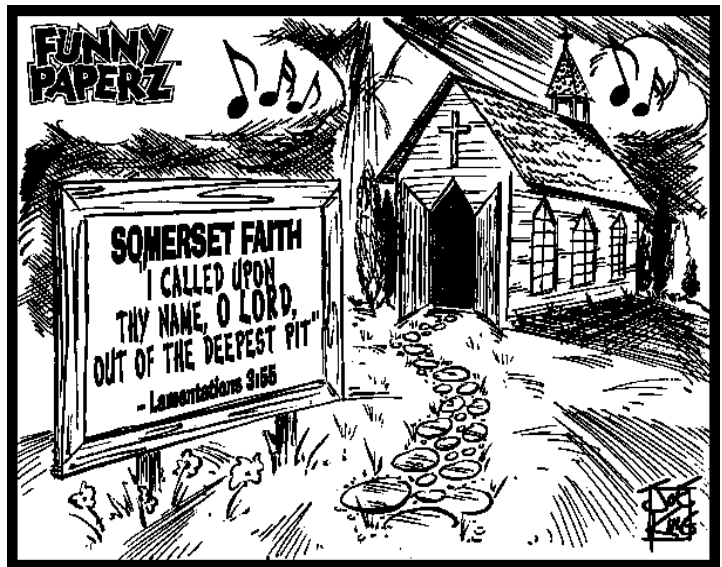
Public garage sale

Editor:

I have lived in Santa Monica many years, and I can relate to the problems of available parking. It is easy to appreciate the parking space concerns of both the residents in certain neighborhoods, and the use of these spaces by employees and customers of businesses on Montana Avenue and the Third Street Promenade. I have read previous articles addressing the same concerns.

One issue that has not been discussed is the number of garages that are not used by car owners. I walk frequently in neighborhoods north of Wilshire Boulevard from Ocean Avenue to Tenth Street, and I have noticed many garages that are used for possessions accumulated over the years, storage areas for items for the next yard sale, hobby work areas and small business operations. Perhaps the City of Santa Monica could encourage occupants of homes, condos and apartments to park their vehicles in their garages. This would contribute to providing more on street parking.

Dallas Smith
Santa Monica



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Thoughts on the preferential parking blues



TITTINGER'S TAKE

By Michael J. Tittinger

I have been to the tree of Enlightenment, and it's a magnolia near the corner of Arizona and 16th streets.

"You will be getting a ticket at 3 p.m., OK?"

I tried to ignore the man sitting Buddha-like at the foot of the tree outside the UCLA Medical Center parking garage, all-too-ready to write him off as another street person, panhandler, transient ... whatever the name du jour is this week. Sitting within the shade of the blooming magnolia, he sat somewhat meditatively, sometimes reading a book, sometimes watching me park with a wary and interested eye. I thought he was either perturbed that I was backing into the empty parking space and spewing emissions into his little patch of solitude, or he was preparing how to ask me for monetary assistance in a new and clever way. I discovered it was neither when I quickly exited my SUV after my pinpoint parking performance and started across the street for home.

"You will get a ticket, OK?" the man

repeated in broken English.

Then it hit me not OK!

I noticed the sign on the street - "No Parking 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday." Hey, it is Tuesday, isn't it? I had been so busy avoiding those damned preferential parking zones that I had neglected the street-sweeping restrictions.

Rather than ask me for anything, this temporal Zen master of the streets had just given me a \$38 present (the going rate for a parking ticket in Santa Monica). I should know, I seem to pay one at least every other week. In fact, I have one sitting on my desk as I write this column (probably past due). They must know me well enough down at City Hall that they would recognize if I failed to cross the three 'T's in Tittinger.

Last week, I was registering with my company's Direct Deposit Program and considered allotting a biweekly payment of \$38 to the "City of Santa Monica," which I am instructed to make my checks payable to on the annoying little blue envelopes adorning my windshield in the morning. I guess they picked the powder blue color because psychological and sociological studies conclude that softer, pastel hues are less likely to instill one with violent reactions, as opposed to, say, fire-engine red. This non-offensive envelope, you see, is enabling me to hang on by a thread. I just take out my aggressions

by neglecting to write my citation number on my check like it requests. I'm such a rebel!

I have admittedly struggled to grasp the whole parking pecking order, what with all the preferential parking zones and costly meters that have rendered my ashtray devoid of quarters. I'm less apt to head down to the Main Street area and Ocean Park beach entrances because I can't find a spot within five blocks that I won't have to run back and check in an hour or two.

Maybe I'm missing something with all these preferential parking zones throughout the city and countless others currently being studied. This elitist practice is akin to putting a finger in the dike to stop the leaking, when a new leak will surely surface elsewhere. If these vehicles aren't parked on my street, guess whose street they will surely be coming to?

The California Coastal Commission has its hands full battling beachfront homeowners up and down the state to ensure residents and tourists alike retain accessibility to its beaches. Now we are going to continue pushing people away from the coast, and all around town for that matter, by just looking out for a few irate residents? Since when did we begin shunning the masses in order to please a few?

Is everyone aware of the irony that a city like Santa Monica, known for its open-door policies in accepting transients

and outsiders from all walks of life, will allow a panhandler to sleep virtually anywhere but won't allow a taxpayer to park near Main Street? My tax dollars are used for road maintenance same as every other city resident.

Open up the streets to all comers. Why should shoppers and diners, who are helping to drive our economy I might add, be shoed away from areas like the Promenade or the beaches? I'm sure most of the residents living nearby those sites found their close proximity to be an enticement. No one forced them to move there, and it really isn't our responsibility to ensure they have a parking spot in their comfort zone when they live in the city's hot spots.

I'm sorry that the so-called 'Pajama Parkers' have to go out at night — cutesy name and all — and move their cars closer to home after a spot opens up because they can't remember where they parked without a map. Maybe they should have a slumber car pool party.

City Councilwoman Pam O'Connor feels the city is on the verge of becoming "one big preferential parking zone." If that doesn't say 'Welcome to Santa Monica,' I don't know what does.

Hardly nirvana.

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LOCAL



Drive-by one of several in east side this year

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Three bullets hit a home on the south side of Delaware Avenue, which police recovered and put into evidence. The SMPD estimates between 12 and 15 shots were fired, Fabrega said.

Police are investigating the shooting, which is one of several for the neighborhood this year. Known as the Pico neighborhood and considered part of the city's east side, it has been plagued with gang violence and drug dealing for years. Most of the tension is territorial as well as racial. One gang is black, the other Latino.

The eight-square block neighborhood runs north of the Santa Monica Freeway to Santa Monica Boulevard, south to Pico Boulevard and east from Lincoln Boulevard to Centinela Boulevard.

Fabrega said the motive of Wednesday's incident is not known, but it does appear to be a drive-by shooting.

"It appears the shots came from the vehicle," he said. "We did not locate any victims."

Police arrested two men on Jan. 25 for

attempted murder of a police officer after they allegedly shot at police in the same alley where Wednesday's incident took place. The alley is behind a city-funded low income housing project, where nearby neighbors say active drug dealing is taking place.

The latest shooting in the area happened July 5 on 18th Street and Delaware Avenue. When a resident was awakened by some men allegedly vandalizing a car in an alley at about 4:30 a.m., the suspects fired shots at his bedroom window where he was looking out from.

SMPD had beefed up its patrol in the neighborhood a few months ago, as well as enlisting the help of the Hawthorne Police Department's helicopter patrols, to combat heightened violence in the area. Neighborhood watch groups have been formed, which the SMPD continues to be involved in.

"We have numerous officers in the area, and we are still part of the Pico Neighborhood Task Force," Fabrega said.

Local police rule pedestrian incident an 'accident'

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said Shawne Meade, who also witnessed the incident. "He wasn't one of those troublemaker homeless guys. He was a really nice person."

Police closed two southbound lanes of Ocean Avenue between Santa Monica Boulevard and Broadway for roughly two hours while officers investigated the accident and talked with witnesses.

A forensic photographer took pictures of the scene, the bus — which had not sustained any damage — and a pool of blood smeared on the roadway near the curb.

A Big Blue Bus official said it is likely the driver has been taken off active duty while police and Big Blue Bus officials investigate the matter.

"Usually after an accident like this, the driver is not on active duty, they are not out driving the bus," said Big Blue Bus Customer Relations Manager Joe Stitche. "As you can imagine, it's also a very traumatic event for them, and they need some time off from behind the wheel."

The accident marks the second accident involving fatalities this month for the

Big Blue Bus. Two people were killed and one placed in critical condition after a route 3 Big Blue Bus rammed into a car in West L.A. on Jan. 23.

The last time a Big Blue Bus driver was involved in a collision that resulted in a fatality was in January 1998, Stitche said.

Witnesses said the bus driver stepped off the bus and saw the man lying in the street and immediately stepped back on the bus to call police. Unlike school bus drivers, the state does not require transit bus drivers to be certified in CPR and first aid.

Transit bus drivers are required under state law to take an annual safety course and to complete regular refresher courses on driving buses.

"We have an extensive training program and ... all our drivers are current in their mandatory training required under state law," Stitche said. "There is always on-going training involved."

"It's hard to say what (this accident) would change at all," he added.

Witnesses to the accident are encouraged to call SMPD Investigator Chris Dawson at (310) 458-8954.

DNA links convict to unsolved homicide of local woman

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sex offender.

Aragon filed charges last month against Wright, who was homeless and living on the streets of Santa Monica before being arrested, according to police.

Wright was a twice convicted felon before the murder and has an extensive arrest record, said district attorney spokeswoman Jane Robinson.

Labbe's murder had been classified as a "cold case" and remained unsolved for nearly four years. There were no suspects until a sampling of Wright's DNA linked him to the murder through the US Department of Justice database system, police said.

The murder case against Wright is considered a "special circumstance" because Labbe was sodomized. A panel will review the case against Wright to determine whether the state will seek the death penalty, Robinson said.

Wright's rap sheet goes back to at least 1990 when he pleaded no contest to petty theft. In 1993, he was convicted of possessing a dagger and given probation. In 1994, he was given a two-year prison sentence in an assault case. In 1999, he was acquitted for possessing a deadly weapon.

Earlier this year, he was sentenced for assaulting a police officer and failing to register as a sex offender. The charges stemmed from a conviction in another state.

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STATE

Man wins multimillion-dollar lawsuit against Simon & Sons, others

BY ERICA WERNER
 Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES — The jury in an investment fraud lawsuit on Wednesday awarded a businessman \$65 million in punitive damages against William E. Simon & Sons and \$10 million against another firm a day after awarding \$22.2 million in compensatory damages.

William E. Simon & Sons is the investment firm started by California GOP gubernatorial candidate Bill Simon, his brother and his father, a former U.S. Treasury secretary. Bill Simon will face Democratic Gov. Gray Davis in the November election.

The award went to Pacific Coin Management, which is 95 percent owned by businessman Paul Edward Hindelang, co-founder of Pacific Coin, a coin telephone company that Simon & Sons once invested in.

On Tuesday, the Los Angeles County Superior Court jury found William E. Simon & Sons LLC, B-R Investors Inc. and other entities liable for fraud and awarded the plaintiff \$22.2 million in compensatory damages.

Bill Simon, who was not personally named in the suit and is on a leave from his post as co-chairman of Simon & Sons for his gubernatorial run, reacted to the verdict during a campaign stop in Fresno.

"The decision made today is fundamentally flawed and I expect the judge to set aside this judgment or it will be overturned on appeal," he said in a statement.

The lawsuit claimed the investors hatched a secret plan to take Pacific Coin public and in the process destroyed the company.

It claimed they misled Hindelang about their intentions when they invested in the company, while offering him assurances that they would stick to his slow-growth business plan.

Instead they were planning all along an aggressive strategy of acquisitions with an ultimate goal of pulling off a highly profitable public offering, the suit claimed.

"Defendants steered Pacific Coin from one disastrous transaction to another solely for defendants' benefit," the suit said.

The jury found that Coinable Simon, the investment vehicle Simon & Sons used in the transaction and B-R Telephony Partners, the investment vehicle of B-R Partners, breached their fiduciary duty.

Simon & Sons and B-R investors acquired a controlling 60 percent interest in Pacific Coin in a deal that closed in February 1998. The plan for an initial public offering failed and the indebted Pacific Coin was taken over by a bank in December 2000.

In 1981, Hindelang pleaded guilty to federal drug smuggling charges and served about 30 months in prison.

Initiative requires coffee to be 'organically correct'

BY MICHELLE LOCKE
 Associated Press Writer

BERKELEY — In a city where the politics and the coffee come strong and hot, a November ballot initiative requiring cafes to sell only environmentally and socially correct brews is drawing mixed reaction.

"It ranges from 'Great idea! I love it!' to ... 'Get a life!'" said Rick Young, the recent University of California, Berkeley law school grad behind the measure.

The new law would make it a crime punishable by up to six months in jail and a \$100 fine to sell brewed coffee that isn't certified as Fair Trade, organic or shade-grown. It would not apply to dry whole or ground beans.

Fair Trade coffee means farmers have received at least a minimum price set by the Fair Trade Labeling Organization. The price is currently \$1.26 per pound, \$1.41 for organic Fair Trade coffee, said Kenya Lewis of TransFair USA, an Oakland-based nonprofit that certifies all Fair Trade products in the United States.

Fair Trade farmers also have the advantage of direct access to American markets. Coffee prices have dropped to levels below the cost of production and some producers who have to deal with middlemen are getting as little as 20 cents a pound, Lewis said.

Different groups certify coffee as organic or shade-grown, the latter meaning the coffee was grown under trees that provide bird habitat and protect the soil. About 85 percent of Fair Trade coffee is

organic and a higher percentage is shade-grown, Lewis said.

Estimates on the price impact of the Berkeley measure vary from nothing to pennies a cup. Opposition tends to be more philosophical than pecuniary.

Berkeley cafe owner Daryl Ross already carries Fair Trade brews as an option, but "we just don't support the idea that we should be forced to carry that as the only brand of coffee."

At City Hall, Mayor Shirley Dean supports a rule requiring the city to buy only Fair Trade coffee, but is wary of the idea of imposing that on private businesses.

"Who's going to enforce this?" she asked. "I can't believe anybody would be sent to jail for that."

Starbucks Coffee Co., which has three outlets in Berkeley, responded to the measure with a statement saying it helps farmers by signing long-term contracts and buying directly from farms and cooperatives. The company said it has always paid a minimum average of \$1.20 for its coffee.

Starbucks sells Fair Trade and shade-grown beans and provides brewed Fair Trade coffee once a month in its North American stores.

Young's goal is to wake up people who don't know beans about where their coffee came from and how the people who grew it were treated.

"At first maybe it's shocking. People go, 'A law on coffee? Are you serious?' But when they think about it a little, they say, 'Well, we did ban leaded gas,'" he said.

STATE



Truckee sued in effort to stop resort development

By The Associated Press

TRUCKEE — A citizens' group has filed suit against the town of Truckee in an effort to stop development of the 900-acre Old Greenwood resort.

The Mountain Area Preservation Foundation said in a lawsuit filed last week that the town did not comply with state planning, zoning and environmental laws when it recently approved the project.

The suit says that not only did the town's general plan lack required standards for an "open-space recreation" designation, which covers most of the resort, but the project itself doesn't follow the general plan.

"It wouldn't have been approved if it didn't comply with the general plan," said Town Planning Director Tony Lashbrook. "And the general plan does include those (open-space recreation) standards."

The Old Greenwood resort, being developed by East West Partners, would include 390,000 square feet of commercial and recreational space, almost 300

housing units, and a 120-acre private golf course. The resort is the largest project approved in Truckee since the town's incorporation in 1993.

The suit claims the project takes up three times more space than the general plan allowed. The plan originally required that 90 percent of the land remain open space.

The project "has three times as much development coverage as the general plan allows," Watt said. "Even omitting the golf course ... it's twice what's allowed."

Petitions signed by another citizen's group have also surfaced, seeking to rescind the project's approval or call for a vote on it.

"There is a public review process and we participated in that process," said Roger Lessman, a partner in East West. "We met with everyone in the community who was interested, including MAPF, over many months."

If the Old Greenwood resort project is rejected, the company may fall back on a previous plan to develop a private, gated, timeshare resort called Featherstone.

Woman takes over car going wrong way on highway

By The Associated Press

SANTA MARIA — A quick-thinking motorist took over a car driven the wrong way on Highway 101 by an elderly driver and safely got it off the road.

Yvonne Blair, 35, of Santa Maria, was taking her three children to the beach Tuesday when she saw a big rig brake suddenly and swerve to miss an oncoming car, said Chuck Jones of the California Highway Patrol.

A car driven by 80-year-old Maria Garza of Santa Maria was heading into oncoming traffic at about 45 mph. Garza apparently drove up a northbound offramp instead of following an underpass at the Highway 166-101 junction to reach a southbound onramp, Jones said.

Blair found herself facing the elderly woman's car, which stopped on a bridge.

Blair and a driver of a pickup stopped. Blair quickly asked a passenger in the pickup to drive her truck and she then jumped into the wrong-way car, ordered its driver into the back seat and made a U-turn on the bridge.

All three vehicles, including her truck with her 4-year-old son, 10-year-old son and 14-year-old daughter, made it safely off the freeway, followed by a CHP officer.

The elderly driver will be required to take a driving test at the Department of Motor Vehicles.

Will sweaters and bows help dogs and cats find homes?

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Will bows on bowlers lead to more animal shelter adoptions?

Among recommendations to boost adoptions at Animal Services Department shelters is a city controller's suggestion that shelters "investigate the feasibility of developing special programs to enhance the presentation of impounded animals."

Among the suggestions for dogs and cats: sweaters, bows, collars and bandannas.

To see how other agencies run their shelters, auditors visited Pasadena and a county shelter in Gardena.

There, the staff told them, grooming and dressing up dogs, and the occasional compliant cat, "successfully facilitated adoptions."

The suggestions were part of a series of four reports on the Department of Animal Services issued Tuesday by City Controller Laura Chick, who periodically audits city departments in search of inefficiencies.

There were 15,490 animal adoptions in the 2000-01 fiscal year, which represents 22 percent of the animals taken in. The year before, 17 percent of animals were adopted, and in 1998-99 the figure was 16 percent.

More than 40,000 animals were destroyed in fiscal year 2000-01; the year before, the number was about 55,000, and in 1998-99, the number was a little more than 50,000.

Department general manager Jerry Greenwalt said Tuesday that a cash-strapped agency housing about 1,000 orphaned dogs, cats, birds, turtles, horses and other animals each day may not be able to dress up the animals for adoption.

"There are so many greater needs than putting neckerchiefs on dogs," Greenwalt said. Besides, he said, many of the dogs that animal control officers bring in wouldn't take kindly to being gussied up. Pit bulls in bow ties and Rottweilers in ribbons?

"Good luck," Greenwalt said.

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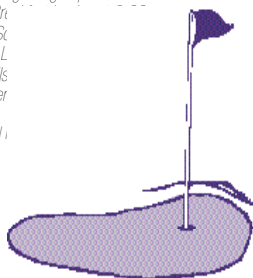
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NATIONAL

Clark County entertains restrictions on lap dancing

BY FRANK GEARY AND GLENN PUT
Las Vegas Review-Journal

LAS VEGAS — To the customer, a lap dance is a cheap thrill. To the dancer, it's a job that can pay \$100 an hour.

But to some Clark County officials, it's foreplay for prostitution.

The County Commission is entertaining new rules that would take the bump and grind out of lap dancing and outlaw the practice of slipping tips into dancers' G-strings.

"Everyone begins to push the envelope and go further and further because our laws today are unenforceable," County Commissioner Yvonne Atkinson Gates said. "And if you allow it to go too far, it is downright prostitution."

Club owners and dancers say the proposed rules threaten to put them out of business and hurt Las Vegas' party image, especially among young adults.

"If the ordinance is written and interpreted to prevent lap dancing or legal touching, the clubs might as well close their doors, and the tourists that come for that might not come here anymore," said attorney Peter S. Christiansen, who represents Jaguars, a \$15 million club that recently opened in the county west of the Las Vegas Strip.

Current laws require dancers to be at least 18 years old. A provision demanding that dancers remain on a raised stage while performing topless is routinely ignored.

County officials say existing laws are difficult for police to enforce because some portions are vague and others have been struck down by the courts.

The new regulations would prohibit dancers and customers from touching one another's buttocks, groin or breasts during a lap dance, and would require customers to place tips in a dancer's hand.

Private rooms would have to be unlocked and visible to police officers, and dancers under 21 years old would be barred from clubs serving alcohol.

The proposed regulations come as the number of strip clubs in unincorporated Clark County has grown from three in 1995 to 16 today.

At the same time, the sex industry has become more commonplace on the Internet and in the media, and efforts have been heightened to market Las Vegas to young adults who enjoy erotic dancing.

Christiansen said he suspects the county is worried that large Las Vegas Strip casinos might also open topless clubs.

"That's the reason this ordinance effort is being undertaken," he said, "to preclude casinos from having strip bars."

Atkinson Gates said she is pushing the new regulations because current laws are vague, and to stem the spread of adult clubs and social ills.

Dancers said the county's proposals would make them break the law, and customers said the proposed rules should not be pushed on consenting adults.

"It will definitely hurt business because guys like to put the tip in the girl's G-string or between her (breasts)," said Ice, a dancer at The Library Gentlemen's Club in east of the Las Vegas Strip. "It will make us break the law, because nobody is going to put me out of business."

Kristen, a dancer at The Library, said more than 80 percent of the men at strip clubs buy lap dances, which typically cost \$20.

She said customers won't pay for the private dances if the performers aren't allowed to touch, rub and grab them.

The dancers said they'd be fired if they got caught soliciting customers or acting in an extremely lewd fashion.

Las Vegas police vice officers have cited or arrested dancers 65 times for solicitation of prostitution at 13 clubs in unincorporated Clark County since July 1998, according to police records. Dancers also have been cited for other violations.

In the city of Las Vegas, police issued citations or made arrests for solicitation 54 times at six clubs since July 1998, police records show.

Interim Las Vegas City Manager Doug Selby denied the city was preparing similar restrictions.

If the City Council were to take up the issue, it would take at least six weeks to enact new rules, he said.

John Plunkett, director of the Nevada Taxicab Authority and head of the FBI's organized crime squad in Las Vegas from 1994 to 1999, said adult clubs are not fronts for organized prostitution, since a citation or arrest could cost a club owner a license to operate.

"They don't need prostitution," he said. "They can make a ton of money legally."

However, county officials say physical contact between dancers and patrons goes too far.

They said they will show commissioners undercover surveillance videotape proving that prostitution and lewd activities occur during or after lap dances.

Man beats odds twice: first leukemia, now \$165M jackpot

By The Associated Press

CRANFORD, N.J. — A semiretired hat salesman who beat leukemia years ago came forward Wednesday to claim a \$165 million lottery jackpot.

Sundel "Sonny" Judson, 73, said he plans to form a foundation and give part of the money to charity.

Judson said he was diagnosed with leukemia almost 30 years ago and given only a few months to live. He said he eschewed chemotherapy in favor of a vitamin program his wife suggested. "I guess I beat the odds," he said.

The same applies to his July 16 win in the multistate Mega Millions game. The

odds were 1 in 135 million.

Judson said he has been married for 52 years and has grown children and grandchildren who also will benefit from the windfall.

Judson, who has lived in a Cliffside Park condominium for 28 years, said he may splurge on a bigger apartment in the same building, but hopes the jackpot does not change his life. "I was pretty well off before this," Judson said.

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NATIONAL



Bush responds to university bombing in Israel

BY BARRY SCHWEID
AP Diplomatic Writer

WASHINGTON — President Bush responded angrily Wednesday to a deadly bombing in Jerusalem, renewing his pledge to fight terror and demanding that the Palestinian Authority get rid of "officials who haven't been able to deliver."

Three Americans were killed in the blast and four Americans were injured, State Department spokeswoman Lynn Cassel said. Their names were withheld pending notification of their families.

With Arab and European leaders insisting he step up his timetable for a Palestinian state in three years and pressure Israel to quit the West Bank and Gaza, Bush focused on the need for "a security force that exists to fight terror."

At the end of a meeting with his Cabinet, the president condemned the attack at Hebrew University "in the strongest possible terms" and said those who were involved in the bombing were "clearly killers who hate the thought of peace."

Bush said his message to them was "they won't stop us from rallying the world to fight this kind of terror, nor will they stop us from having a vision of peace."

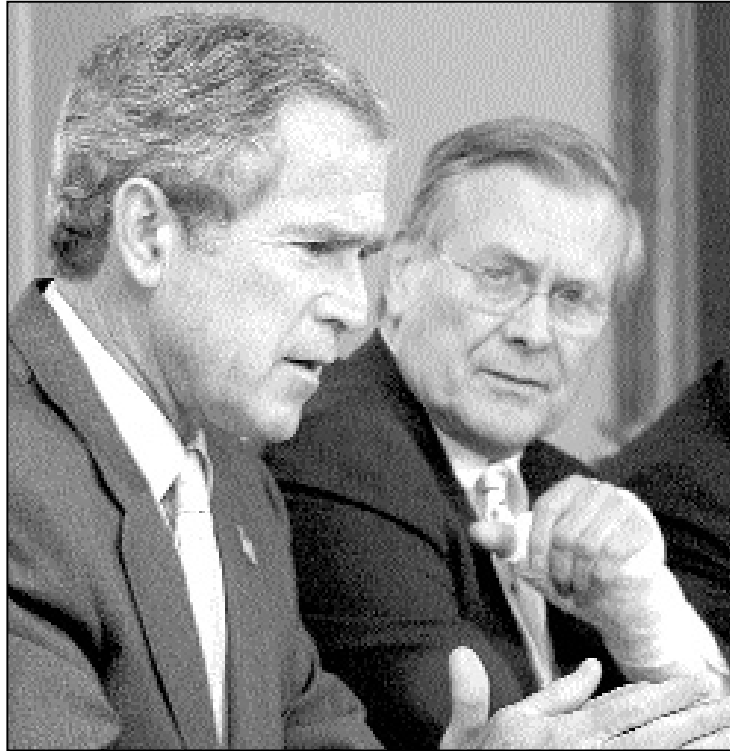
Asked about a possible Israeli retaliation, White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said the country had a right to defend itself. But, he said, "The president always advises to be mindful of the consequences for peace down the road."

But there was no call at the White House and the State Department for Israel to exercise restraint. Nor was there any immediate reaction to word from U.S. diplomats in Israel that a U.S. citizen was among the victims.

Like other deadly attacks in the past, the bombing coincided with a review of U.S. peacemaking prospects — this time with King Abdullah of Jordan, whose kingdom has a peace treaty with Israel.

The king is due to call on Bush at the White House on Thursday.

Reflecting widespread Arab and



J. Scott Applewhite/Associate Press

President Bush comments on the latest violence in the Middle East during a meeting in the Cabinet Room at the White House in Washington D.C. Wednesday. Bush denounced Wednesday's bombing at an Israeli university, saying those responsible "hate the thought of peace." Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld listened at right.

European sentiment, the king seeks to persuade the administration to step up its timetable for Palestinian statehood and for Israeli withdrawal from the West Bank and Gaza.

But Bush said before there could be a peace conference, which he said he supports, security to protect Israel and the Palestinians must be installed and democracy, including a constitution, brought to

the Palestinian people.

"Reform of these institutions are an incredible part of achieving what, I believe, His Majesty wants, which is two states living side by side in peace."

Bush has called for the ouster of Yasser Arafat, accusing him of involvement with corruption and terror. His remarks Wednesday proposed a broader sweep.

"What's worth pursuing," the president

said, "is a detailed plan toward achieving these objectives: a security force that exists to fight terror, not keep certain officials who haven't been able to deliver in the war against terror in office, a security force that will cooperate with people who care about achieving peace."

Secretary of State Colin Powell is due to meet with Palestinian officials in Washington next week and is conferring with the Palestinians on who would be in the delegation.

"Obviously, we have standards about whom we will meet," State Department deputy spokesman Philip Reeker said.

Saeb Erekat, longtime aide to Arafat, was expected to head the delegation and a newly appointed interior minister, Abdel Razak Yehiyeh, was expected to be in it.

In Gaza, Sheik Ahmed Yassin, spiritual leader of the Islamic Resistance Movement, or Hamas, linked the bombing in Jerusalem to Israel's air strike in Gaza last week that killed Hamas military commander Salah Shehadeh and 14 civilians, including nine children.

The State Department has branded Hamas a terrorist organization. Yassin has accused Israel of stealing the Palestinians' land with its creation in 1948 and vowed, based on what he said are inferences in the Koran, that "the year 2027 will see the end of the state of Israel."

Abdullah also met for a half-hour on Wednesday with Bush's assistant for national security, Condoleezza Rice, who called on him in his hotel suite.

On Tuesday, Abdullah urged Bush to shorten the administration's proposed timetable for the establishment of a Palestinian state, saying, "We now need to move quickly, to translate this into reality."

Abdullah said the Arabs doubt that Washington will pressure Israel into giving up the West Bank, Gaza and part of Jerusalem.

"This is all the more reason for the U.S. to show its commitment to fairness and freedom and lead the way to peace," he said.

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NATIONAL

Democrats progress in effort to halt corporate relocations

BY CURT ANDERSON
AP Tax Writer

WASHINGTON — Saying American companies "ought to pay taxes and be good citizens," President Bush acknowledged Wednesday there is a growing problem with U.S. companies relocating to offshore tax havens — an issue Democrats are exploiting with an eye on the fall elections.

In what's known as a "corporate inversion," a company sets up a shell headquarters in a tax haven such as Bermuda while keeping most operations and jobs in the United States, potentially saving millions of dollars in U.S. taxes.

The practice is legal, but Democrats have been hammering away at the issue for months as yet another example of corporate irresponsibility. Republicans have been scrambling for a response beyond their standard claim that the relocations are triggered by complicated, burdensome U.S. tax laws.

Speaking with reporters Wednesday at the White House, Bush stopped short of endorsing proposals that inversions be outlawed — but he did urge greater scrutiny of the issue.

"I think we ought to look at people who are trying to avoid U.S. taxes as a problem," the president said. "I think American companies ought to pay taxes and be good citizens."

The White House also responded Wednesday to a report in The (New York) Daily News raising questions about a subsidiary set up in the Cayman Islands — another tax haven country — by Harken Energy Corp. in 1989, while Bush was on the company's board of directors. Bush said he opposed the venture.

Several tax lawyers said the arrangement, which involved oil exploration in Bahrain, differed from the other corporate moves because it did not involve setting up a new parent company that would pay no U.S. taxes on its foreign-earned income. White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said the subsidiary would have paid U.S. taxes on income from any U.S. oil sales, but the venture didn't make any money.

"If they had produced any oil in Bahrain and sold it in the United States, it would of course have been taxable in the United States," Fleischer said.

Dozens of U.S. corporations have relocated their headquarters to Bermuda or other tax havens in recent years or are in the process of doing it. The Stanley Works tool company, Tyco International, Ingersoll-Rand, Accenture, Cooper Industries and Fruit of the Loom are among the companies that have or want to set up shop in Bermuda, according to the House Ways and Means Committee.

The heightened interest follows a surprising vote last week on an effort to bar these firms from getting contracts with the yet-to-be-created Homeland Security Department. More than 100 Republican House members switched their votes at the last minute when Majority Whip Tom DeLay, in a rare move, released them to vote for it.

In 2001, 26 companies now located in Bermuda or another tax haven had more than \$1 billion in federal contracts, according to Democratic research. More than two-thirds had projects related to defense or homeland security.

Sen. Paul Wellstone, D-Minn., took a similar tack Wednesday by proposing an amendment to the Defense Department spending bill barring any defense contracts for companies that incorporated overseas after Dec. 31, 2001.

"The only sacrifice this amendment asks of federal contractors is they pay their fair share of taxes like anybody else," Wellstone said.

A few months ago, most Republican leaders, backed by the Bush administration, said tackling this issue would require a long-term overhaul of corporate tax laws. They suggested that corporations were being driven offshore for competitive reasons by an unreasonably high U.S. tax burden.

Now, the issue has gained such steam that House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., has promised a vote addressing it this year, a spokesman said. Democrats have obtained 187 of the 218 signatures needed to force consideration of a bill to eliminate inversions.

Alabama clears dead people from voter rolls after 13 years

BY PHILLIP RAWLS
Associated Press Writer

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Alabama's voter registration rolls once were so loaded with dead people they became fodder for Jay Leno's monologue on the "Tonight Show."

The graveyard vote no longer exists, though.

The state just completed a 13-year project to clean up the voter rolls by removing more than 150,000 voters who had died. Another 50,000 were taken off because they had moved away.

"Clean voter lists are essential to honest elections. Our voter lists are as clean now as they've been in 100 years," Secretary of State Jim Bennett said.

Bennett, a former state senator, sponsored the legislation in 1989 that called for voter rolls to be cleaned up and computerized. A lack of funding stretched out the

project nine years longer than planned.

It was completed last week, making Alabama one of 40 states with completely computerized records.

"We have no dead ones voting now that we know of," said Lanette Turner, president of the Alabama Association of Boards of Registrars.

In 1987, more than a dozen counties had more registered voters on the paper-and-pencil rolls than adults living in the county. State officials were concerned some people might use the names of the dead to vote more than once.

Then, they were embarrassed the night Leno held up a Birmingham News headline about Bennett's legislation: "No more dead to vote in state."

Bennett's legislation set up the state Office of Voter Registration and required state agencies to notify election officials of all deaths and felony convictions so the names could be removed.

INTERNATIONAL



Southeast Asian nations commit to cutting off terrorists' money flow

BY TED ANTHONY
Associated Press Writer

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, Brunei — Taking aim at terrorists' wallets, the nations of Southeast Asia moved Wednesday to build a sturdy network of intelligence and cooperation aimed at cutting off the money that funds extremist attacks.

The Association of Southeast Asian Nations joined its 13 security partners — including China, the United States and the European Union — in agreeing to a broad range of measures designed to undermine terrorist financing.

"We will block terrorists' access to our financial system," the nations vowed in a joint statement.

Among their plans: a "financial intelligence unit" in each nation to scrutinize the sources of extremists' financing; an agreement to freeze terrorists' assets "without delay"; and a retooling of anti-money-laundering efforts to focus on terrorism.

The accord dovetails with the proactive approach to fighting terrorism that permeates this year's ASEAN meeting. Its member nations worry that a perception of Southeast Asia as a breeding ground for terrorists impedes investment and economic recovery.

"Do you wait for tragedy to happen? Do you wait for terrorism to take place? I don't think so," Syed Hamid Albar, Malaysia's foreign minister, said Wednesday.

The financing agreement presages another, more sweeping accord expected to be signed Thursday by ASEAN and Secretary of State Colin Powell. That one, which focuses on the sharing of intelligence, aims to create "a framework for cooperation to prevent, disrupt and combat international terrorism."

Under the financing plan, the ASEAN Regional Forum will increase its cooperation with the International Monetary

Fund, the World Bank and other global financial institutions to ferret out cash used in terrorism.

Poorer ASEAN countries that lack the money and infrastructure to comply will receive technical assistance from their richer brethren, the agreement states.

Since the Sept. 11 attacks on the United States, Southeast Asia has emerged as a second front in the U.S.-led battle against terrorism.

In the Philippines, officials are investigating where Abu Sayyaf, a small but brutal Muslim extremist group loosely linked with al-Qaida, received its funds and where it may have stashed large ransoms from scores of foreign and Philippine hostages.

Malaysia and Singapore have also arrested scores of extremists they say may be linked to al-Qaida.

Most of the finance agreement's recommendations were made by forum officials at a conference in Honolulu in March. Finance officials from each country in the forum were consulted and lodged no major objections.

The finance agreement is the latest in a spate of anti-terrorist agreements approved since Sept. 11 that bind ASEAN members to each other or to security partners overseas. ASEAN has stressed that fighting terrorism is impossible if nations don't cooperate.

"We have to work together," Syed Hamid said.

The regional forum comprises the 10 ASEAN countries — Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam — along with countries that have security interests in the region.

Non-ASEAN members in the forum are Australia, Canada, China, India, Japan, North Korea, South Korea, Mongolia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Russia, the United States and the European Union.

University bombing



Associated Press

Police and volunteers inspect the scene of a bombing at the cafeteria at Hebrew University in Jerusalem Wednesday. A bomb exploded in the crowded cafeteria frequented by Jewish, Arab and foreign students, killing at least seven people and wounding more than 70.

Japan selling more than 2,000 tons of whale meat

BY HANS GREIMEL
Associated Press Writer

TOKYO — Japan put more than 2,000 tons of whale meat on sale across the country Wednesday, expecting to raise millions of dollars to help fund its controversial research whaling program.

The meat came from whales killed during research expeditions in the seas around Antarctica between November 2001 and May this year.

The government-linked Institute of Cetacean Research, which is in charge of the research program, expects to rake in around \$31.7 million from this year's sale of 2,200 tons of minke whale meat, which runs through Aug. 31, institute spokesman Takumi Ikeshima said.

Japan is one of the world's largest consumers of whale meat, and despite a global ban on commercial whaling, kills hundreds of the mammals each year as part of its research program. Profits from the sale of meat taken from whales killed for research is pumped back into the program.

The International Whaling Commission allows Japan a limited catch for scientific research. Critics of the program, including

the governments of the United States, Britain and Australia, say the research hunt is merely a front for commercial whaling. Much of the meat ends up in restaurants.

A pound of red meat of the kind eaten as raw sashimi will go for about \$10, Ikeshima said. Blubber will sell for \$4 a pound.

Most will be first sold to wholesalers, but hundreds of tons also will go to local governments for use in school cafeterias as part of efforts to ensure that Japan's whale eating traditions get passed on to future generations, Ikeshima said.

Whale meat used to be a staple of school lunches in Japan until the International Whaling Committee banned commercial whaling in 1986 and turned blubber into a pricey delicacy.

The annual sale comes as Japan is discussing plans to import whale meat from Norway — the only country conducting commercial whale hunts, it already exports to neighboring Iceland. Conservation groups oppose Japan's plans to buy from Norway, saying international trade would further threaten whale populations.

Police claim man who won 'Millionaire' jackpot cheated

By The Associated Press

LONDON — A British army officer who won \$1.56 million on the TV quiz show "Who Wants to be a Millionaire?" was charged Wednesday with deception and conspiracy by police investigating claims he cheated on the program.

Maj. Charles Ingram, 38, was charged by Scotland Yard detectives and released on bail until a court hearing Aug. 7.

His wife, 38-year-old Diana Ingram, and Tecwen Whittock, a 52-year-old college teacher from Cardiff in Wales, also were charged.

All three face one charge of obtaining a reward by deception and one of conspiring to do so.

Charles Ingram, from Wiltshire county in western England, won the show's top prize in September, but the episode was never broadcast and Ingram's check was

withheld because of suspicions that he had cheated. News reports suggested investigators believe that someone in the audience relayed correct answers to questions by coughing.

Ingram has denied wrongdoing.

The Ingrams and Whittock were arrested in November and released on bail as the investigation continued.

An unidentified 35-year-old man was arrested in April.

Diana Ingram and the major's brother-in-law Adrian Pollock had both previously won \$45,000 on the game show. She later wrote a book called "Win A Million," based on a theory both she and her brother had used to succeed.

"Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?" was created in Britain and became an instant evening television hit. Versions of the show have since spread to several countries, including the United States.

Two teens arrested after eggs hit car carrying Queen

By The Associated Press

LONDON — Assaults threw eggs at a car carrying Queen Elizabeth II as she toured northern England on Wednesday, and police arrested two teenagers.

The two eggs hit the royal Rolls-Royce as the queen and her husband, Prince Philip, were being driven to the National Ice Centre in Nottingham, where they were to meet former Olympic skating champions Jayne Torville and Christopher Dean.

Buckingham Palace said police detained two 17-year-olds in the large crowd after the eggs hit the windshields and a door of the car. Only one of them apparently threw the eggs.

The royal couple appeared unfazed by the incident.



SPORTS

Raiders seek new trial in lawsuit against NFL

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The Oakland Raiders will seek a new trial in the team's \$1.2 billion conspiracy lawsuit against the National Football League, citing alleged juror misconduct, the team's attorney said Tuesday.

Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Richard Hubbell will consider the claim at a hearing scheduled for Sept. 18, said Larry Feldman, an attorney for the Raiders.

In a 9-3 vote, a Superior Court jury rejected the Raiders' claims last year that the NFL sabotaged the team's plans to build a new stadium in the Los Angeles area and that the Raiders still own the NFL rights to the Los Angeles market. The team returned to Oakland after the 1995 season.

The misconduct allegation was raised after five jurors in last year's trial said they overheard one member of the panel say he hated the Raiders and team owner Al Davis and would never vote in their favor, Feldman said.

"We have filed five juror declarations that this one guy harbored ill will toward the Raiders," Feldman said, adding that if the man had stated such a bias when questioned under oath he would not have been selected for the jury.

NFL officials could not immediately be reached for comment. A message left after business hours Tuesday at the office of attorney Douglas Adler, who represents the NFL, was not immediately returned.

The complaint is significant, Feldman said, because the jury favored the NFL by a 9-3 vote. A single additional vote for the Raiders would have resulted in a hung jury.

Cliff Floyd to join Red Sox; third team this season

BY BETH HARRIS
AP Sports Writer

ANAHEIM — When Cliff Floyd joins the Boston Red Sox on Thursday in Texas, the slugging outfielder will be reunited with former teammate Pedro Martinez and Red Sox owner John Henry.

"Hopefully, this will be my last stop in terms of trades and all this junk," Floyd said after Montreal dealt him to Boston for two minor league pitchers and a player to be named. "Hopefully, I can sit still and play with a team that's pretty much stacked in every area."

The Red Sox also acquired righty reliever Bob Howry from the Chicago White Sox just before Wednesday's trade deadline, giving up two minor league pitchers in exchange.

It was Floyd's second move in three weeks. Montreal acquired him after the All-Star break from the Florida Marlins.

Rather than fly 2,500 miles from Montreal, play Wednesday night in California and then travel halfway across the country to Texas, Floyd will join the Red Sox for the start of their series against the Rangers. Boston began Wednesday five games behind the New York Yankees in the American League East and one game behind Anaheim in the AL wild-card race.

"We got one of the best players in the league, skillwise," Red Sox center fielder Johnny Damon said. "He can play defense, he can run, he can hit for power and for average. So we'll take him in with open arms and hope he's one of the missing pieces we need."

Floyd, an All-Star last season, is hitting .275 with 21 homers and 61 RBIs.

"He's going to be an offensive force for us," Boston interim general manager Mike Port said midway through his team's 6-0 victory over the Angels on Tuesday night.

In the deal struck before Wednesday's 4 p.m. EDT trade deadline, the Expos acquired minor league pitchers Seung

Song and Sun-Woo Kim, and a player to be named later — a Class A pitcher.

The 29-year-old Floyd is being reunited with Henry, who bought the Marlins when Floyd was already on the team.

"Cliff called and said he had a smile from ear to ear," Henry said. "He fits very nicely into our lineup."

"[Chris Floyd] can play defense, he can run, he can hit for power and for average. So we'll take him in with open arms and hope he's one of the missing pieces we need."

— JOHNNY DAMON
Red Sox center fielder

Floyd, who makes \$6.5 million, is eligible to become a free agent at the end of this season. Port envisions signing Floyd to an extension.

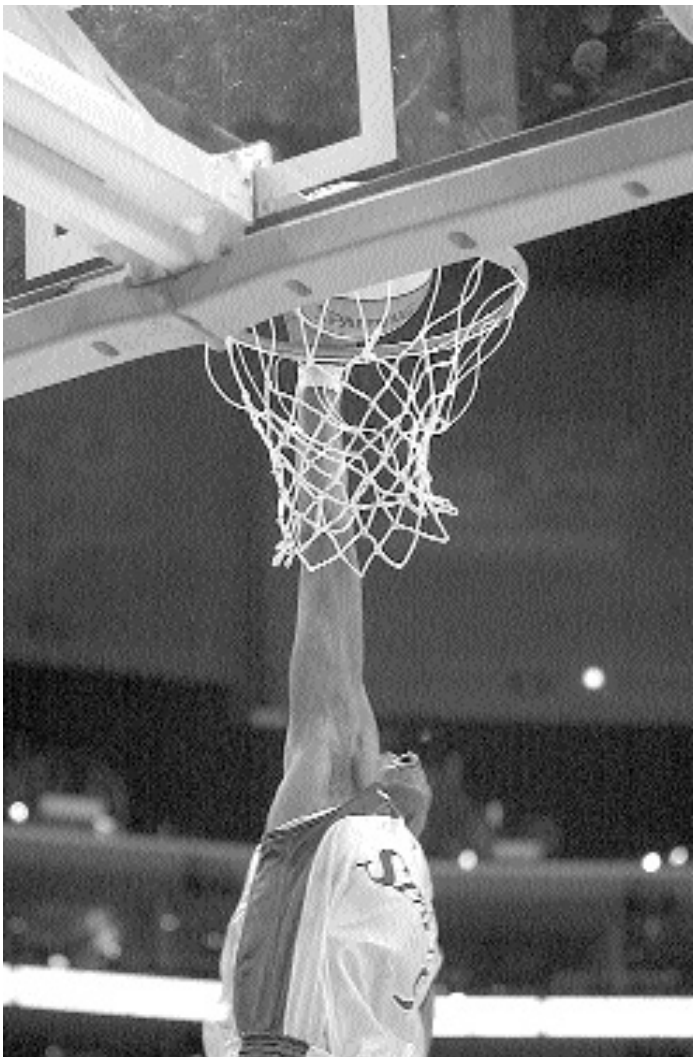
"We hope the long-term relationship he's had with John Henry will give us the inside track," team president Larry Lucchino said.

Most of the Red Sox players welcomed the addition. But All-Star shortstop Nomar Garciaparra thought the club already was good enough.

"I always said we didn't need anything, but we don't make those decisions," Garciaparra said. "I'm happy with our team. We're sitting pretty, and I'm confident with the guys who have been playing day in and day out."

Floyd spent his first four seasons in Montreal. After hitting .287 with 18 homers and 57 RBIs with Florida, he was dealt back to the Expos on July 11. But he struggled in his second stint, batting .207 with three homers and four RBIs in 53 at-bats.

Hoop dreams



Diandra Jay/Associated Press

Lisa Leslie of the Los Angeles Sparks dunks during the first half against the Miami Sol at the Staples Center in Los Angeles Tuesday. Leslie became the first player in the WNBA to slam dunk the ball during a game.

Lakers trainer wins civil case against former fiancée

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Veteran Los Angeles Lakers trainer Gary Vitti, acquitted last year of battery charges brought by his former fiancée, prevailed in a civil trial stemming from the couple's nasty breakup.

A Superior Court jury decided Vitti should get \$82,500 from ex-girlfriend Wendy Ann Newton, who allegedly stole sports memorabilia from him and defaced his trophies. The panel also said Newton should get \$5,000 for emotional distress stemming from her lawsuit against Vitti.

A seven-day trial in the two cases ended July 19.

Vitti has been the athletic trainer for the Lakers for 18 seasons.

Dueling lawsuits were filed in May 2001 by Newton and Vitti, who helped the Lakers win a third consecutive NBA championship in June. Superior Court Judge Robert H. O'Brien pared down each suit during the trial.

The claims left standing against Newton were for possession of property, trespass to personal property, invasion of privacy and intentional infliction of emotional distress. Newton was allowed to pursue battery and emotional distress claims against Vitti.

Vitti's award included \$55,000 for the theft of memorabilia, which included signed jerseys from basketball stars Earvin "Magic" Johnson, Michael Jordan and Charles Barkley, and \$17,500 for damage to the trophies.

Jurors in the criminal case acquitted Vitti last year on misdemeanor spousal abuse and battery counts.

"It's been two years of litigation for him," Vitti attorney Richard Lense said Tuesday. "First in the criminal court, then in the civil and he'd like to place this thing behind him. He feels vindicated with two very favorable verdicts."

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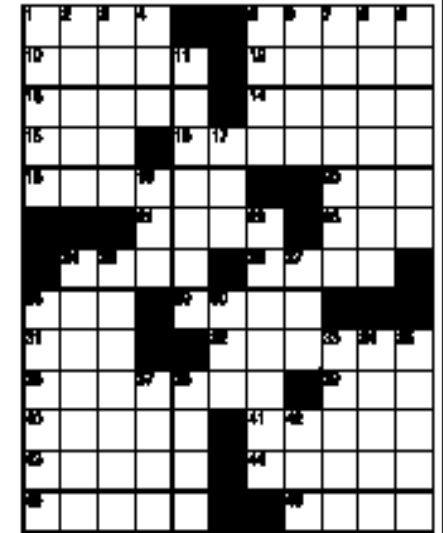
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD by Chuck Shepard

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Calendar

Thursday, August 1, 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.
Minority 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-11: 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

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.

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.

Theatre/ Arts

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

Crazy Lu, Rebellum and the Prophets, and very special guest Ivan Neville. A night of live music playing at Gotham Hall, 1431 3rd St. Promenade. 7:30 p.m. (310)394-8865

Comedy Underground - Stand up night. SPLAT! \$5.00, 8:30 p.m. 320 Wilshire Blvd. (310)451-1800.

Friday

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.

Classes

Los Angeles Arts Academy, Summer Art Camp in Santa Monica & Westchester. Ages 5 to 13 years old. Lots of fun: art, acting, singing, karaoke, drawing, sculpture, drum circles, field trips & more! June 24 through August 16, M-F 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (except field trip days). Now enrolling!

laarts@earthlink.net.

Music / Entertainment

IThe Laurel Canyon Ramblers, 8 pm, \$18.50. McCabe's Guitar Shop. Pico at 31st. (310)828-4403.

Comedy Underground - Al improv groups, special on this Friday, \$5.00 gets you in for all three shows! Addle Essence \$5.00, 8:00 p.m., Off The Wall \$5.00, 9:00 p.m., Unusual Suspects \$5.00, 10:00 p.m. 320 Wilshire Blvd., (310)451-1800.

Open Mic Music. UnUrban Coffeehouse. 3301 Pico Blvd., Santa Monica, (310)315-0056.

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

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American Cancer Society's Relay for Life

Celebrates with your community!

Here's how you can help ...

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

Teams are forming now!

Call Maxine Tatlonghari for sign ups

(213) 368-8537

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