

Santa Monica Daily Press

A newspaper with issues

Fly away Batman



Del Pastrana/Daily Press
A group of Promenade visitors join in the fun and games on Thursday by making 'Batman' fly during a street performance.

Political groups lead fund raising efforts

BY ANDREW H. FIXMER
Daily Press Staff Writer

A heavy November ballot has drummed up big donations for some of the city's top political issues this fall.

By state law, candidates, political action committees and politically-active groups filed campaign donation disclosures Wednesday, revealing the amounts that have been raised since April.

While most candidates have not raised much money, many issue-oriented groups are already building large war chests.

The biggest donors so far have been a handful of Santa Monica beachfront hotels. Shutters by the Sea, Loews Santa Monica Beach Hotel and Casa del Mar have donated \$7,000 to Yes on Voter Election Reform Initiative for a True Accountability System, or VERITAS. The group has placed an initia-

tive on the November ballot calling for the creation of voting districts, term limits and the direct election of a mayor with veto powers over the city council.

The hotels' donations make up 32 percent of the more than \$18,000 raised this quarter by VERITAS. Opponents of the measure have long criticized the group for taking money from the hotels, which are waging a campaign against a city-enacted living wage ordinance that would raise the minimum wage up to \$12.25 per hour for any business making in excess of \$5 million in annual revenues.

"I think this shows VERITAS is not about trying to achieve a community agenda, it's about trying to achieve a hotel agenda," said Denny Zane, co-chair of Santa Monicans for Renters Rights. "They think that if

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Tyson allegedly threatens bodyguard with knife at Santa Monica beach hotel

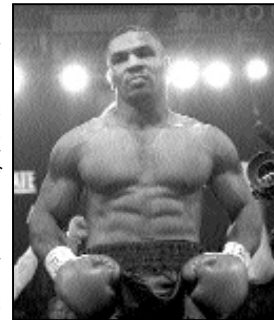
BY CAROLYN SACKARIASON
Daily Press Staff Writer

Heavyweight boxer Mike Tyson was reportedly thrown out of an upscale beachfront Santa Monica hotel last week and asked never to return after he allegedly threatened one of his bodyguards with a knife.

Tyson, 36, had reportedly been staying at the exclusive Shutters on the Beach hotel for a few days before the alleged incident took place last Monday, according to sources inside the hotel. While there, employees and security personnel noticed a consistently strong odor of marijuana coming from a hotel room, reportedly where Tyson was staying.

"It absolutely stunk in the hallway," said an employee speaking on the condition of anonymity. Several other sources also reported that the odor was so strong it was noticeable for days.

The odor apparently was so noticeable that hotel security called the Santa Monica Police Department. SMPD Lt. Frank Fabrega confirmed that offi-



Mike Tyson

cers were called to the hotel on July 22 at 4:30 p.m. by security for a "health and safety" report of narcotics activity in a "private celebrity room."

Fabrega said police went to the hotel and talked to management, but that no action was taken.

A little more than two hours later, police were called to Shutters again — this time for a report of a man with a knife.

Sources who witnessed the incident say Tyson got into an argument with one of his body-

guards in the valet area in front of the hotel's entrance. Becoming enraged, Tyson allegedly ducked into a nearby stairway that led to the kitchen of I Pico, the hotel's restaurant. According to an employee in the kitchen, Tyson took a knife from a counter and began waving it around in the stairway.

"We were standing there and he started screaming f--- this, f--- that," the employee said, speaking on the condition of anonymity.

Two of Tyson's bodyguards, who were standing in the stairway, reportedly convinced Tyson to drop the knife, which dropped to the kitchen floor.

SMPD officers arrived at 7:03 p.m. after they received a call by hotel security that there was a man with a knife there. When police arrived, they spoke to hotel security, conducted a few interviews with those involved and left about 40 minutes later. No charges were pressed by the hotel or the bodyguards.

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The fight to end cancer begins in Santa Monica Saturday

24-hour event will raise thousands to find cure

BY CAROLYN SACKARIASON
Daily Press Staff Writer

In its first year in Santa Monica, the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life already has exceeded event organizers' expectations.

The team event, which begins Saturday at 9 a.m. and runs until 9 a.m. on Sunday, already has raised well over the \$30,000 fundraising goal in the fight against cancer, said event organizer Maxine Tatlonghari.

"We are very excited that the event has been so successful in its first year," she said, adding more will be raised over the weekend.

The Santa Monica Police Department may end up being the largest fund-raiser, with \$14,200 already accounted for as of Thursday afternoon. Glenda Jacobs, who works in the city's rent control office, has raised \$5,200 for her team.

The Relay For Life is a 24-hour event to increase cancer awareness while raising much needed funds for the American Cancer Society. Teams are made up of at least 10 to 15 people who will walk or run around the Santa Monica College Corsair Field track in shifts. Walkers are still needed and welcome to join teams that are short on people, like the Daily Press.

There will be at least 75 survivors of cancer — representing all forms — walking the opening lap on Saturday morning, Tatlonghari said.

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The stars show the kind of day you'll have:

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★★-So-so ★-Difficult

♈ ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★ Don't let negativity and momentary confusion get to you. If you stay easygoing, you can work through a problem or two. Loosen up in your dealings. Be generous with associates who work their hardest. Acknowledge them in your own way. Tonight: Nap and then decide.

♉ TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Your good intentions come through, though you might have difficulty convincing someone of the wisdom of your ways at first. Use your creativity. Know that actions speak louder than words. A boss could be touchy. Tonight: Clear out of work.

♊ GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★ You might be out of sorts and turn crabby without intending to. Realize what others expect from you. You might be overly tired. Do your best to follow through on what you can. Family members support you in doing what you must. Tonight: Vanish. Do for yourself.

♋ CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Emphasize the positives. If negativity and confusion take hold, you might have a difficult time shaking it loose. Give that extra 110 percent, even if you don't feel like it. Your efforts come back in multiples. Tonight: Stop and buy a card for a loved one on the way home.

♌ LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Your best intentions might easily be misdirected. Do only what you want or need to do. You'll discover that a positive attitude and pitching in financially in some little way might make all the difference. Pick up the lunch tab or buy a card for a friend. Indulge yourself a little. Tonight: In the limelight.

♍ VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Reach out for those at a distance. Your smile wins over others because you seem so sincere and easy-going. Don't push too hard to have something your way. Relax with others. Co-workers could be uppity. Leave work early if possible. Happiness lies elsewhere. Tonight: Go somewhere new.

♎ LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Schedule time for the special people in your life. If it is a co-worker or work associate, treat him or her to a lengthy lunch. If you decide to deal with those in your personal life, you know how to make them happy. Take that little extra effort to add smiles to others' lives. Tonight: Continue indulging others.

♏ SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Let others seek you out, rather than making the first effort. You could be delighted by others' overtures. Even if confusion and negativity run amok, keep smiling, knowing that all will be OK. A partner presents a difficult attitude. A meeting re-energizes and allows a greater sense of direction. Tonight: Where the gang is.

♐ SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ How you see a personal matter might change as the result of others' negativity. Carefully consider options that surround work. You might want to take off early, but an associate's appealing request might be difficult to say no to. Recognize that a change in plans might upset others. Tonight: Do what you think is best.

♑ CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Allow others to give you more feedback and information. You might want to frolic past a problem. You also might be sick and tired of the same old thing. Someone makes a suggestion through e-mail or over the phone. Why not? Head out the door as soon as you can. Tonight: Join a friend.

♒ AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ You cannot escape certain facts. Though you might not be in the mood to handle an issue on the home front, somehow you're in the position to take responsibility for family. A close friend or loved one gives you that extra support that can make all the difference. Say thank you. Tonight: Follow the beat of your own drummer.

♓ PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Reach out for others. Though a family member could be a bit sour, you find a close friend or associate who delights in hearing from you. Stay where the going is good. Stay away from difficult people. Share more of your humor with those in your day-to-day life. Touch base with a pal. Tonight: Hang with friends.

QUOTE of the DAY

"Nobody can make you feel inferior without your consent."

— Eleanor Roosevelt (1884-1962)

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LOCAL



Slow down?



Carolyn Sackariason/Daily Press

Vehicles' speeds are clocked by a radar stationed at Lincoln Boulevard and California Avenue one recent afternoon. This vehicle is appropriately clocked at zero mph — because he stopped. Officials apparently think there is a rampant speeding problem at stop signs throughout town.

The QLine

Readers say Santa Monica is soulless

Since many long-time businesses in Santa Monica continue to disappear, Q-line asked: "Is Santa Monica losing its soul? Why or why not?"

Here are the answers from the public.

■ "Santa Monica's soul is not lost. City fathers gave it to the homeless a long time ago. It now resides in a shopping cart along side a bottle of Wild Turkey in an alley near you."

■ "Yes, it has. It was done by the city council by allowing the rich fat cats to come into the city and rip its heart out. How did the rich fat cats do this? 1. They ripped the very heart and soul from Santa Monica Pier 2. They erected apartment buildings and tacked on rents that not even a hard working man could afford.

"Where are the rent control people when we need them? Money, money and more money is the problem. Give the fat cats their way, and they would rip the heart out of the devil. I hate to use the devil's name and rich fat cats in the same sentence, but I guess they are one in the same so it does not matter."

■ "I think Santa Monica lost its soul a long time ago. A soul symbolically represents that which is fair, balancing out rights and wrongs. A good soul sees issues and dilemmas through neutral eyes. It does not compromise fairness because of cultural, racial, economic or political bias. Santa Monica used to have a better soul. It used to have leaders who were chosen at large for their abilities, their personalities, not their political affiliation. Now we have SMRR. Almost every department and almost every meaningful position from city council to school board is seated by someone who is there only with the blessing of this political machine. All of Santa Monica's regulatory power from traffic patterns to quality of education, homeless issues, housing controls are left to this twenty-plus-year-old soul of Santa Monica called SMRR. We need a change."

■ "Not really because if you check any history books you will find that Santa Monica used to have a railroad through it all the way to the pier. We also had back houses. It's like a plant, like nature. Plants die, and they grow anew. I feel like Santa Monica has just grown a new soul."

■ "Santa Monica lost its soul when it sold itself to the highest bidding developers. Walking in Santa Monica used to be

charming. Now it's difficult to see open sky because of all the five- and six-story buildings that replaced more modest two- and three-story buildings. It lost its soul when it allowed the police to hassle street performers and young punks to intimidate the homeless on the Third Street Promenade. There are still good things about Santa Monica, but I won't bring them up for fear that the powers that be will screw them up, too."

■ "The rent is so high that nobody can do anything here anymore. It's hard to get the rent when you've got the condition you've got now in Santa Monica. What needs to happen here is the residents should go down to City Hall and do something with those fat cats that sit there giggling every other Tuesday night. It's going to be just like Westwood. Give it another year, it will be dead here. With the homeless and the panhandlers nobody wants to go down here. How many tourists have you seen this summer? Fat cats never walk around to see what going on. They just sit there giggling every other Tuesday night."

■ "Santa Monica is losing its soul. The name of the villain is GREED. Greed by the private property owners. Greed by the landlords that own the businesses. Greed by the City of Santa Monica. They should be ashamed of themselves. They themselves have to blame for running these businesses out of town. I can remember Santa Monica in the '40s, '50s and '60s. It was nothing like it is now. They've made a mess out of the Promenade. Now it's just a place for the homeless to sit around and smoke dope and urinate. I've never seen anything like it."

■ "Yes! Santa Monica HAS lost its soul. Not IS losing its soul. How? It's losing all of its long-term residents, property owners, renters. It's lost all of its old family owned businesses. It's getting dirtier. It invites outsiders rather than a bedroom community it's turned completely into commercial. Not good."

■ "I was born and raised in Santa Monica. Now I am moving out of Santa Monica after being here my whole life because I feel it is losing its soul. When I

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surf report

Information compiled by Jesse Haley

Combo southwest swell fades today. Still some decent sets, but inconsistent. Better breaks like Dume and Topanga should have the cleanest conditions.

A minor southwest swell is expected to hit Saturday night, not clear yet the impact it will have. The new swell should serve to maintain current wave heights through the weekend.

Northwest windswell helps size at south bay spots.



Today's Tides:

High-	5:58a.m.	2.96'
Low-	9:59a.m.	2.55'
High-	5:10p.m.	4.94'

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



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OPINION

LETTERS

A glass house comes to mind

Editor:

The headline of Wednesday's page one story announces, "Department of Health goes undercover in Santa Monica kitchens."

The story mentions that "a Los Angeles television news station went undercover into restaurants," begging the question of how something as large as a television station could fit into a restaurant kitchen, much less conceal its identity. Perhaps, more accurately, a Los Angeles television station sent undercover news reporters into restaurants?

At any rate, this use of "undercover" suggests a covert investigation using operatives assuming false identity (which happens to be the definition of "undercover"), and indeed that was the case. However, in no way can overt surprise visits by Health Department inspectors be considered undercover.

Occasional lapses in vocabulary and grammar (it's/its, their/there, he and I/him and me, etc.) notwithstanding, I eagerly await each day's paper. Thank you for doing a GREAT job on local issues, and restoring a service that was sorely missed after the demise of the Outlook.

Just finished reading Hank Rosenfeld's guest column remembering Main Street to my wife while we sipped Peete's coffee and nibbled on Mani's muffins at our kitchen table on a sleepy Saturday morning. It left us wondering. Did people wait as long to have their khaki's altered at the Banana Republic as they do to have their cappuccino's made at the Coffee Bean? Was Dave Robert's "Body Rock" class more tantric than Vinnie Marino's "Power Yoga?" When will Finn McCool's bring back Merlin McFly's karaoke night? Are the bathroom floors as sticky in the Fro Bar as they were at the Oar House? "Here's to you, Library Ale House. Papa Louie's loves you more than you should know. Ooh-ooh-oh."

Alec Sokolow
Santa Monica

Another bus accident

Editor:

On Tuesday, July 16, my 82-year-old grandmother, Olive Karony, broke her hip on the Big Blue Bus when the driver took off from the stop while she was still standing in the aisle. She is in a rehabilitation facility and will be for several weeks. In the two weeks since her accident, the Big Blue Bus has killed three people and seriously injured another.

One of three things is happening here. Either the drivers are all maniacs, which seems unlikely, or the city is hiring unqualified drivers, which is possible, or the driv-

ers are compelled to keep to an unrealistic schedule, causing unsafe conditions, which seems the most likely of the three.

A broken hip is a problem. A fatal accident is a big problem. A broken hip and two fatal accidents inside of two weeks are a pattern. The city should look into this immediately.

Gregory Poirier
Santa Monica

Say 'no' to nomination

Editor:

Nobody wants to travel back in time to June of 1992, shortly after the Los Angeles riots. It was a painful time for the greater Los Angeles area. Emotions were high. The entire city was on edge. Business was off in every sector. Especially hard hit was the hospitality and tourism industry as tourists and convention planners chose alternate destinations, not unlike our situation today in the aftermath of terrorism.

Back in 1992, with the tourism industry struggling to overcome the negative publicity from the riots, who would think the Hotel and Restaurant Employees Union (HERE) would produce an anti-Los Angeles video and mass distribute it to 2,500 convention planners around the country? This video, entitled "City on the Edge," contrasts images of beaches, boutiques and fancy hotels with commentary about the pervasiveness of gang killings, freeway shootings and random violence. In the attached Los Angeles Times article, HERE's tactics were described by a convention planner as "poorly timed, ill conceived and counterproductive." I couldn't agree more.

Now, the City of Santa Monica is considering Kurt Peterson, an organizer of the local HERE union, for an appointment to our Convention and Visitors Bureau. Mayor Pro Tem McKeown states that "Kurt brings a lot to the table, and he genuinely represents a part of the tourism industry that's not at the table." Might I suggest to Mr. McKeown that HERE should not be at our table due to their history of irresponsible and inexcusable tactics.

The mission statement of the Convention and Visitors Bureau reads in part "the purpose of the Bureau is to promote Santa Monica...the Bureau acts as the marketing representative for local businesses and the community as a whole." It is my strong belief that HERE representative Kurt Peterson will put his union's goals above those of the Convention and Visitors Bureau. For this reason, I strongly encourage the city council not to support the appointment of Mr. Peterson to the Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Jack Srebnik
Santa Monica

No political will at City Hall to change homeless policy



AS I SEE IT

By Bill Bauer

The high number of vagrants and transients who have taken over the Third Street Promenade are probably the single largest reason for the rising chorus of complaints and a corresponding business decline in the area.

Add a general economic downturn since Sept. 11, the transit mall, construction, traffic, parking problems and just about everyone agrees that things are getting a lot worse. Local residents are turning away from the downtown area in ever increasing numbers, tourists are appalled at what they see and according to the regional press, "Santa Monica's Third Street Promenade is last year's place to be."

With all the carping and complaining, you'd think the Bayside District Corp., which is supposed to oversee the economic vitality of the Third Street Promenade

area, would take some strong, unflinching action to put things back on course. And, you'd think that members of our city council would be falling all over themselves to fix the problems, too. Nawww.

A great many of the Bayside's problems arise from the approximately 40 weekly free food handouts in nearby Palisades Park. It's the free feedings along with an extensive smorgasbord of social service programs aimed at the "homeless" and bankrolled by the city that's at the heart of Santa Monica's high transient population problem. They're the magnet that draws 'em here, and the carrot that keeps 'em here.

The Bayside board recommended last month that the city council take steps to curtail and control the feedings, strengthen ordinances against trespassing and loitering in doorways and to maintain a solid police presence on the Promenade. So far so good, but they also asked for an increase in social services as their No. 1 priority.

Clearly, this is a step in the wrong direction.

The reason why more than 40 "feel

good" groups feed in our parks and not their own in Manhattan Beach, Hollywood, Van Nuys, Ventura and elsewhere is "because the homeless are here." And, it's a much nicer and safer place to do humanitarian work than Pacoima or Skid Row in downtown L.A.

Manhattan Beach and most other municipalities don't have the high number of transients that we have because they don't condone the food handouts, provide the social services and they rigidly enforce the laws and prosecute violators.

I know what Bayside board (now chair), John Warfel, was thinking when he suggested the social services infrastructure be expanded to serve the homeless downtown. He was trying show that the Bayside District Corp. is compassionate. But compassion isn't the purview of the Bayside District Corp., economic vitality is.

As long as there are vagrants, transients and social misfits — housed or unhoused — and people acting anti-socially or in a threatening manner, the average person like you and me will stay away and so will our money. It's that simple.

John Warfel and most of his fellow city council appointees on the Bayside board apparently share the same philosophy as the city council: Provide as much support as possible "to those in need." But it is impossible to provide comprehensive and meaningful services to 1,000 transients nightly, especially when a great many of them are not interested in programs and just want to do their own thing.

There is no political will to deal with the problem, and there is no desire by those in power to regulate and curtail the feedings, increase law enforcement or implement any measures that would make Santa Monica less inviting for those who are just out to live off of the rest of us and the system.

It's just a matter of time before some "transient" does something vile and heinous to a beloved resident. When that happens, maybe the citizens of this community will wake up and say, "enough, already", and demand big changes to the way the city is governed.

(Bill Bauer has been a resident for 32 years in Santa Monica and is a freelance writer.)

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LOCAL



Hotel officials keep guests' privacy protected

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Tyson's cars and a limousine filled with several bodyguards and other people then pulled up, a source said. Tyson left without further incident.

Neither Tyson's spokesman nor Shuttles personnel would comment on the incident. They also wouldn't confirm that he was at the hotel.

Tyson's New York City-based manager, Shelly Finkle, cut off a reporter in mid-sentence trying to describe the incident to him and seeking comment.

"You can stop right there," he said. "I don't know anything about it, and it's nothing I even want to know about."

"No one will comment on that or any other story you may run, do I make myself clear?"

Shuttles spokeswoman Marjory Hawkins said it's the hotel's policy not to comment on its guests — past, present or future.

"Privacy comes with the room rate," she said.

The ocean-view suite Tyson reportedly stayed in cost \$1,500 a night. Nightly room rates range from \$380 to \$2,500.

Tyson over the years has had a troubled history with the law.

In 1992, he was convicted of raping 18-year-old Miss Black America contestant Desiree Washington in Indianapolis the year before. Tyson was released in 1995, having served three years of six-year sentence.

He returned to jail in 1999 for assaulting two motorists during a 1998 traffic dispute.

Tyson was a juvenile delinquent when he was befriended by trainer/manager Cus D'Amato, who molded the 12-year-old into a heavyweight contender, according to an article posted on BBC Sport Online in May.

A heavyweight champion by the age of

20, Tyson was introduced to manager Don King two years later after father figure D'Amato had passed away, BBC Online Sport reports.

Tyson was the undisputed champ of heavyweight boxing until he lost to James "Buster" Douglas in Tokyo in 1990. After his stint in jail, Tyson returned to the ring after tuning up with club fighter Peter McNeeley. Tyson then won a world title after crushing Frank Bruno in a rematch.

"You can stop right there. I don't know anything about (the incident), and it's nothing I even want to know about."

— SHELLY FINKLE
Tyson's NY manager

But Evander Holyfield was waiting in the wings, ready to take Tyson down. Holyfield, who signed to fight Tyson twice, beat him in 1996 and 1997. He initially stripped the New Yorker of the world heavyweight title and then exposed Tyson's monstrous side.

Tyson bit off a piece of Holyfield's ear in a heavyweight boxing match, resulting in a revocation of Tyson's boxing license and a fine of \$3 million, which is the maximum 10 percent-of-purse allowed under Nevada regulations.

In the pre-fight build up to the Lennox Lewis contest this past June, he bit his opponent once more, this time in the thigh. He lost the fight.

tic city into a cold, concrete, traffic latent mess with no regard to the residents that have made up this populous. The city has sold out to the highest bidder. With it has come its new image that they seem to have wanted along with an increase in vagrants, panhandlers. One used to be able to safely walk in the evening to many quaint restaurants along Wilshire Boulevard that welcomed your patronage. This has ended along with the warmth that attracted so many people in the past. It's a tragic shame what has happened to Santa Monica."

■ "I think Santa Monica is definitely losing its soul. I don't know why, but it's sad. Hot Dog On A Stick's rent is being raised from around \$500.00 a month to \$2,200.00 a month. I don't think that they will be around much longer."

■ "Santa Monica has sold its soul, no! It actually paid to get rid of it! When the city did away with the official city seal without a public vote that was criminal! To me that is like changing the American Flag! Everything in the seal meant something from the fertile mermaid to 'populus felix in urbe felici' to the official state colors of blue, yellow and gold. I'm a native of SM and somewhat dissatisfied of the movie set it has become literally with the city politics stuck in line at Fantasyland, dreaming of Tinkerbell. Reality is that Tinkerbell can't fly in SM due to insurance costs. My opinion is that SM has BECOME a CITY with a very political voice that I don't always agree with! I'll be sad the day they change the name due to religious equality! I always love the soil under my feet! Hopefully that won't be taken away!"

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LOCAL

SMRR has largest war chest of any political group

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they can't win the elections the way they are now, they will change the elections."

But VERITAS organizers say it's exactly the opposite. They say the hotel donations are insignificant compared to the many donations they have received that are below \$100, the limit at which the state requires disclosure.

"We have a broad base of support, and the hotels are just part of that broad base support," said Irene Zivi, a VERITAS organizer. "I'm not going to say they aren't helping us because that wouldn't be true."

VERITAS organizers said a flier they mailed to households throughout the city resulted in more than a hundred small donations, the vast majority of which were below the threshold disclosure threshold. The group has also received a \$2,000 loan from Jean Ann Holbrook, the wife of Councilman Robert Holbrook — a supporter of VERITAS.

FAIR — or Fighting Against Irresponsible Regulation — which is a coalition of hotels and the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce, have surprisingly not built-up a large war chest for their campaign against the living wage ordinance.

Over the calendar year, they have raised more than \$180,000, but all of that money has been spent. Officials involved in the campaign said the group's fundraising activities will start to rev-up shortly.

Santa Monicans for Renters Rights, or SMRR, currently has the most cash of any organization to spend. They have raised \$96,950, and they have more than \$78,000 on hand.

Since April, the group has received 184 donations of more than \$100, but the aver-

age amount disclosed by the organization shows that the average donor gave \$123.25.

The organization — which has dominated Santa Monica electoral politics for decades with broad support of the city's renters — is mobilizing for an expensive campaign to educate voters about the living wage and VERITAS.

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— IRENE ZIVI
VERITAS organizer

"(The amount) is a littler higher than what we usually have at this point," said Zane, "but it's not out of line."

Like VERITAS organizers, Zane said his organization relies on the vast number of smaller donations that are well below \$100. SMRR sends out people to canvass door-to-door to raise money, much of which are \$10 and \$20 bills — not the \$100 amounts disclosed in the reports, Zane said.

"The other \$70,000 is people that donated who are giving under \$100, and roughly that averages about \$35 a donation," he said. "At least, that's the historical average."

Relay For Life is society's signature annual event

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Cancer survivors from throughout the community are invited to walk in the celebration of life, while the rest of the participants cheer them on. A reception will follow for survivors hosted by Shutters on the Beach and Casa Del Mar hotels.

The most emotional part of the event is a luminary ceremony, which honors survivors and remembers those who have died from the disease. In the evening, white bags line the track that are filled with white sand and a candle. Each one is dedicated to a person touched by cancer and is lit during a special ceremony. The candles burn throughout the night, lighting the way for walkers.

People can still purchase a luminary in honor of someone who is battling cancer, or has survived cancer, or in memory of 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 the ceremony. Contact Tatlonghari at (213) 368-8537 for information on where to purchase a luminary, or to sign up to be a

participant.

Team participants will camp out through the night while enjoying music and entertainment, as well as building team spirit and raising money.

Santa Monica's Relay For Life has 30 teams, with each one paying a \$150 registration fee. Each team member is encouraged to raise at least \$100 through individual donations from family, friends and co-workers.

Relay For Life is the American Cancer Society's national signature event. Last year, Relay For Life took place in nearly 3,000 communities across the country and raised more than \$211 million nationwide. The money from the events account for 25 percent of the American Cancer Society's annual income.

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American killed in Middle East



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Norman Greene, a spokesperson for the family of Marla Bennett, 24, a San Diego native who was killed in the bombing at Hebrew University in Jerusalem on Wednesday, holds up a photo of Bennett as he talks about the family's devastation outside their home Thursday in San Diego.

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UC Davis to receive \$5M for a beer laboratory

By The Associated Press

DAVIS — The Anheuser-Busch Foundation will donate \$5 million to the University of California, Davis, to help build a 16,000-square-foot beer brewing laboratory.

UC Davis became one of the pre-eminent training grounds for beer brewers in the late 1950s when University of Wisconsin officials refused an offer to start a beer-brewing program. Davis leapt at the chance and established a malting and brewing science department in 1959, school officials said.

On Wednesday, university officials announced a \$5 million pledge in matching funds from the Anheuser-Busch Foundation.

The gift will help Davis double its brewing undergraduate and graduate program and expand extension courses, said Charles Bamforth, the school's Anheuser-Busch endowed professor of malting and brewing sciences.

UC Davis graduates make up about half of the brewers at Anheuser-Busch, which produces about 40 percent of the world's beer, said Charles Shoemaker, chair of the food science department.

UC officials expect to break ground on the Anheuser-Busch Brewing and Food Science Laboratory in 2004 and complete it in 2006.

'Jackass' performer in jail on obscenity, battery charges

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Steve-O, a host of the MTV daredevil show "Jackass," remains in jail on \$150,000 bail for obscenity and battery charges stemming from a July 11 appearance in Louisiana.

The 28-year-old performer, whose real name is Stephen Glover, was arrested Monday and charged with being a fugitive, police said.

Glover, of Los Angeles, is accused of violating obscenity laws by exposing himself and stapling his scrotum to his inner thigh at a nightclub in Houma, La. He also allegedly took part in a stunt in which a bouncer slammed a 19-year-old headfirst to the ground at The Abyss nightclub.

Police said the acts were recorded on

videotape.

Deputy District Attorney Loren Naiman said that if Glover posts bail, he would be free to return on his own to Houma, La., to face charges.

If Glover does not post bail, he can fight extradition and remain in custody in Los Angeles for a month or more before he is returned. Otherwise, Louisiana police will pick him up in Los Angeles, Naiman said.

An extradition hearing was scheduled for Thursday.

Glover could face up to eight years in prison and \$5,000 in fines if convicted on the obscenity and second-degree battery charges.

The club manager and owners were arrested last week and released on bail. The bouncer is still at large.

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STATE

Actors join to fight against ageism in Hollywood

BY GARY GENTILE
 AP Business Writer

LOS ANGELES — When it came time to hire a crew for his film "4 Faces," veteran character actor Peter Mark Richman favored experience over youth.

The 75-year-old hired the camera operator who had worked on 1980's "Somewhere in Time" and the script supervisor on 1969's "Easy Rider."

"These people are 75 or 80 years old, with resumes going back 50 years, who really can't get jobs," Richman said Wednesday. "There are so many vital people, so many gems of experience, who are lost doing other things because they are rejected in this profession, and I think it's pathetic."

Richman is one of several entertainment industry professionals, including actors Ed Asner, 72, and Kent McCord, 59, who are forming a group to lobby producers and networks for more roles for older actors and to support similar legislative efforts.

The Industry Coalition for Age Equity in the Media has the backing of the Screen Actors Guild, Women in Film, the American Federation of Television and

Radio Artists and the California Commission on Aging.

One of the group's main goals will be to persuade the entertainment industry that casting actors over 40 is key to tapping into the buying power of older Americans.

"Ageism is prevalent in our industry and it's like a silent killer, like cancer, and it gets worse every year," Richman said. "The parts are not there. In television, what does a senior do, unless you play a judge? The public and the industry have got to be re-educated."

The coalition is supporting legislation pending in the state Legislature that would, among other things, launch a media campaign to change cultural perceptions of the aging.

Charges of age discrimination in Hollywood have been brewing for some time. In February, more than 150 television writers filed 23 separate class-action lawsuits in Los Angeles Superior Court against the major television networks, movie studios and talent agencies.

The writers claim the defendants engaged in a pattern of refusing to hire or represent them because of their age.

Fans trekking to Wisconsin for Grateful Dead concert

BY KIM CURTIS
 Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — The Grateful Dead may not be the same without Jerry, but that isn't stopping fans from trekking to a tiny Wisconsin town for a landmark reunion tour this weekend.

"I'm just a huge fan of their music," said Rik Sheldon, 25, who works for a San Francisco investment management firm. He's meeting a friend in Minnesota, and they'll drive south together to East Troy, Wis. He bought two tickets for about \$60 each for both days of the concert, Saturday and Sunday.

"There are only a few bands out there where every show is a different show. You never know what they're going to play. It won't be the same without Jerry, but it will still be a monumental occasion."

After lead singer Jerry Garcia's death in 1995, the Dead retired from touring. The band's surviving members put on a show every now and then as The Other Ones.

But all four surviving founding members — bassist Phil Lesh, guitarist Bob Weir, and drummers Bill Kreutzman and

Mickey Hart — have been on the same stage only twice since Garcia's death: once in 1998 and then last New Year's Eve in Oakland, Calif., said the Dead's longtime publicist, Dennis McNally.

The four quickly sold 70,000 tickets to the two shows this weekend.

"They played together for 30 years, then they had basically seven years off," McNally said. "There was an enormous amount of joy in playing together again."

Initially, Walworth County, Wis., authorities denied the band a permit, fearing that thousands of their fans — known as Deadheads — would show up with booze, drugs and general mayhem. The officials relented, however.

If all goes smoothly at the venue, the Alpine Valley Music Theatre, The Other Ones plan a 15-show arena tour of the Midwest and East Coast in November and December.

Not all Deadheads are excited about the prospect of the reunion concert.

"I'll be 47 next month, I don't need to go," said Jon Rochmis, an executive editor at Wired News. "I'll tell you what — if Jerry comes back, I'm there."

Lawsuit settled over probe of death of Princess Di

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — A lawsuit has been settled against Egyptian business mogul Mohammed Al Fayed for the cost of hiring an investigator to look into the death of his son, Dodi Al Fayed, who died in the 1997 Paris car crash with Princess Diana.

Terms of the settlement were not released.

The breach-of-contract lawsuit was settled Monday, said Al Fayed's lawyer, Eric Stokel. It had been scheduled to go to trial Wednesday.

Al Fayed had been sued by the law firm of Greenberg Glusker Fields Claman Machtinger & Kinsella, which claimed it was owed \$92,369 for services that included hiring an investigator to look into a "derogatory remark," about Al Fayed's son.

Al Fayed has said he never authorized the investigation and refused to pay any bills from the law firm, according to court papers.

NATIONAL



Pet health insurance growing along with pet care

BY MARYCLAIRE DALE

Associated Press Writer

PHILADELPHIA — Zachary has endured chemotherapy, five hip and knee operations and gall bladder surgery.

He takes a daily diet of prescription drugs to combat nausea and other maladies and gets intravenous fluids at night because of kidney failure.

"He's going strong. Last July, you would have never thought he'd make it a couple more weeks," said Donna Raichle, 54, who spends about \$400 a month on Zachary's care.

Zachary, by the way, is a 12-pound Yorkshire terrier. His lengthy medical file may be one clue that the era of pet health insurance has arrived.

With advancements in veterinary care, more pets like Zachary can get high-tech — and costly — treatments ranging from chemotherapy to behavioral therapy.

And more owners like Raichle are seeking it out the insurance that pays for it.

"Americans are in love with their pets, and ... they're spending more on them," said Jack Stephens, 55, a veterinarian who founded the Veterinary Pet Insurance Co. in Brea, Calif., in 1980.

After losing \$18 million over 20 years, VPI turned its

first profit last year, earning \$1.3 million on \$47 million in revenues. The company has 85 percent of the U.S. market.

"The economy helps, but what we find is it's really the bond of the pet with the owner that's driving our business," Stephens said.

He launched the company, with financial backing from 900 veterinarians, after watching people put their pets down for mostly financial reasons. Stephens knew how to cure the animals, but the average person's limit for pet care was about \$250.

Today, the threshold is \$900 and climbing, according to industry studies. Americans spend about \$11.1 billion on veterinary medicine each year, according to the American Veterinary Medical Association.

Some people will pay more than others.

One physician couple, whose German pointer was mauled by other dogs, ran up a \$40,000 bill at the University of Pennsylvania's veterinary hospital. After several surgeries, skin grafts and a weeks-long stay, the purebred hunting dog is back in action.

Cable TV shows about animals and veterinary care are making people more aware of the treatments available, according to Dr. Ken Drobatz, who directs Penn's emergency veterinary service.

But only a small fraction of his customers — and fewer than 1 percent of the nearly 60 million households with pets nationwide — have pet insurance.

"We definitely get clients asking about it all the time. A lot of time they're asking after the fact," Drobatz said.

Most insurance companies that have entered the business over the years have failed, but that may be changing.

VPI expects to take in \$72 million this year. Its policies range in price from \$193 per year for standard coverage for a kitten to a \$521 premium policy for a 10-year-old dog.

Raichle had pet insurance years ago for one of her first Yorkies, but felt it didn't pay most claims and dropped it.

Linda Marcus, who has also had several Yorkies, won't be without it. VPI paid about half of the \$3,500 to \$5,000 in veterinary bills for her beloved Bandit in the six months before he died at age 15.

"This dog brought us so much pleasure that I would have done anything that money could have done to try to keep this dog alive," said Marcus, 59, who sells real estate on Chicago's Gold Coast.

That philosophy troubles some, including Arthur Caplan, chairman of Penn's Department of Medical Ethics. He hears from people every day who don't have health insurance for themselves.

"It's sort of odd to think that a pet could get certain treatments in the United States that certain people could not afford," Caplan said.

WorldCom chief surrenders



Kathy Willens/Associated Press

Former WorldCom chief financial officer Scott Sullivan, center, is led from Federal Plaza after surrendering to federal authorities to face charges related to a multi-million dollar accounting fraud Thursday in New York. A seven-count complaint, to be unsealed Thursday in federal court, charges him and another executive with securities fraud and conspiracy, a law enforcement source said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

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NATIONAL

Pennsylvania looking to pour money into the largest hole in the ground

BY MICHAEL RUBINKAM
Associated Press Writer

ARCHBALD, Pa. — The world's largest pothole has fallen on hard times.

Once a tourist magnet, Archbald Pothole State Park in northeastern Pennsylvania now attracts litterbugs, men looking for sex and the occasional geologist drawn by the sheer size of this naturally occurring hole in the ground.

"I got kind of scared when I was up there once. It was freaky. People were just hanging out," said Kim Mullen, 21, a lifelong resident of Archbald.

"And there's a lot of garbage around," added her friend Tammy Frye, 22.

Can this pothole be saved? Officials are betting taxpayer dollars it can.

State lawmakers have agreed to spend several hundred thousand dollars on a plan by state Rep. Ed Staback to install at least two soccer fields, a basketball court, a tennis court, a walking trail, a playground, roads and parking areas.

And borough officials are trying to rid the park of its unsavory reputation. Plainclothes police recently arrested 29 men for lewd behavior, including a man who had dropped off his family at a nearby shopping center and headed to the pothole for a rendezvous.

But people still can't seem to help but toss things into the hole, from bottles and paper bags to a parking meter, a park bench and a "Wet Floor" cone. When the trash accumulates, park rangers make their way down the smooth sandstone and shale walls and haul up the garbage.

The Archbald pothole is a bowl-shaped depression, 38 feet deep and 42 feet wide, that was gouged out by a glacier during the last Ice Age between 11,000 and 30,000 years ago.

It is considered too dangerous to let people climb in. Instead, it is surrounded by a chain-link fence with a concrete

viewing platform.

The state tried once before to spruce up the pothole. Five years ago, the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources spent \$175,000 on a facelift that included new paving, landscaping and garbage containers. But the littering and lewd behavior persisted.

Doug Kirby sees the problem as one of marketing. To truly take advantage of its pothole, Archbald must think creatively, said Kirby, co-author of "The New Roadside America," a guide to wacky tourist attractions.

Think Miss Pothole. Or billboards along the turnpike proclaiming: "You are now 50 miles away from the world's largest pothole."

Archbald, a town of 6,200 in a mountain valley five miles from Scranton, about 135 miles north of Philadelphia, and 125 miles west of New York City, has long claimed ownership of the world's largest glacial pothole. Staback calls it the "largest of its kind on the planet" and a "natural wonder."

In 1964 it was designated a state park. It is not the only park built around a hole in the ground. Others include Potholes State Park in Washington state, Glacial Potholes in Massachusetts and Potholes Provincial Park in Ontario, not to be confused with Sooke Potholes Provincial Park in British Columbia.

The Archbald pothole once drew tourists by the thousands. Discovered in 1883 by a coal miner, it became a regional attraction when the mine owner organized sightseeing excursions via the company railroad. The hole continued to attract tourists well into the 20th century.

"People used to pack picnic lunches and go out there," said Joe Daley, 73, an Archbald councilman and former mayor.

Now, it gets maybe 30 or 40 visitors a day. Staback hopes to restore the pothole to its former glory.

Supporters upset about move to restrict lap dancing

BY ANGIE WAGNER
Associated Press Writer

LAS VEGAS — Exotic dancers and strip club supporters are up in arms over a new ordinance restricting lap dance gyrations and barring customers from stuffing bills in G-strings at clubs outside Sin City.

"It's the image of Vegas," strip club customer Tony Anziano, 25, said Wednesday before the Clark County Commission voted 5-1 to adopt lap dance restrictions. "Now they're trying to make it like it's some sort of Disneyland."

Lap dances are illegal in Clark County, but the law is so vague that it's rarely enforced in the clubs in the county outside Las Vegas.

Things are looser in Las Vegas itself. Lap dances are permitted in six clubs in the city, and tips may be slipped into G-strings — though fondling is off-limits. The new county rules will not apply within Las Vegas.

An 18-month undercover police inves-

tigation had found lap dancing led to simulated sex acts, "excessive grinding" and, in some cases, prostitution. County Commissioner Yvonne Atkinson Gates wanted to change that, so she proposed banning dancers and customers from touching each other's buttocks, genitals or breasts during lap dances.

As of Sept. 1, lap dances will be legal, but dancers won't be able to touch or sit on the customer's genital area. They are allowed to touch and dance on a customer's legs. Stuffing dollar bills in G-strings will be prohibited.

Most people attending the commission's meeting were displeased with the new rules.

"You're confusing sex with titillation," Dr. Jeffrey Arenswald told the commission. "You have some repressed sexual ideas."

At that, Gates banged her gavel. "I'm not doing this because of my sexual anything," Gates said. "I'm doing this because I think it's right."

INTERNATIONAL



Accused in Olympic skating scandal contacted six judges

BY ANDREW DAMPF
Associated Press Writer

VENICE, Italy — The suspected Russian mobster charged with fixing figure skating at the Salt Lake Olympic Games may have contacted as many as six judges, and his alleged attempt to corrupt the games was widespread, Italian police said Thursday.

An Italian organized-crime unit revealed details of a months-long operation Thursday, a day after arresting suspect Alimzhan Tokhtakhounov in Venice on U.S. conspiracy charges.

Tokhtakhounov is accused of scheming to persuade a French judge to vote for the Russian pairs team and a Russian judge to vote in turn for the French ice dancing team, according to a criminal complaint filed in Manhattan federal court. Both teams won gold.

In exchange for fixing the event, the reputed mobster wanted a visa to return to France, where he once lived, U.S. prosecutors say.

Russian sports officials derided the accusations Thursday. One called the allegations a "funny fantasy" that belonged in a Hollywood film script, not a U.S. federal court affidavit.

Tokhtakhounov is expected to plead innocent to all charges and fight extradition, said his lawyer, Luca Salvarelli, who had not yet met with his client. "According to what his relatives told me, he will deny any wrongdoing," the lawyer said. "He claims he is innocent."

Italian police said Tokhtakhounov held a phone conversation with a French man, whom police said was identified on the tape as "Chevalier." The suspect also made references to judges, although none were heard speaking on the tapes. Police said they did not know the names of the judges.

"We have recorded a conversation in which the suspect indicates that six judges may have been involved," police Col. Giovanni Mainolfi said. "However, we have no specific evidence against these judges at this time."

French skating officials said they were not aware of any Olympic official called "Chevalier." The president of the French Ski Federation at the time of the Olympics had a similar name — Bernard Chevallier. Contacted by phone Thursday, he said he had nothing to do with skating at the games.

"I don't know him (Tokhtakhounov) at all. I have had no contact with these people," Chevallier said.

Wiretaps used in an organized crime investigation captured a series of telephone calls between Tokhtakhounov in Italy and unnamed conspirators during the games. Those calls "lay out a pattern of conduct that connects those two events," U.S. Attorney James Comey said.

The suspect "arranged a classic quid pro quo: 'You'll line up support for the Russian pair, we'll line up support for the French pair and everybody will go away with the gold, and perhaps there'll be a little gold for me,'" Comey said.

Elena Berezhnaya and Anton Sikharulidze won the gold medal by the slimmest of margins in pairs figure skating, defeating Canadians Jamie Sale and David Pelletier. But French judge Marie-Reine Le Gougne said the next day she'd been pressured to vote for the Russians, who slipped during their routine while the Canadian were flawless.

"We did our job, and that's all that matters, and we're moving on to bigger and better things, and we're trying not to become involved because it has really nothing to do with us except for the fact that it was our event," Sale said Thursday

on NBC's "Today" show.

Sale and Pelletier said the sport needs reform, but no system will be perfect.

"Anything that has subjective judging is always going to be like that," Sale said.

The judging flap, the biggest in Olympics history, resulted in a duplicate set of gold medals being awarded to the Canadian pairs team.

Le Gougne later recanted but still was suspended, as was Didier Gailhaguet, the head of the French skating federation.

In a phone interview with The Associated Press, Le Gougne said she had never heard of Tokhtakhounov until she was contacted by an FBI officer through a

third person toward the end of the Olympics asking if she knew the reputed mobster.

"I don't know this man, I have no contact with him. I don't understand anything about this affair. This affair doesn't concern me," she said Thursday.

She denied being influenced as a judge.

A week after the pairs competition, the ice dancing team of Marina Anissina and Gwendal Peizerat won France's first gold in figure skating since 1932.

It was unclear exactly when the suspect might be extradited to the United States, but the process can last more than a month and could be delayed by the judiciary's summer recess.

Mourners in Jerusalem



John McCornico/Associated Press

Hundreds gather around the body of Lavina Shapira during her funeral in Jerusalem Thursday. Shapira, 53, was killed in Wednesday's bombing at Hebrew University, where seven people were killed.

U.S. signs sweeping anti-terror pact with Southeast Asia

BY SLOBODAN LEKIC
Associated Press Writer

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, Brunei — The United States signed a sweeping new anti-terrorism treaty with Southeast Asian countries on Thursday aimed at substantially upgrading security in the region — a key front in the war on al-Qaida.

The treaty with the 10 members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, or ASEAN, is one of the most extensive security arrangements concluded among the United States and its allies in the aftermath of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Under the agreement, Washington and the regional grouping — Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam — will share information, boost police cooperation and plug holes that extremists can exploit. The treaty will also raise U.S. technical and logistical aid to "prevent, disrupt and combat" international terrorism.

Secretary of State Colin Powell told a news conference that the accord would build a "more intimate relationship" with the Southeast Asian countries.

Southeast Asia has seen a rise in Muslim extremism in recent years, with some regional militant groups linked to Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida network. U.S. officials believe some of the planning for Sept. 11 may have taken place in Malaysia, where at least two of the hijackers visited a year earlier. Plots against U.S. interests in Indonesia and Singapore were exposed and thwarted in the past year.

Regional governments are concerned that the threat of further militant activity could hurt investor confidence and threaten economic growth throughout the region of 500 million people.

Still, the prospect that an anti-terrorist pact might lead to the deployment of U.S. soldiers has alarmed Vietnam and Indonesia — the world's most populous Muslim

nation. The United States sought to assuage such concerns.

"We are not looking for bases or places to send U.S. troops," Powell said after signing the accord at a ceremony in the capital of this oil-rich sultanate on Borneo island.

Analysts also have warned that the possible presence of American forces in predominantly Muslim nations such as Malaysia or Indonesia could be counterproductive and could inflame religious extremism.

Powell appeared to take note of such concerns, indicating that national security forces should be responsible

for handling the threat.

"I don't anticipate that this declaration will be the basis for the stationing of new U.S. troops," he said.

Some 1,500 U.S. troops have already been deployed to the southern Philippines to combat Abu Sayyaf terrorists allegedly linked to al-Qaida. Their six-month training exercise formally ended this week and another round of training is expected to start in October.

Asian leaders sought to allay domestic concerns that the treaty would bolster U.S. influence in the region.

The exit at the Uffizi is causing controversy

BY FRANCES D'EMILIO
Associated Press Writer

FLORENCE, Italy — For the wicked-tongued Italian art critic, it's a seven-story-high bed frame that would horrify art-lovers as they take their leave of the Uffizi and the gallery's priceless treasures.

For the renowned Japanese architect who is designing a new exit for one of the world's finest museums, it's an airy skylight conceived to be in harmony with the pleasing dimensions of this Renaissance city.

Is the talk of this art-blessed town these muggy midsummer days really an aesthetic disaster-in-the-making, as fired-up opponents like film and opera director Franco Zeffirelli would have it — or an unappreciated artistic vision, as frustrated proponents contend?

Or, to put it another way, would Dante have assigned architect Arata Isozaki to inferno or to paradise?

Whatever the final judgment, right now it's limbo for Isozaki's design for a seven-story-high canopy, which in 1998 won a prestigious international competition.

The city's superintendent of art and architecture, Domenico Valentino, who inherited the flap in March when he took up his office in the 15th-century Palazzo Pitti, said in an interview Tuesday that government lawyers are studying the situation to see if Isozaki can be forced to change his design and if the architect can sue for breach of contract if the project is scrapped.

Feelings are so rocky that Isozaki, with his lawyer at his side, came to Florence recently to publicly demand that art critic Vittorio Sgarbi apologize.

Sgarbi, who recently quit his post as Culture Ministry undersecretary, has likened the envisioned canopy to a slatted bed frame.

Others have said the exit will look more like a bus-stop shelter.

Zeffirelli, writing this month on

the front page of Milan newspaper Corriere della Sera, said Isozaki's idea was an "insult for all the civilized world."

Valentino hoped to placate critics by nearly halving the canopy's height, to about four stories. But last week, Isozaki fired off a letter rejecting that compromise.

"We did a computer model and the covering becomes heavier" if the height is reduced, Andrea Maffei, an Italian architect in Isozaki's firm, said in a telephone interview from Tokyo. With more height, "the sensation is lighter," Maffei said, likening Isozaki's conception of the canopy to that of a skylight.

The canopy, made of alternating strips of transparent material to allow sunlight to filter through, would cover a small square around the corner from the Uffizi's portico where tourists wait in blocks-long lines to see masterpieces by Botticelli and other artistic giants.



SPORTS

Cincinnati Reds 6, Los Angeles Dodgers 4, 13 innings

BY JOE KAY
AP Sports Writer

CINCINNATI — Eric Gagne was stunned, then enraged. Ejected for hitting Adam Dunn in the ninth inning of a close game Thursday, the Dodgers closer lost his cool, kicked his glove and threw his cap. Two hours later, Los Angeles was seething over a loss.

Gagne's ejection opened the way for Cincinnati's four-run comeback and Ken Griffey Jr. hit a two-run homer in the 13th for a 6-4 victory.

"I don't know what to say, really, except that was the grossest error in judgment in quite possibly the history of the game," said Dodgers manager Jim Tracy, who also was ejected by plate umpire Dan Iassogna.

Until the ejection, there was little drama on a searing afternoon.

Odalys Perez allowed only two hits through seven innings, and Gagne was three outs from finishing a 4-0 win. He gave up the Aaron Boone's two-run homer, ending the shutout and setting the stage for a 33-minute half-inning.

The next pitch was a fastball that glanced off the back of Dunn's left arm. Iassogna, who had not given any warnings during the game, immediately pulled off his mask and ejected Gagne.

Gagne vainly argued that he would never purposely hit Dunn and bring the tying run to the plate.

Iassogna said he was following baseball's directive. "One of the things that major league baseball put emphasis on is situations where a hitter is intentionally throwing at a batter, and the particular emphasis comes after a home run," Iassogna said. "Gagne threw a fastball shoulder-high right at Dunn, who's the next batter. It was the next pitch after a home run, so I immediately ejected him."

Third baseman Adrian Beltre and manager Jim Tracy wrestled Gagne away after he went chest-to-chest with the umpire. Gagne, second in the NL with 35 saves, kicked his glove to the dugout railing and threw his cap before leaving.

Iassogna said there was no physical contact. Gagne

could be disciplined by baseball for the outburst.

"They'd better not, because it's going to get out of control again," he said.

Dunn simply stood at first, watching everything unfold. "It was just one of those things where the ump thought it was intentional," Dunn said. "I didn't. He didn't want to hit me in that situation. Plus, I know him. I know how he thinks."

The Dodgers still had a chance to escape the inning after Jesse Orosco struck out Griffey with two on. Giovanni Carrara gave up a two-out, two-strike double to Jason LaRue to tie it at 4.

It then became a game of attrition, with the Reds using pitcher Jimmy Haynes as a pinch-hitter in the 11th. He flied out to the warning track in center.

Left-hander Omar Daal (8-6), who had been scheduled to start on Friday against Philadelphia, relieved in the 12th and started the winning rally by walking Dunn to lead off the 13th. One out later, Griffey hit his fourth homer, into the second deck in right field.

Scott Williamson (3-3) pitched out of a two-on threat in the 12th, going two innings to get the win.

In what could be a costly setback to the Reds, Elmer Dessens — their best starter — had to leave after four innings because of a strained groin.

Dessens will be re-examined in two days, when the Reds will decide whether to plan for a missed start. The right-hander's 2.67 ERA is second in the NL to Greg Maddux.

Perez walked two and struck out five, throwing 95 pitches on a 90-degree afternoon before leaving for a pinch-hitter in the eighth.

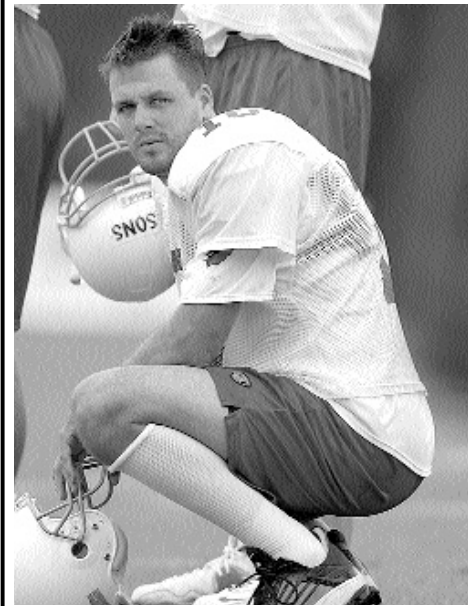
Beltre doubled home a run, Dave Hansen had a pinch homer and Dave Roberts tripled home a pair of runs in the ninth as Los Angeles went up 4-0.

Beltre, the Dodgers' hottest hitter, doubled home their first run in the fourth inning. Beltre leads the Dodgers with 19 RBIs since the All-Star break.

Hansen led off the eighth with his second homer off Danny Graves, continuing the Dodgers' excellence off the bench. The Dodgers lead the NL in pinch-hit average.

Roberts hit his two-run triple off Gabe White in the ninth, making it 4-0 and sending most of the 27,950 fans for the exits.

Cardinal rests



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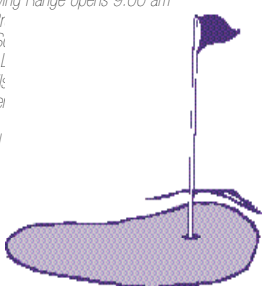
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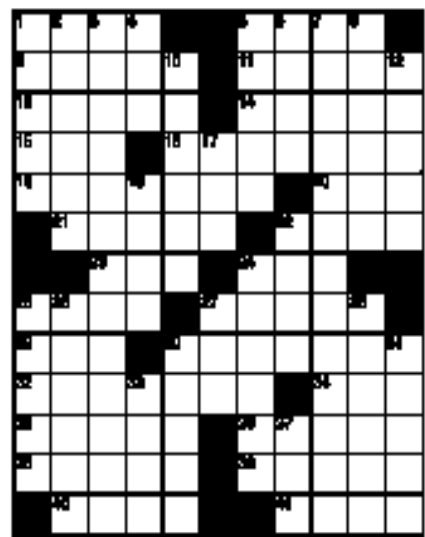
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD by Chuck Shepard

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• In June, Harvey, Ill., Baptist minister Rev. Roland Gray was sentenced to 4 1/2 years in prison for faking at least 14 auto accidents to defraud insurance companies of more than \$450,000; "I consider myself a man of God," Gray told the judge, "(but) I got a little confused."

• Also in June, Mr. Andrea Cabiale, 40, of Turin, Italy, was charged with arranging at least 500 bump-and-stop car accidents involving young female drivers, in largely unsuccessful attempts to date them; in Cabiale's apartment were 2,159 photographs of female car owners and their damaged vehicles.

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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

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 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

Anastasia's Asylum, 1028 Wilshire Blvd., Santa Monica. Board games, cushiony sofas, a full veggie menu, juices, teas, and coffee that grows hair on your chest. No cover. (310)394-7113.

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14 Below, 1348 14th St., Santa Monica. If the band stinks, take advantage of commodious booths, pool tables, and fireplace. Full Bar. Over 21. (310)451-5040.

Open Mic Music. UnUrban Coffeehouse. 3301

Pico Blvd., Santa Monica, (310)315-0056.

The 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! *Adolescence* \$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.

Saturday Theatre / Arts

Santa Monica Children's Theatre Co. presents a newly forming musical theatre company for children. Every Saturday from 10:15 a.m. - 2:15 p.m., Quest Studios, 19th & Broadway in Santa Monica. Tuition is \$325 per month - covers cost of all classes and productions. Contact Janet Stegman at (310)995-9636.

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

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The Empty State Theater at 2372 Veteran Ave. in W. Los Angeles proudly presents: "The Fortune Room Lounge Show" A musical improv show featuring the "Stella Ray Trio" and "The Lucky Players". Every Saturday night at 10:00 p.m. Admission is \$10.00, drinks included w/admission. Lots of parking! For information or reservations please call (310)470-3560.

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American Cancer Society's Relay for Life

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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

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