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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

by Chuck Shepard

Until May, Darlene Heatherington, 40, was a well-regarded, high-achieving city councilwoman in Lethbridge, Alberta, but then she traveled to Great Falls, Mont., on city business, during which trip an incident occurred. In several shifting public statements since then, Heatherington said she was drugged, kidnapped to Las Vegas and raped. However, police in Las Vegas, Great Falls and Lethbridge have contradicted her accounts, and (in Great Falls and Lethbridge) have charged her with filing false reports. Still, she has stuck to her story (baffling most people in Lethbridge) and denies any emotional problems ("I'm a long way from nuts," she said). (A National Post columnist wrote in June that, most likely, she had a consensual tryst and was then tormented by her own super-straight image.)



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"What do hookers do on their night off — type?"

— Elayne Boosler



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Criminal charges dropped against local game inventor

Man plans to sue City Hall in federal court

BY JOHN WOOD

Daily Press Staff Writer

A judge has cleared the way for a local game inventor to sue City Hall in federal court for allegedly violating his First Amendment rights.

Santa Monica Superior Court Judge Bernard Kamins this week dropped the last seven criminal charges against Stewart Lamle, inventor of the game "Farook."

Over the past several years, Lamle has been slapped with numerous criminal charges for performing on the Third Street Promenade without a permit, using a table with illegal dimensions, possessing milk crates, which is against California law, and operating a business without a license.

Lamle has for years argued that City Hall is violating his constitutional rights by not allowing him to sell or showcase his game and refusing to grant him a business license.

Lamle contends that it's his First Amendment right to express himself by playing and selling Farook, a high-level strategy game with similarities to Chinese checkers and chess.

Kamins said he wanted to give Lamle the opportunity to take his civil case against City Hall to a higher court and the pending criminal charges were prohibiting Lamle from doing so.

"I'm delighted," said Lamle, adding that he intends to sue City Hall for \$1 million in lost wages, embarrassment and emotional distress. "Now I just want to collect the money."

Deputy City Attorney David Fairweather said City Hall agreed to drop the charges, but only on the condition that Lamle not return to

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File photo
Stewart Lamle, inventor of the game, "Farook," was denied a business license.

Day campers take Will Rogers Beach by storm

BY PATRICK KINMARTIN

Special to the Daily Press



Patrick Kinmartin/Special to the Daily Press
Junior lifeguards at Will Rogers State Beach await their next lesson recently.

A wave of youth programs has hit the shore of Will Rogers State Beach this summer.

Since June, hundreds of local kids have flocked to the mile-and-a-half stretch along the Pacific Coast to participate in a variety of day-time camps.

In addition to giving kids the opportunity to spend their summer at the beach, each camp sets out to help them learn specific skills pertaining to various activities, including martial arts and water rescue.

"It's a different, action-packed way for them to learn," said Chris Gard, whose son, Sean, attends a youth volleyball camp at Will Rogers.

The camp is put on by former professional beach volleyball players Sinjin Smith and Randy Stoklos, teammates who captured several world championships together in the 1990s. Smith, who learned to play on Sorrento Beach when he was 5, said organizing camps

in the area is the perfect way to share his experience growing up with aspirations of becoming a volleyball star.

"This camp wasn't my idea originally, but I'm glad I've become a part of it," Smith said. "Randy and I had been doing clinics all over the world for a long time until one day he came up with the idea to do it locally. It made perfect sense. There are a lot of kids around here who really understand the game and will benefit with some teaching."

Smith, Stoklos and a group of other professional players spend three hours every weekday morning teaching 5- to 14-year-olds the fundamentals of hitting, footwork and other aspects of the game. Participants then get the chance to compete against each other on 11 different courts set up in the sand.

YOUNG WATER RATS

Just feet away from the courts, hordes of junior lifeguards practice rescue techniques

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Car severely injures two pedestrians, flees scene

By Daily Press staff

Two men remained in critical condition Friday after a car hit them on Olympic Boulevard and took off, police said.

Shortly before 10 p.m. on Thursday, a car described as a teal green Honda Accord or Civic, was driving eastbound in the 1800

block of Olympic Boulevard, when it hit two pedestrians who were standing behind a parked car on the south side of the street.

The driver of the car fled the scene, leaving a 28-year-old and 26-year-old, both of San Gabriel, with severe injuries. Authorities wouldn't release the victims' names or elaborate on their

injuries, except to say they are substantial.

Santa Monica Police responded to the 911 call by a witness, who couldn't provide a description of the driver. The car has been described as a 1990s two-door model and is believed to have extensive damage on the right side of the vehicle.

The driver is wanted by the SMPD for a felony hit and run charge.

The car's right side mirror was recovered at the scene by SMPD's major accident response team. Anyone with information should call Chris Dawson at the SMPD at (310) 458-8954.

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

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Others seek you out. You are called to action, and you'll meet the challenge. You might need to pull plans together or even stage the party. Whatever your role might be, enjoy yourself to the utmost. Some of you could find yourself working, but liking it. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ If you have the opportunity to take off, why not? Someone at a distance reaches out to you. Why not meet him or her halfway for a fun day? In a different setting, you renew and recharge your energy. Don't let anyone stop you. Tonight: Try some exotic cuisine.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Deal with others directly and individually. An important discussion that needs to happen naturally occurs in such a friendly environment. Make plans with those special people in your life, making time for each one. Tonight: Someone wants to pull in close to you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Others approach you, putting you in a yea or nay situation. Although in some form you feel cornered by all this action, you do feel cared for. Learn to support yourself, making the choices you want. Take your time choosing a gift. Tonight: Out.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Projects come forward, whether it is getting the barbecue ready or doing some lawn care. You will enjoy yourself no matter which way you turn, as long as you have company. Invite someone along; he or she will pitch in. Tonight: Make dinner easy.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You say what you think, and someone responds. You might not believe what is happening around you. Understand how much a child or loved one appreciates your caring; just hang out with him or her. Tonight: Ever playful.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Invite others to come to you, rather than going to others. A conversation with a family member might be long overdue. You aren't going to change this person, but the two of you can find a halfway point. Entertain only those you really care about. Tonight: Happy at home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You naturally fall into the right place at the right time. A call or invitation encourages you to get together with friends. Don't forget someone you haven't seen in a long time. Perhaps it is time to catch up on each other's news. Tonight: By all means, don't stand on ceremony.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Expenses could quickly have you flapping your arms in dismay. Rather than carrying on, do something about the situation. You also might opt to put in more overtime, if need be. Extremes punctuate what is going on. Tonight: Treating others doesn't have to be expensive.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Whatever you get your hands into naturally seems to turn out as you like. Try something totally new if you're in the mood. Different might very well appeal to you right now. News heading your way could be very interesting. Tonight: Free-flow with the moment.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Knowing when to allow others to take over could be instrumental to your well-being, as well as a relationship. A partner or close friend loves being able to steal the scene. He or she might like taking a stronger role. Tonight: Togetherness works.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Someone has an awful lot to say. Although you might feel cornered on some level, you also might enjoy all the news. You might be surprised by what is going on with some friends. Don't forget a call to a loved one at a distance. Tonight: Where your friends are.

Clarification: In an Aug. 8 article regarding the Chamber of Commerce, the SMDP stated that City Hall spends more than \$2 million on social services for the homeless. Kathy Dodson, executive director of the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce, did not quote that figure. It came from the reporter's own research. Dodson later said the figure was much higher.

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LOCAL



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

All you can eat ice cream social on tap

By Daily Press staff

How much ice cream can you eat?

You can find out one week from today when the Santa Monica Oceanaires Barbershop Chorus holds its annual old-fashioned ice cream social on Saturday, Aug. 16.

"This is just an evening of straight-up fun for the entire family," said Ken Scholtz, president of the acclaimed men's chorus of acapella singers that recently became the 2003 Far Western District Small Chorus Champions. Doors to the two-hour session of songs and sundaes open at 7 p.m., said Scholtz. From then on, the "non-stop scoopin'" begins immediately.

Under the direction of Todd Benton, the Oceanaires will perform a variety of classic American favorite tunes, along with showcasing some of the group's quartets.

Admission is \$8 for kids and seniors, and \$10 for adults. Tickets can be purchased at the door, but ticket reservations are recommended, as the event sold out last year. Scholtz promised a quicker advance to the front of the ice cream sundae stands by making advance reservations and picking up tickets at the will call table. For advanced ticket sales, call (310) 393-9356 or reserve online at www.oceanaires.org.

The event will be held at the First United Methodist Church in Santa Monica, located at 1008 11th St.

New safety facility slated to open Aug. 27

By Daily Press staff

The community is invited to a double celebration on Wednesday, Aug. 27, when the new public safety facility is officially dedicated and "Santa Monica Night Out Against Crime" is observed. The party begins at 5:30 p.m., with the dedication ceremony scheduled for 6:30 p.m.

Tours of the building and public safety exhibits and demonstrations may be enjoyed throughout the evening beginning at 5:30. Refreshments donated by local vendors will be served by Santa Monica firefighters and police officers at 7 p.m. Five hundred commemorative mugs donated by the Santa Monica Rotary Club and Jaycees will be given away, and license plate frames bearing the safety slogan "Let's Watch Out for Each Other" will be available for a \$1 donation to the Police Activities League.

The 118,000-square-foot, \$63 million Santa Monica Public Safety Facility, under construction since late 2000, is the new headquarters for the Santa Monica Fire and Police departments and will include the jail, dispatch center for 9-1-1 calls and the city emergency operations center. The building includes many "green" features that will make it less expensive to operate than traditional buildings and friendlier to the environment.

Parking at the Civic Auditorium is free after 5:30 p.m. for the event and Big Blue Bus lines 1, 5 and 9 stop in the Civic Center near the new building, which is located directly behind City Hall at Fourth Street and Olympic Drive (an extension of Olympic constructed between Fourth and Main as part of the public safety facility project).

For more information about the grand opening or Santa Monica Night Out Against Crime, contact SMPD community relations at 458-8474.



surf report

Look for a mix of primary NW wind swell to go along with some background S/SW swell with some minor tropical SSE swell by the afternoon. Most Northern LA spots will see surf in the 1'-to-3' range, best breaks are more consistent on the waist high surf. The South Bay will see mainly 2'-to-3' surf with some bigger sets at best NW/combo spots.

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SUNDAY	3:14	-1.1	2:29	2.3	9:48	4.3	8:41	6.8
MONDAY	3:53	-1.1	3:15	2.0	10:22	4.4	9:24	6.8
TUESDAY	4:29	-1.0	3:58	1.9	10:55	4.5	10:05	6.5
WEDNESDAY	5:03	-0.7	4:40	1.8	11:27	4.6	10:44	6.1
THURSDAY	5:34	-0.2	5:23	1.8	11:58	4.7	11:22	5.6
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OPINION

LETTERS

Democracy holds true here

Editor:

Viva Santa Monica!

Democracy is alive and well in this city by the sea.

Witnessing the public meeting of the Social Services Commission this week was an amazing and uplifting experience. Eight commissioners faced an overflow crowd of citizens concerned about a development which threatens a profoundly negative impact on a working class neighborhood, a thriving office complex, a growing retail area, a high school and a cutting-edge art community.

The commissioners invited the citizens to speak and to share their opinions. Those who wished to speak spoke from their hearts, expressing facts, feelings and thoughts about the project. The citizens in general expressed the need for social services in Santa Monica and expressed opposition to this particular project.

Then the commissioners discussed their points of view. Some were for it, some were against it, some were not sure. All were thoughtful and sincere.

A motion for a roll call vote was made by the commissioners. The commission voted to applaud the Ocean Park Community Corporation for their good work and say (4-2 with two abstentions) that they felt this particular project was ill-conceived.

We're so lucky that we live in a city which cares and in which the government of the people, for the people and by the people is not just an empty Beltway slogan.

Richard Tuttle
Santa Monica

'Some spin control, please'

Editor:

Jack Caruso gave an extensive interview (SMDP, Aug. 7, page 1) in which he outlined the many factors that contributed to his decision to close the family business. He cited fashion trends, economics, rent and numerous acts of government.

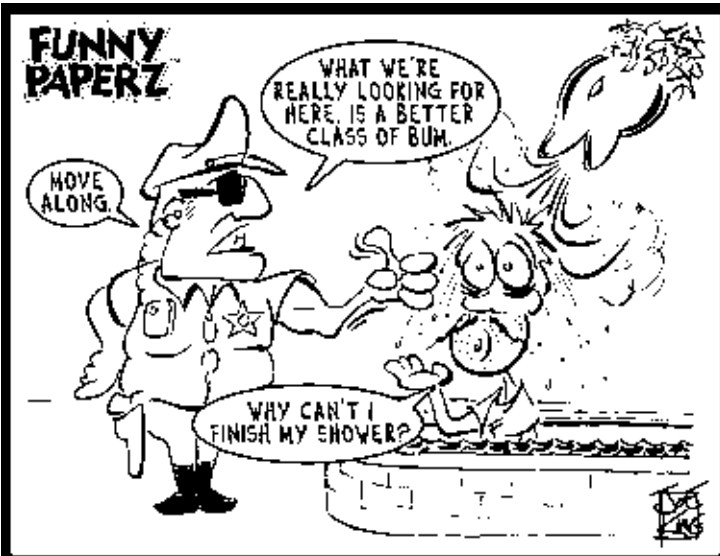
Yet the interview is used by City Councilman Kevin McKeown as an opportunity solely to attack commercial landlords.

No surprise here, but if Kevin was so concerned about preserving local business,

why did he allow the PRC to evict the Boathouse in favor of Bubba Gump? Why does he continue to support the homeless invasion? Why did he back all of the congestion-enhancing "traffic calming" and increased parking fees and fines?

Some spin control, please. Do not allow the SMRR rhetoric to go unchallenged.

John Imhoff III
Santa Monica



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Anti-terrorist proposals from outside the box



MODERN TIMES

By Lloyd Garver

Last week, critics killed the latest brilliant idea to come out of Washington.

Some pesky naysayers stopped the Defense Department's plan to allow people to bet on where and when the next terrorist attack might occur. The program was to be like a commodities futures market, except you could invest in death and destruction instead of pork bellies.

The hope was that those with inside information on terrorism would bet on a time and place where an attack was likely to occur, and that would help National Security officials predict trouble. I don't know if the Defense Department was also going to give the bettors complimentary hotel suites and tickets to Siegfried and Roy.

Putting aside the bad taste of online terrorism betting — if that's possible — under this program, an anonymous terrorist could make a wager about when and

where something bad was going to happen, then perpetrate the act and get financially rewarded for it. Why not just give him the Congressional Medal of Honor while you're at it?

This Windfall for Terrorists program was the brainchild of the Defense Department's John M. Poindexter. You probably remember him from the Iran-Contra scandal. He was also a proponent of Star Wars-like command bunkers in space to protect us from foreign attacks.

But we can't just blame the Betting On The Bad Guys plan on Poindexter. Its Web site was already online, they had already spent \$600,000 of our money and the Pentagon had requested another \$8 million over the next two years.

In other words, even though everybody acted like it was somebody else's dog that messed up the carpet, an awful lot of people — Democrats and Republicans — must have known about it.

The one negative consequence of the plan being scrubbed is that it could have paved the way for other kinds of political betting. Maybe we could have gotten some action on propositions like:

Which of the nine Democratic presidential candidates will be the first to get

caught in a sex scandal? And will it help or hurt their campaign?

If the governor of California is recalled, how many days after the new governor is elected will he or she be recalled?

Which do you think will happen first: President Bush giving another news conference or Ted Kennedy ordering a diet plate?

In Poindexter's defense, the purpose of his agency was to look for unorthodox methods of providing national security. Poindexter and his people were supposed to think "outside the box," let their imaginations run wild and say whatever came into their minds without censoring themselves.

The idea of these places is that you're not supposed to be afraid to say something that may be goofy or stupid because you just might come up with something great. But what Poindexter and his people forgot was that if you do say something stupid, you're supposed to move on to the next thing. You're not supposed to implement the goofy idea and start booking bets on terrorism, giving 5 to 1 odds on bombings or 15 to 1 on poisoned water sources.

But we shouldn't abandon thinking outside the box just because Poindexter and his friends got carried away. It can lead to very imaginative solutions. I'm going to

try it right now to see what kind of creative anti-terrorists strategies I can come up with. I'm just going to go right off the top of my head, so some of them might not be all that practical — but who knows?

1. Ask all potential terrorists to promise not to engage in terrorism. Make them shake hands on it.

2. The next time the president declares that our economic problems are over, also have him declare that there is no more terrorism.

3. Put a domed roof over our entire country made of rubber. So, if an enemy plane or missile comes toward us, it will bounce back and harm the bad guys who sent it our way.

4. This one is probably too crazy, but I won't censor myself: Make friends with and buy oil from countries that breed terrorism.

Oops! I guess we're already doing that goofy one.

(Lloyd Garver has written for many television shows, ranging from "Sesame Street" to "Family Ties" to "Frasier." He has also read many books, some of them in hardcover. He writes the Modern Times column for CBSnews.com's Opinion page and can be reached at smdp@lloydgarvermoderntimes.com.)

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LOCAL



Summer camp offers more than just water activities

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daily by sprinting in and out of the water as part of LA County's junior lifeguard program. The program, a five-and-a-half week course for 9- to 17-year-olds, is designed to train young people on how to handle themselves and others safely in various ocean and emergency situations.

The training includes rigorous swimming and running workouts aimed to prepare the junior lifeguards for strength and fitness tests they will have to pass to become professional lifeguards in the future.

"It may seem tiring, but it's actually a lot of fun," said 10-year-old junior lifeguard Wyn Delano. "It's cool because we know it's going to help us become better."

In between practicing rescue techniques in the water, junior lifeguards also learn about first aid, CPR and marine biology.

"In a sense, it's just like school," said Shannon Brooks, one of the program's instructors who also is a lifeguard. "Once they've made it through the program by mastering certain knowledge and techniques, they get patches they can wear on jackets showing they've completed it."

FUN IN THE SUN

Just north of the beach's lifeguard station, an array of canopies and set-ups for beach sports are sprawled across the sand as part of "Fitness by the Sea," a day camp with activities that "cater to every child."

For kids who like to play in the ocean, the camp offers surf, boogie board and kayak lessons. On shore, other campers can choose from different stations, which include everything from gymnastics to boxing to martial arts as music blares from large speakers.

"As a camper, you can spend the entire day here without touching the water and still have a blast," said camp director Josh Schulman. "We want kids to learn everything they can, so we make sure each activity has a counselor specifically skilled in that area so they can give campers the best instruction possible."

Schulman said the camper-to-counselor ratio is 6 to 1, a number the staff takes pride in.

"It helps keep the kids active," said counselor Rebecca Teichman. "The last thing they need is a dull moment and I don't think there ever is one here."

BeachSports, a non-profit organization established in 1995, offers a camp similar

to Fitness by the Sea. It teaches kids ages 5 to 15 how to surf, body board, play beach volleyball and be safe in the water. About 25 kids congregate on the beach each morning and afternoon to get plenty of sun, surf and exercise.

"By the time they get home, they are dirty, tired and hungry, but that's because they've spent the whole day having fun and worrying about nothing else."

— CHRIS GARD
Parent of camper

"The kids who like having fun are the ones who come here," said 12-year old Jordan Cohen, who has been a camper at BeachSports for five years.

Jack Tingley, the youth director and founder of BeachSports, said the camp serves about 1,000 families per season and aims to create a fun, relaxed atmosphere for young kids. The priority, Tingley stressed, is safety.

"One of the basic things that sets us apart is the discipline we expect from our experienced instructors," said Tingley, a 15-year veteran Los Angeles County Lifeguard and former NCAA swimming champion at USC. "When you are dealing with the ocean you really need to be hands-on with the kids."

Like most of the camps on Will Rogers, BeachSports will run through the end of August. All of the camps also plan to return next summer, which excites Gard and other parents who send their kids to them.

"It's a full day and that's all you can ask for as a parent," Gard said. "By the time they get home, they are dirty, tired and hungry, but that's because they've spent the whole day having fun and worrying about nothing else."

(Writer Jeremy Kutner contributed to this report.)

City returns inventor's games

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the Promenade to sell his game.

"Mr. Lamle is on notice," he said. "He certainly doesn't have a free pass to go out on the Promenade and do this again."

"If he thinks he has the right to do this, then he can go to the federal courts and see if they agree with him."

Lamle lost his appeal of City Hall's decision not to grant him a business license in March. The anticipated civil suit will not only ask for monetary damages, but also that he be granted a business license.

In this week's ruling, Kamins indicated that denying Lamle a business license may have been unfair. He also ordered

Lamle's games and the table on which he sells them, which were confiscated more than a year ago, to be returned.

Paul Mills, Lamle's attorney, said City Hall has acted in flagrant disregard of the U.S. Constitution by arbitrarily deciding not to grant Lamle the license.

Mills won't represent Lamle on the civil suit, but said Lamle has to petition a state or federal court for a writ of mandate, a court order which would force City Hall to grant him a business license.

But doing so with the criminal charges pending would have been nearly impossible, Mills added.

"It's like climbing Mt. Everest in flip flops," he said. "It's just very, very hard."

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STATE

CALIFORNIA BRIEFS

Embezzler sentenced to jail

By The Associated Press

VENTURA — A former payroll manager who embezzled \$2.2 million from an Oxnard seed company was sentenced to 15 years in prison and ordered to pay \$1.2 million restitution.

Dejah Dawn Browne, 38, of Camarillo pleaded guilty in May to grand theft, money laundering, forgery and income tax fraud in connection with more than 30 fraudulent transactions she committed while employed as payroll manager for Seminis Inc.

Superior Court Judge Bruce Clark sentenced her on Thursday.

"The company really believed in her and put their faith in her," Deputy District Attorney Thomas Johnson said. "She used her position of trust to bamboozle the company and defraud them of a lot of money, and she did that with a lot of sophistication."

Deputy Public Defender Anita Candelaria said the sentence was too harsh, noting Browne had no prior criminal record and was suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder stemming from a troubled childhood.

Johnson said Browne manipulated the computer system to create payroll checks in the names of former employees that were then directly deposited into her own bank accounts. She also signed over to her accounts 13 company checks totaling amounting to \$209,075.

She paid back the \$700,000, plus another \$500,000 she had from liquidated assets, Johnson said. In addition to the restitution she owes the company, Browne must pay \$121,312 to the California Franchise Tax Board.

Soil at city owned yard is contaminated

By The Associated Press

POMONA — Soil at the city-owned Pomona Corporation Yard is contaminated with potentially cancer-causing chemicals from the processing of coal and oil dating back to 1887.

City spokesman Miles Crafton said Thursday the contamination includes lead, arsenic and other chemicals. Tests to determine the severity of the contamination will be completed within 10 days, he said.

The area is paved with concrete, which contains the pollution, Crafton said.

"We think there's very little likelihood of serious exposure," Crafton said. "But we won't know until the test results are back."

The city learned the land was contaminated last month after Sempra Energy representatives provided the results of soil sample tests.

"The city has moved quickly to start testing that will assess the level of risk to city employees working at the Corporation Yard and to residents of surrounding homes," Crafton said in a statement.

The source of the contamination is a gas manufacturing plant that existed on the property from 1887 to 1917. The plant processed coal and oil to generate gas, and used various materials such as arsenic in the process.

Street lamps to be taken down

By The Associated Press

TORRANCE — The 270 street lamps disabled in 2001 because of the California energy crisis will be taken down.

More than 400 of the city's 9,900 street lights were turned off in January 2001 to conserve electricity. It turned out the city is bright enough without them, city spokeswoman Laura Wren said.

"There's still adequate lighting on the major arterials," Wren said.

The City Council on Tuesday authorized the dismantling of 270 concrete poles and waived the permit fees for Southern California Edison to do the work. Workers will begin taking down the concrete poles on Monday and are expected to complete the task within 20 days.

Edison owns the street lamps and charges the city for usage and maintenance.

The city will save nearly \$6,000 a month, said Ted Semaan, city transportation and traffic manager.

Military to follow water standards

By The Associated Press

RIVERSIDE — The military will abide by stringent California pollution cleanup rules that outline state drinking water standards.

Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., and a Defense Department official announced Thursday an agreement stipulating the military will follow a state drinking water standard for the rocket fuel chemical perchlorate. The standard is expected to be adopted in January.

"When it comes to perchlorate, they will not duck their responsibility here in California and here in Rialto," Boxer said. Riverside has lost 40 percent of its water supply to the contamination.

Military officials told Boxer previously that they would avoid most perchlorate cleanups until a national perchlorate standard is set in 2006 or later.

"This means we're ahead by two years," she said.

The military promised money and technological assistance last month in cleaning up area perchlorate contamination. The agreement applies to the entire state.

STATE

Anti-Prop. 54 advocates launch statewide campaign

BY TOSHI MAEDA

Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — Lawmakers, doctors, business leaders and minority groups kicked off a statewide campaign Thursday to block the passage of a proposition on the Oct. 7 ballot that would ban the collection of racial information.

Nearly 300 people rallied in San Francisco to protest Proposition 54, which would keep state and local agencies from collecting, analyzing or applying racial and ethnic data.

Opponents of the initiative say that it would have a negative impact on medical services, on diversity in schools and workplaces and on research efforts involving public agencies.

"This initiative is dangerous, it's irresponsible, it's deceptive. This is a multiracial democracy," Rep.

Barbara Lee, D-Calif., told a cheering crowd in front of San Francisco City Hall. "This is the day of the beginning of the end of Proposition 54."

The anti-initiative groups also held a simultaneous rally in Los Angeles.

"The incidence of breast cancer is the highest among white women, while the mortality rate of breast cancer is the highest among African American women," said Michael Sexton, chairman of California Medical Association, stressing that race is a factor that needs to be considered in medical research and treatment.

Business leaders argued that corporations relying on data gathered by public agencies would not be able to make appropriate business and hiring decisions.

The proposition is the latest offering by University of California regent Ward Connerly, an anti-affirmative action icon.

"Ward Connerly envisions a perfect world, where there's an equal access to education and hate crimes don't exist," said assemblyman Mark Leno. "Ward Connerly lives in a dream world, but we live in California."

The proposition, which had been originally slated for the March 2004 presidential primary, suddenly became the other standout issue on the Oct. 7 ballot when anti-Davis troops gathered enough signatures to force a recall.

Opponents worry that the accelerated timetable could help the initiative's chances now that they have less time to rally.

Connerly, who is black, was instrumental in getting the university to ban the use of race in the school's admissions policy.

He later succeeded in pushing Proposition 209, an initiative that banned the use of race and gender in public hiring, contracting and college admissions.

State congressman who bankrolled recall drops out

BY ELLIOT SPAGAT

Associated Press Writer

The California Supreme Court cleared the way Thursday for the recall election of Gov. Gray Davis as the congressman responsible for the effort pulled out, and two prominent Democrats joined actor Arnold Schwarzenegger in the race.

In a decision that capped a day of whirlwind developments, the court declined to intervene in five petitions seeking to delay, block or alter the recall provision that has created a free-for-all among politicians, businessmen, celebrities and neophytes who want Davis' job.

Republican Rep. Darrell Issa, a car alarm magnate who spent \$1.7 million to fuel the recall, announced in a tearful news conference that he would not run, saying Schwarzenegger's entrance assured him there would be enough qualified candidates.

Schwarzenegger and former baseball commissioner Peter Ueberroth, both Republicans, took out papers to qualify for the ballot as Lt. Gov. Cruz Bustamante and Insurance Commissioner John Garamendi said they would run to keep the office in the hands of Democrats.

Bustamante, a former state Assembly speaker, is the first prominent Democrat to break party unity and enter the fray despite weeks of saying he would stay out of the race.

He said he reluctantly decided to enter as a backup candidate after polls showed

Davis vulnerable, but said he would campaign against the recall.

Under the law passed by voters in 1911, the ballot will offer two options: whether to recall Davis; and who should replace him.

"I'm here to tell everyone to vote no on the recall and yes on Bustamante," he said. "We are going to fight like heck against the recall."

Beginning with Bustamante's 10 a.m. press conference, developments spiraled through the day, lending credence to U.S. Sen. Dianne Feinstein's characterization of the recall becoming more of a carnival each day. She announced Wednesday she wouldn't run in the Oct. 7 recall election.

Davis told a group of teachers in Anaheim to "Terminate the Terminator," a reference to Schwarzenegger's popular movie character. He said he wished that fellow party members stayed out of the race, but said more Democrats could bring more voters to the polls.

"Every Democrat says they are against the recall, and I take them at their word," he said.

A cheering crowd of supporters greeted Schwarzenegger as he picked up his papers at the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder's Office.

"This is the next step for running for governor of California and to bring the government back to the people," he said. "It is very important that we straighten out

the mess we're in."

Schwarzenegger was endorsed by former Los Angeles Mayor Richard Riordan, who took himself out of the running. The two are friends and Riordan had been considering running if Schwarzenegger did not.

Ueberroth, who like Schwarzenegger and Riordan is a moderate Republican, pulled papers in Orange County.

If elected, he would only serve out Davis' term and not seek re-election, said Ueberroth's adviser, GOP consultant Dan Schnur.

Ueberroth was chief organizer of the 1984 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles and parlayed his success into a job as Major League Baseball commissioner. He was Time magazine's Man of the Year in 1984.

Green Party candidate Peter Camejo, who earned 5.3 percent of the vote in last year's governor's race, also added his name to the growing ballot.

Issa's announcement earlier in the day came as a surprise because he was one of the first to announce his intent to run and was expected to formally announce his candidacy.

The news was welcomed by Republican businessman Bill Simon, who lost the governor's race to Davis in November and plans to file his papers by the 5 p.m. deadline Saturday.

"As the field narrows, we believe that Bill Simon will capture the hearts and minds of many grass roots voters as he

lays out his ideas and vision," spokesman K.B. Forbes said.

Bob Mulholland, spokesman for the California Democratic Party, immediately labeled Issa "the arsonist who fled the scene of the fire."

"He didn't stick around to watch the fire, but he's created a mess — \$1.7 million for his own political ambition and now he's fleeing the scene," Mulholland said.

Issa's criticism of Davis has been harsh, saying he misled voters during last year's governor's race about the size of the state's massive budget deficit.

Issa said the recall campaign was about a higher obligation not about his own desire for higher office.

The 49-year-old businessman said he had been repeatedly pounded for minor scrapes with the law that date back to two arrests in 1972 on weapons charges in Ohio and Michigan. One resulted in a \$100 fine, the other was dropped.

"Once it was possible to not have to be the face of the recall, not have to be the candidate if no one else would lead, I now have the opportunity to choose between two directions," he continued. "One is my service in Washington, the other was what many people assumed was blind ambition."

As candidates declared their intentions, a member of California's Democratic congressional delegation called on party leaders to unite behind one candidate instead of two.

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NATIONAL

Gore, Clintons overshadow Democratic candidates

BY NEDRA PICKLER
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — What does a Democrat have to do these days to get a little attention?

They can declare their candidacy for president, pound their fists in defiance of President Bush and travel across the country shaking hands. Still, they lack the prominence and headlines that those non-candidates named Clinton and Gore always grab.

Former President Clinton, New York Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton and former Vice President Al Gore have managed to dominate Democratic politics in a way the nine White House hopefuls can only imagine. And even when Hillary and Al say they are not running in 2004, no one seems to believe them.

"When it comes to commanding page one, either Clinton or Al Gore can do it with much less air miles than this group of nine," said Lee Miringoff, director of the Marist Institute for Public Opinion. "These people cast shadows far larger than any of these candidates could even hope to have even if they were standing on each other's shoulders."

Consider this. Gore delivered a speech in New York Thursday criticizing Bush on everything from Iraq to the economy, echoing the same complaints that the nine candidates have been delivering to varying degrees during the last few months. And yet the cable news stations cut away to a live broadcast of Gore's speech, something they've rarely done with the nine candidates.

Even the first Democratic presidential debate sponsored by ABC News was delayed tape at the discretion of the local

affiliates, or next day C-Span coverage.

In the meantime, the pundits breathlessly speculate about what would happen if Gore entered the race, even though his aides insist that he will not. The publication of Hillary Clinton's book, "Living History," provided even longer and more intense coverage, and fierce speculation that she's going to run for president one day.

And one could imagine the frustration among the Democratic candidates, particularly those who have been sharply critical of Bush's justification for the U.S.-led war against Iraq, when former President Clinton punched holes in their complaints.

Appearing on CNN's "Larry King Live," Clinton said Bush should be given a pass for saying that Iraq had tried to purchase uranium for nuclear weapons production. The White House had acknowledged that those reports were based in part on forged documents, prompting an outcry from the Democratic candidates that Clinton deflated.

"You know, everybody makes mistakes when they are president," Clinton told King. "I mean, you can't make as many calls as you have to without messing up once in a while. The thing we ought to be focused on is what is the right thing to do now."

End of that argument for the Democratic candidates.

Still, they insist they don't feel overshadowed by Gore and the Clintons. Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts said it's typical of every presidential campaign.

"I've never not seen a presidential race during which people are not speculating about people who are not in the field," he said during a visit to Littleton, N.H. "There are always people who think the grass is greener on the other side. Let them get in the race, let them come and campaign."

American Bar Association to install first black president

BY ANNE GEARAN
Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — Not long out of law school, Dennis Archer went to his first meeting of the American Bar Association in San Francisco in 1972. He was one of just two black lawyers there, and among only a small number who were members of the lawyers' group that once excluded blacks.

Meeting in the same city Monday, the ABA will make Archer its first black president since its founding more than 125 years ago.

"I think the American Bar Association is demonstrating for all to see a real commitment and respect for diversity, given its historical background," said Archer, a former mayor of Detroit.

At the same time Archer becomes president for a one-year term, black Richmond, Va., lawyer Robert Grey Jr. is expected to win election as the group's president in waiting. Grey would take over as president in 2004.

Archer, a native of Cassopolis, Mich., grew up in a home with no indoor plumbing and took weekly baths in a metal tub. His father had a third-grade education and couldn't find good work after he lost an arm in a car accident. Archer started working at age 8, doing odd jobs such as

setting up bowling pins and caddyding.

He taught disabled children until a fellow teacher, who later became his wife, recommended he go to law school. His political career started with an appointment to the Michigan Supreme Court. He served five years, then ran for mayor of Detroit in 1993 and was elected to the first of two terms.

Archer was a popular politician, known for his focus on community relations and healing racial rifts.

Los Angeles attorney Harry Hathaway saw leadership potential in Archer in the 1970s and gave him a position in the ABA. "He is ambitious and has a lot of energy," Hathaway said. "I don't care what his color is. He is a marvelous, incredible person."

During his year as president, Archer will work almost full-time for the group, meeting with leaders all over the world about issues like legal representation for people facing the death penalty.

A black as president of the ABA once was unthinkable.

ABA leaders ran out several black lawyers after they slipped through the application process in 1912. After that, "If they didn't know you, they sent somebody to your office to check" if an applicant was white or black, Archer said. "That didn't stop until 1943."

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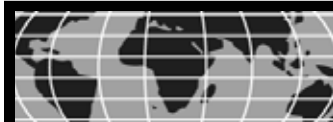
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WORLD BRIEFLY

Taylor names his VP as successor

By The Associated Press

MONROVIA, Liberia — Rebel leaders said they will not allow any ally of President Charles Taylor to take power after the embattled leader named his vice president as his successor.

Rebel representatives reached by phone at the scene of off-and-on peace talks in Ghana said they would observe an often-violated June 17 cease-fire pact for the capital of Monrovia, but insisted they would not accept Taylor's appointment of Moses Blah.

Taylor announced his choice on Thursday as Congress formally endorsed his letter of resignation. He said he would go into exile "very shortly."

Kabineh Ja'neh, a leader of the rebel group besieging Monrovia, said his men "will not recognize Mr. Blah or any other chosen representative of Mr. Taylor's criminal empire."

Ja'neh said negotiations for a comprehensive peace accord leading to a transitional government were continuing in Ghana's capital, Accra.

Taylor's resignation Thursday came as thousands cheered the arrival of the first West African peacekeepers to the besieged capital.

The force's first foray into Monrovia came as Congress formally endorsed Taylor's letter of resignation and he designated the 56-year-old Vice President Blah to succeed him.

Church starting to accept homosexuality

By The Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Gay advocates in the Episcopal Church will leave their national meeting with two victories: approval of the first openly gay bishop and an affirmation that same-sex blessing ceremonies are "an acceptable practice in the church."

The measure on same-sex unions was not what advocates had hoped. Bishops rejected creating an official liturgy for the ceremonies.

But gays and their conservative opponents agree that the measure, which received final approval the day

before the convention was to end Friday, signaled broad acceptance of homosexuality in the denomination.

The Rev. Francis Wade, head of the liturgical committee that wrote the document, said he interpreted the measure to mean that dioceses conducting same-sex blessings "are operating within the parameters of the understanding of this church and its doctrine and discipline."

Wade's explanation marks a reversal from how several bishops viewed the document when they approved it Wednesday. Those bishops had described the statement as only an acknowledgment that same-sex unions are being blessed in local dioceses — not an endorsement.

The Episcopal gay advocacy group Integrity said "we understand the language clearly to give national license" to the ceremonies.

Tornado rips through Florida

By The Associated Press

RIVIERA BEACH, Fla. — A tornado carved a three-mile path of destruction through north Palm Beach County, damaging or destroying 500 homes, flipping semitrailers like toys and knocking out power to thousands of people. Only minor injuries were reported.

Most of the damage took place north of West Palm Beach. At the Garden Walk mobile home park, the tornado collapsed the roofs and walls of several homes and pushed others off their foundations.

The twister flipped over two tractor trailers, blew two railroad boxcars off the tracks and tore the roof off a Pepsi plant. About 21,000 people were without power in Palm Beach County late Thursday.

In Riviera Beach, Mayor Michael Brown declared a state of emergency. There was a heavy police presence in the city, and residents without power spent the night in hot and humid conditions.

Lynch to write book about experience

By The Associated Press

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — Former prisoner of war Pfc. Jessica Lynch will tell her story in a book, a family

spokesman said Thursday.

"The Lynch family has received many offers from people interested in bringing Jessica's story to life," spokesman Randy Coleman said. "Jessica and her family have concluded that the most appropriate and complete telling of this story will be in a book, which they will have more to say about soon."

Coleman would not discuss specifics of the book deal. He said that Lynch was not granting interviews.

Lynch, a 20-year-old Army supply clerk from Palestine, W.Va., was captured March 23 after her 507th Maintenance Company convoy was ambushed in the southern Iraqi city of Nasiriyah. She was rescued from a hospital in the city on April 1.

Lynch, who returned home last month from a long hospitalization in Washington, D.C., has yet to talk publicly about her experience.

NBC said Wednesday that it had cast the role of Lynch in a TV movie scheduled to go into production this month. The movie has been developed without Lynch's authorization. But the network has said it was in talks with her to participate.

West Nile Virus speaking quickly

By The Associated Press

ATLANTA — The West Nile Virus is spreading faster than federal health officials had expected, with the number of cases tripling to at least 164 since last week.

In the latest warning about the rapid advance of the mosquito-borne disease, Dr. Julie Gerberding, head of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, said Thursday that this year's tally will likely break last year's record.

"The numbers are starting to change very, very quickly," said Gerberding. "That is very concerning."

State health officials report seven people — all of them elderly — have died from the virus. Four of the deaths were reported in Colorado, the hardest-hit state.

Health officials had expected the disease to spread this year to all corners of the country, invading Western states previously unscathed. But they appeared somewhat surprised at its speed.

Nationwide, the CDC said at least 164 people in 16 states are infected, compared with 59 a week ago. The latest figures do not include new cases reported by Colorado health officials, which the CDC had not verified.

Last year, 4,156 people caught the virus, and 284 died.

Snipers kill suspected arms dealers in Saddam's hometown

BY D'ARCY DORAN

Associated Press Writer

TIKRIT, Iraq — U.S. snipers killed two men in a raid on a weapons market in Saddam Hussein's hometown of Tikrit, while in Baghdad, officials raised the death toll from Thursday's bombing of the Jordanian Embassy to 19.

After initially reporting 11 deaths, the morgue at a nearby children's hospital where the bodies were taken raised the number by six. Kahled Fajer Abbud, chief of the morgue, said two people died of their injuries overnight. He said the hospital was treating 36 injured people, including seven Jordanians.

Two other hospitals near the embassy Friday reported one death each.

The embassy attack raised fears that a broader terrorist insurgency was emerging — a new form of violence in addition to the regular guerrilla attacks on U.S. occupation forces.

U.S. forces continued efforts to stamp out resistance, on Friday staging a raid on a Tikrit market where weapons were sold.

Women ran screaming as shots rang out, witnesses said. A man who was unloading AK-47 assault rifles from the trunk of a red sedan fell to the ground, according to a witness who was selling biscuits.

U.S. forces had positioned snipers around the market after hearing that

weapons and ammunition were sold every Friday, said Lt. Col. Steve Russell, whose 22nd Infantry Regiment, 1st Battalion, executed the operation.

"When people pick up weapons and carrying them freely, they become combatants and we will engage them," Russell said. "I think we sent out a strong message today that you cannot walk around the streets with weapons."

Hundreds of residents watched from across the road as soldiers examined the scene and Iraqi police removed a dead body covered in a black-and-white kaf-fiyah headscarf near the center of the market. Soldiers said he was shot as he tried to flee with an AK-47.

Beside the red car, about 10 yards away, the earth was soaked with blood at the spot where Russell said one of the alleged arms dealers was shot in the head as he unloaded three to four rifles. Soldiers showed reporters an ID card bearing the dead man's photo that was issued by Saddam Hussein's regime as a sign of privilege for supporters of the ousted regime.

Curved AK-47 cartridge clips lay carefully stacked in fours on a series of seven plastic tarps laid out in the dust behind the car. A tangle of red-and-blue wires and a crude bomb lay on one of the tarps.

One of the wounded men escaped, while the other was being treated for

injuries at a nearby hospital, Russell said.

On Thursday, more than 50 people were wounded in the Jordanian embassy explosion, which set cars on fire, flung the hulk of one vehicle onto a rooftop and broke windows hundreds of yards away. On Friday, the Jordanian flag flew at half-mast as U.S. and Iraqi investigators sifted through the debris.

Witnesses outside the Jordanian compound in western Baghdad said a bomb was left in a parked minibus or sports utility vehicle and apparently was detonated by remote control.

"What this shows is that in fact we have some terrorists that are operating here," U.S. Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez, commander of U.S.-led forces in Iraq, said at a news conference. "It shows we are still in a conflict zone."

The attack on the embassy was a new kind of violence in Iraq, where guerrillas have been targeting American troops with bombs, grenades and Kalashnikovs.

Officials in Amman, the Jordanian capital, said evidence at the bombing scene suggested the attack was an "orchestrated terrorist attack" aimed at Jordan.

Iraq's U.S.-appointed Governing Council issued a statement blaming members of Saddam's former government but making no mention of terrorism. Tensions between Jordan and Iraq have been high because of the Jordanian government's

support for the U.S.-led war to oust Saddam's regime. Jordan also gave asylum last week to two of Saddam's daughters.

Shortly after the blast, young Iraqi men entered the embassy, chanting anti-Jordanian slogans and destroying photographs of Jordanian King Abdullah II and his late father, King Hussein. American soldiers and Iraqi police dispersed them.

One Iraqi said the young men hadn't been angry at Jordan but became enraged when an embassy guard shot at them when they first went into the compound after the bombing to help the wounded.

Jordan's Petra news agency said U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell promised Jordan's foreign minister that U.S. troops would protect the embassy. But Sanchez said it was up to individual nations and Iraqi police to guard diplomatic missions.

In Washington, Powell said the attack strengthened U.S. resolve to "unite the world in this campaign against terrorism."

"The terrorists need to know that we will not be deterred," he said. "We are ever more determined to go after them wherever they are until this scourge is dealt with."

Elsewhere in Baghdad on Thursday, gunmen attacked a U.S. patrol on a busy shopping street, sparking a fierce gunbattle between Iraqis with rocket-propelled grenades and assault rifles and Americans with armored Bradley fighting vehicles. Two U.S. soldiers were reported wounded.

SPORTS

SPORTS IN BRIEF

By The Associated Press

BASKETBALL

■ **EAGLE, Colo.** — Court TV has asked a judge to allow a news camera in the courtroom when prosecutors present evidence in the sexual assault case against Los Angeles Lakers star Kobe Bryant.

The Rocky Mountain News and The Denver Post also filed requests to have one "pool" still photographer.

Cable TV networks broadcast Wednesday's initial court appearance live, but media groups are renewing their requests for coverage as the case goes through the court system.

The All-Star guard is accused of sexually assaulting a 19-year-old hotel worker in Edwards. Bryant, who has said the sex was consensual, is scheduled to appear Oct. 9 for a preliminary hearing.

■ **ATLANTA** — Steve Kerr has decided to end his 14-year NBA playing career and join TNT as an analyst.

The cable network announced that Kerr will work on-site at one of TNT's two weekly Thursday night telecasts, along with All-Star weekend and the playoffs.

■ **AUBURN HILLS, Mich.** — Detroit Pistons center Zeljko Rebraca has undergone successful surgery to correct the irregular heartbeat that forced him to miss 50 games last season.

Rebraca, 31, is expected to be with the Pistons when the team begins training camp in early October.

The procedure was performed by Dr. Fred Morady at University of Michigan Hospital.

GOLF

■ **DUBLIN, Ohio** — Jan Stephenson is ready to follow Annika Sorenstam and Suzy Whaley and take on the men.

Stephenson accepted an invitation to play in the Champions Tour event in October at Hawaii's Turtle Bay Resort.

The 51-year-old Stephenson, a winner of 32 pro events including three major championships, said she is looking forward to teeing it up against the likes of Craig Stadler, Fuzzy Zoeller, Tom Watson and Tom Kite.

■ **OMAHA, Neb.** — Chip Beck, one of only three golfers to shoot a 59 on the PGA Tour, joined an even more exclusive club when he had a hole-in-one on a par-4 at the Omaha Classic.

Beck aced the 315-yard 9th hole at The Champions Club. The double eagle on a par-4 was the first on the Nationwide Tour and only one — Andrew Magee at the 2001 Phoenix Open — has been recorded on the PGA Tour.

■ **GLADWYNE, Pa.** — Teen sensation Michelle Wie was beaten 1-up by Maru Martinez in the first round of the U.S. Women's Amateur.

The 13-year-old from Honolulu won the U.S. Women's Public Links in June. Two weeks ago, she was eliminated in the third round of the U.S. Girls' Junior.

Martinez was eliminated later in the second round, falling 4 and 3 to Kwan-Chih Lu, who will face defending champion Becky Lucidi in the third round Friday. Lucidi beat Ashley Rollins 5 and 3 in the first round and Avery Kiser 4 and 2 in the second.

■ **CASTLE ROCK, Colo.** — Davis Love III tied a tournament record with 10 birdies and held the lead in the weather-delayed first round of The International.

Love had 19 points under the modified Stableford scoring system used in this event at Castle Pines Golf Club. Charles Howell III was next with 14 points.

BASEBALL

■ **LOS ANGELES** — Cincinnati pitcher Jose Acevedo was placed on the 15-day disabled list after spraining his left ankle the previous night on a slip down the dugout steps at Dodger Stadium.

Acevedo started Wednesday night's 2-1 loss to Los Angeles. He finished the third inning and returned to the dugout, where his spike got caught in the rubberized padding.

Acevedo missed the bottom step and landed awkwardly.

X-rays taken at the stadium were inconclusive and the team sent him back to Cincinnati to get an MRI exam — the results of which showed no fracture.

TENNIS

■ **TORONTO** — Venus Williams pulled out of the Rogers AT&T Cup, citing the abdominal strain that has bothered her since May.

Williams' sister, Serena, withdrew earlier from the Aug. 11-17 hard-court tuneup for the U.S. Open.

Chanda Rubin (right shoulder tendinitis) and Alexandra Stevenson (right shoulder strain) also said they won't play in the tournament.

One of the players moving into the main draw is Maria Sharapova, the Russian teen who made a surprising run to the fourth round of Wimbledon as a wild-card entry.

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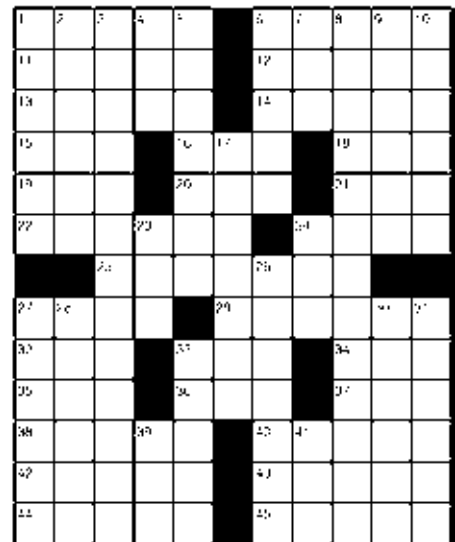
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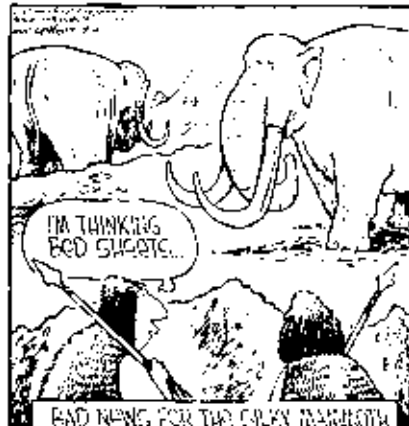
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Singapore names yellow orchid after Ricky Martin

By The Associated Press

■ **SINGAPORE** — The Singapore Tourism Board honored Ricky Martin by naming a yellow orchid speckled with crimson spots after him.

"Hello, sexy, how are you?" the 31-year-old singer asked the dainty flower during the naming ceremony Friday at Singapore's downtown Botanical Gardens. "You're supposed to talk to your plants, right?"

The Renanthera bella and Trichoglottis loheriana species, both indigenous to Southeast Asia, the tourism board said. It produces small star-shaped flowers year-round.

Martin told reporters that making his latest album, "Almas del Silencio," was a "very beautiful, creative process."

"It was about doing music, no egos," he said. "It was about challenging emotions, and (being) daring, and I think it's something that must be done more often in this business."

Martin said he plans to release a new English-language album next February, followed by a world tour, including stops in Australia and Asia.

■ **PHNOM PENH, Cambodia** — Cambodia has approved a forest conservation project funded by "Tomb Raider" star Angelina Jolie in two former Khmer Rouge strongholds.

Jolie has promised up to \$1.5 million for community-based work over the next five years in remote areas in northwestern Cambodia.

The money will educate villagers about conservation awareness, draw demarcation lines to protect forest and wildlife sanctuaries and train local rangers, said Mounh Sarath, executive director of Cambodian Vision in Development, the local group in charge of the project.

He said the project aims to preserve some 148,200 acres of forest in the Samlaut and Pailin areas along Cambodia's northwestern border with Thailand.

"She (Jolie) loves the area, the people and the (natural) resources there," Mounh Sarath said Thursday after signing the agreement with the Ministry of Environment.

"We are very pleased and would also like to thank ... Ms. Angelina Jolie for her interest (in conservation)," said Environment Minister Mok Mareth.

Samlaut and Pailin are two former Khmer Rouge strongholds that served as battle zones between the guerrillas and government troops until 1998 when the Khmer Rouge movement collapsed. The areas are still littered with land mines and unexploded ordnance left over from the war.

Mok Mareth said resources there have suffered on an "anarchical scale" from illegal logging, gem mining and wildlife hunting.

Jolie, 28, adopted her son, Maddox, from a Cambodian orphanage, and she is having a house built in the country.

■ **NEW YORK** — Nobel laureate Toni Morrison is working on a children's book about Brown v. Board of Education, the Supreme Court's landmark ruling against segregation.

"Remember: A Pictorial Tribute to the Brown v. Board of Education Supreme Court Decision" will be published in 2004, commemorating the 50th anniversary of the court's unanimous order for public schools to be integrated.

"Ms. Morrison has collected a treasure chest of archival black-and-white photographs that depict the historical events surrounding the Supreme Court case and school desegregation," publisher Houghton Mifflin said recently.

"These unforgettable images serve as the inspiration for Ms. Morrison's text — an imaginative rendering of the dialogue and emotions of the children who lived during the era of separate-but-equal schooling," the statement said.

Morrison is best known for novels such as "Sula," "Song of Solomon" and the Pulitzer Prize-winning "Beloved." She has also worked on the children's books "The Big Box" and "The Book of Mean People."

■ **BUNIA, Congo** — Jessica Lange, on her first assignment as a goodwill ambassador for the U.N. Children's Fund, said she wanted to draw attention to the use of rape as a weapon in the tribal violence that has spread through troubled northeastern Congo.

"The stories that these women tell are absolutely horrific, but the thing that moved me most was the extraordinary spirit of these people," the Oscar-winning actress said Thursday after listening to their harrowing accounts.

Earlier, at a feeding center catering to hundreds of severely malnourished children, Lange scooped up several children and cradled them in her arms.

She also toured a camp for 14,000 displaced people. Drove of children followed her along the muddy paths between tents made of plastic sheeting.

According to the Swedish aid group KOOP, more than 150 women were raped in a single month in this region the size of Belgium following the outbreak of fighting between rival Hema and Lendu tribal factions in May. The rapes were committed largely by the tribal fighters.

Hundreds of people were killed and thousands were forced to flee in the fighting that is a byproduct of a five-year civil war in Congo. The conflict has largely subsided, except in the eastern flank of Africa's third-largest nation.

The arrival of a French-led international force in June stemmed the clashes and stabilized the situation in Bunia. That force will be gone by the end of the month, to be replaced by a U.N. force.

Lange, 54, won a best-actress Oscar in 1995 for "Blue Sky" and a best-supporting actress Oscar in 1983 for "Tootsie."

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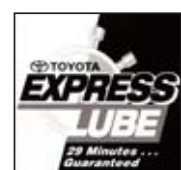




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