

Santa Monica Daily Press

A newspaper with issues

Cocaine possibly headed for Santa Monica seized

BY CAROLYN SACKARIASON
Daily Press Staff Writer

A half million dollars worth of cocaine allegedly intended to be distributed in Santa Monica was seized by local police and federal drug enforcement agents last week.

The Santa Monica Police Office of Special Enforcement Narcotics Unit and Los Angeles DEA agents arrested two Los Angeles men in a Westchester home on Aug. 8, where 19 kilos of cocaine, marijuana and weapons were found, said SMPD Lt. P.J. Guido.

After months of an undercover narcotics investigation, SMPD officers and DEA agents arrested Jaime Delgadillo, 26, and Salvador Lopez, 23, at Delgadillo's home on the 8500 block of Glider Avenue in Westchester. They were arrested and booked into the Santa Monica Jail. Delgadillo's bail was set at \$100,000 and Lopez' bail was \$500,000.

The two men are suspected of allegedly supplying illegal narcotics to the Los Angeles and Santa Monica areas.

Police anticipate others involved in the drug ring will be arrested in the future as

the investigation continues.

"Based on their undercover work and informants, the officers received the information that the drugs were allegedly going to be supplied to a Santa Monica dealer," Guido said. "These are the rewards of good police work, but the work is not done."

Lopez was arrested for possession of a controlled substance, conspiracy, resisting arrest and intentional death to a service dog. When law enforcement officers served the search warrant, Lopez attempted to escape. Officers from Santa Monica, Beverly Hills, El Segundo and Los Angeles Airport police assisted with the search. Police set up a perimeter, and Lopez was found by a Beverly Hills K-9 dog a few hours later hiding in bushes near Delgadillo's home on the 8700 block of Yorktown Avenue. Lopez allegedly kicked the dog when he resisted arrest.

Delgadillo was arrested for possession of a controlled substance, possession and intent to sell marijuana and possession of a firearm. A gun was found on his person at the time of the search.



Courtesy of Santa Monica Police Department
The Santa Monica police narcotics unit with local DEA agents seized 19 kilos of cocaine and arrested two men during a drug bust in Westchester.

School board votes for Big Macs; salad bar still open

Competition from fast food joints leaves few options

BY ANDREW H. FIXMER
Daily Press Staff Writer

Despite recent publicity surrounding a lawsuit against McDonald's and three other fast food outlets for making a man obese, local high schools will rely on the same fast food purveyors to feed their students.

At Santa Monica High School, for example, the school's cafeteria offers hamburgers from McDonald's and Taco Bell burritos.

In Malibu — which shares its school district with Santa Monica — the pizza comes from Pizza Hut, while Santa Monica High has switched to Papa John's pizza because students prefer it over

"Close my campus tomorrow and I would be a lot braver about what we serve."

— RODNEY TAYLOR

Director of Nutrition, Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District

Domino's. And it all comes with the blessing of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School Board.

Last week, fast food vendors and soda distributors were approved by the school board to serve students — mainly at the high school level — hot lunches and cold beverages in the district's cafeterias.

Year-long contracts were awarded to Papa John's for \$50,000; McDonald's for \$33,000; Taco Bell for \$33,000 and Pizza Hut for \$15,000.

The district also awarded a \$30,000 contract for cookies; \$23,000 for bagels;

\$10,000 for a "Slushpuppy" machine and a \$6,000 contract for frozen yogurt.

Administrators say selling fast food at the high school is an economic necessity. If students don't buy it from the district, they'll buy it down the street, administrators insist.

"At a school like Santa Monica, you have an open campus where students can leave for lunch and they are an older crowd with sophisticated tastes," said Rodney Taylor, the district's director of nutrition services.

"Close my campus tomorrow and I would be a lot braver about what we

serve," he added. "But we have 3,400 kids to feed in one 30-minute period, and there's no way we can do that, so the campus has to remain open."

By state law, schools must provide hot lunches. But the law doesn't say the cooking has to be in-house. Further, the district competes with nearby restaurants — mostly fast food outlets — for the students' business.

If students don't eat on campus, the district loses out on badly-needed revenue, Taylor said.

"If we don't provide it, we can't compete," he explained. "If we don't sell it, we would take a financial loss on our meals programs, which would then affect other school programs."

To the suggestion that schools might

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Asteroid to pass within viewing range of Earth observers

BY PAUL RECER
AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON — An asteroid will pass close enough to the Earth to be viewed with binoculars tonight, but astronomers said there is no immediate danger that the half-mile-wide space rock will hit the planet.

The asteroid, known as 2002 NY40, was discovered July 14. Astronomers said Friday that it will zip by

about 350,000 miles from the Earth, about 1.3 times farther away than the moon.

It is expected to be faintly visible by binoculars or by telescope after sunset on Saturday to about 3 a.m. EDT Sunday as it appears to pass near the star Vega and clip through the constellation Hercules.

Don Yeomans, director of NASA's Near-Earth Object Program at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in

California, said an asteroid passage within view of the Earth is uncommon.

"Flybys like this happen every 50 years or so," Yeomans said in a statement released by NASA. The last known occurrence was on Aug. 31, 1925, when a similar-sized asteroid, called 2001 CU11, passed by just outside the orbit of the moon. That flyby was unrecognized until 77 years later, when modern astronomers detected the space rock and backtracked its orbit.

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♈ ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Take advantage of the day and sleep in, if possible. Demands might be heavier than anticipated. Do not allow a negative person to affect your mood. Invite a friend on an outing to a favorite spot. You might even opt to stay for a couple of days. Tonight: Anything is possible.

♉ TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Make sure another understands just how much of an effort you make. The Bull likes luxury. Know that indulgence need not cost an arm and leg. Sometimes you can help make someone feel adored with attention and in other less expensive ways. Tonight: A partner asks

♊ GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ You have the best of intentions, and you expect the same from others. Don't let someone mar your thinking or mood right now. Accept a last-minute invitation. Be spontaneous. Don't sulk. Look at your glass as half-full rather than half-empty. Tonight: Swing with the moment.

♋ CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Pace yourself, understanding that you can only do so much. You could easily go way overboard and need to change direction. Your sense of humor comes out with a quirky friend or partner. Relax. Be good to yourself. Put your feet up. Tonight: Nothing stressful.

♌ LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Your playfulness takes you and those fortunate enough to be around you in a new direction. Let go of barriers or self-imposed restrictions. Don't feel as if you have to please everyone all of the time. A friend or loved one could react bizarrely to your changed demeanor. Tonight: The world is your oyster. Remember that.

♍ VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ You might opt to stay close to home despite an authority figure's demands. Sometimes the self-sacrificing Virgo needs to do less for others. Choose to make this your time. Decide what you would most enjoy doing, then do it. Tonight: You don't have to go far.

♎ LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You might opt for a last-minute change of plans. You disappoint someone at a distance or perhaps an in-law. Remember your priorities, not others' right now. A child or loved one demonstrates another side to his or her personality. Tonight: Get to know someone better.

♏ SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Finances color your actions but also draw a strong reaction from an associate or partner. Others might not agree with you; the issue, however, is your lack of interest in their opinion. Unexpected developments at home catapult your day. Tonight: At a favorite restaurant.

♐ SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ You sparkle, and someone around you might be jealous! Try as you might, you cannot please this person. If thinking about an excursion, take off, inviting a pal or loved one along. Wherever you are, you'll have a good time. Tonight: And the party goes on.

♑ CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Take your time, especially as you are likely to be tired. Don't push yourself; instead, cancel an engagement. Carefully consider your options surrounding finances. Make a decision carefully, as you're off-kilter. Tonight: Opt for quiet.

♒ AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ If you follow your pals, you'll upset a child or loved one. Still, you need to follow your own beat. Once someone verbalizes his or her dissatisfaction, you discover a way to make everyone happy. Use that Aquarian insight. Tonight: Where the party is.

♓ PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Bosses make demands, and you come through. Still, at a certain point, your inner circle, family or pet decides to let you know this behavior isn't OK. Juggling your personal and professional lives takes talent. You've got it! Tonight: The spotlight is on you.

CORRECTION — In the Aug. 15 edition, the front page story regarding the debate over public feedings for transients contained an error. The six public bathrooms located downtown are open for anyone to use.

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LOCAL



Wanna touch my python?



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Rob Best takes his pet python, Powder, to the Third Street Promenade Friday, where the snake grew a crowd of inquisitive admirers.

Gavel II Gavel

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

By John Wood

Santa Monica Superior Court judges recently found that:

Pacific Palisades fence dispute lands in court

■ A Pacific Palisades woman is owed \$500 by her neighbor, who replaced her fence with one she liked better.

Judge Pro Tem William F. Davis ruled in favor of Alfreda B. Guzik, 86, after hearing testimony from her and her neighbor, Arlene B. Herman. They detailed the contentious history of the fence that has not only divided their properties but also each other.

Guzik sued Herman for dismantling a redwood fence she had installed late last year. Herman had already sued Guzik — and won — for dismantling the original chainlink fence to make way for the redwood one.

Before installing the redwood fence, Guzik claimed that she left a note asking her neighbor for permission to replace it.

When her neighbor didn't reply, Guzik went ahead with her plans. But Herman was less than pleased with the change. She said she was partial to the chainlink fence because it allowed shrubbery to grow along it.

So, last year, she took Guzik to court for dismantling her chainlink fence and was awarded \$1,225.

But that wasn't enough. Guzik told the court that shortly after Herman's initial victory, she began receiving letters from Herman demanding that she turn the fence around, so the "nice side of the fence" would face Herman's property.

But Guzik refused.

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Fading swell from the south keeps exposed beaches in waist-to rarefied, chest-high waves. Expect a drop from Thursday's heights. Conditions should remain clean at south facing breaks, a little northwest wind swell helping at west facing exposures.

Further fading Saturday, swell stays on the decline. Most breaks sport waist level surf, occasionally better.

Sunday, however, we should begin to see something new fill in. The steep, southern hemisphere swell, from off the Australian coast, is expected to build into early next week. Expect a boost of about a foot Sunday at south facing breaks.

Today's Tides:		
Low-	12:52 a.m.	0.27'
High -	7:30 a.m.	3.48'
Low-	11:49 a.m.	2.65'
High-	6:06 p.m.	5.62'

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

Call DigAlert before you dig

By Daily Press staff

Summertime not only means weekends at the beach, swimming in the pool and early evening strolls. It is also the season when many homeowners embark on that long-awaited home improvement project.

Those with the know-how and desire are anxious to take advantage of the ideal weather conditions to finally landscape their yard, install a new sprinkler system or build that deck. These endeavors can prove dangerous, however, if one inadvertently strikes one of the myriad of underground cables, wires and lines that could cause an interruption in service or, in some cases, injury or even death.

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LETTERS

Resident's alcohol concerns a city issue

Editor:

Susan Suntime's complaints regarding alcohol service on Santa Monica College grounds were without merit (Daily Press, Thursday, Aug. 16). State law, which guides SMC, does not allow the service of alcohol to students. However, state law does allow alcohol for special events, such as receptions and fundraisers. Suntime's complaints about excessive alcohol outlets is a city issue ... not under SMC's purview. If she has a problem with the amount of businesses that possess Conditional Use Permits (a permit required to sell alcohol), she should complain to the entity that issued them: the city. Furthermore, the Board of Trustees, acting in good faith, has adopted a strict policy of not serving alcohol to students.

As heard throughout community forums, the demand for performing arts theaters is ever growing. Santa Monica College has listened to the needs of the community, and is following through. We should only be so lucky with other municipalities.

Joe Weichman
Santa Monica

Living wage backers need to 'fess up

Editor:

Tom Larmore's recent column in the Santa Monica Daily Press comparing the salaries of Hotel Casa Del Mar and the unionized Viceroy Hotel demonstrates why the living wage ordinance is not as it appears. The Hotel Employee and Restaurant Employee union (H.E.R.E.), which is the power and money behind the city's living wage ordinance, clearly does not practice what it preaches. Let me explain.

The living wage ordinance, which will be before Santa Monica voters in November, exempts unionized hotels. If the living wage ordinance, which is touted by some city council members and certain self-described "community leaders," is so critical to the well-being of hotel employees, then why are they not insisting that the unionized Santa Monica hotels be subject to the same ordinance? Doesn't it concern these "leaders" that their living wage ordinance specifically EXCLUDES employees at unionized hotels? Doesn't it concern them that many of these union employees will not be paid \$10.50 per hour, which means that they will be paid considerably less than workers doing the same job at other hotels?

I wonder if the employees who demonstrated for the living wage ordinance are aware that they have been excluded from the ordinance by their "leaders." It is a fact that a clause in the Collective Bargaining Agreement between H.E.R.E. Union 814 and the unionized Fairmont and Viceroy Hotels completely exempts these two hotels from all provisions of the living wage ordinance.

It is very apparent, once you scratch below the surface, that the living wage ordinance has very little to do with "employee empowerment", but rather everything to do with power, politics and paybacks.

The vocal supporters of the living wage ordinance, many who do not even live in Santa Monica, are not being truthful with our community. I challenge them to disclose to the citizens of Santa Monica the following important points:

1. Please tell the citizens of Santa Monica that the Santa Monicans Allied for Responsible Tourism (SMART) is in every respect a political organization with a political agenda and supported by labor union money. Its sole purpose is to ensure passage of a living wage ordinance exempting unionized hotels.

2. Please tell the citizens of Santa Monica that Vivian Rothstein, the leader of SMART, was in fact a paid organizer of the union at an annual salary of over \$65,000 per year (public information).

3. Please explain to the citizens of Santa Monica how political actions in front of our hotels help tourism in Santa Monica. Tourism is a major engine that drives Santa Monica's economy. Due to the economy and the events of Sept. 11, tourism is way down. The decline in tourism tax dollars is a leading factor in the current Santa Monica city budget crisis.

4. Please explain to the citizens of Santa Monica that this ordinance will cost the City of Santa Monica \$3 million in the first year alone. With our current budget deficit, where will this extra money come from? What important city programs and services will be cut to pay for this ill-conceived ordinance?

An old saying goes: In war and politics, the first victim is truth. The citizens of Santa Monica deserve and expect the untarnished truth.

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Klaus Mennekes
Vice President and General Manager
Hotel Casa Del Mar

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LOCAL



Salad bars are popular with Samohi students

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literally be selling out their students' health for purely economic reasons, Taylor is frank.

"I'm as much a nutritionist as anyone, but I'm also a realist. I have to run a business, too."

Operating snack and soda vending machines also has proven to be a popular way for some departments to raise money. Vending machines operated by the Samohi athletic department raised \$30,000 last year to buy athletic equipment and new uniforms.

"How do you replace that money, which is used for good purposes, if you ban snack foods?" Taylor asked.

Nutritionists across the country say too much fast food leads to obesity, malnutrition and other health problems in teenagers. Often the issue goes unnoticed by many school districts.

A recent lawsuit by a 290-pound man, Caesar Barber of New York, alleged that he had been misled into believing fast food red meat was healthy. The man, who now has a host of health problems, is making a claim which parallels successful tobacco cases. It's based on how much the McDonalds and Burger Kings of the world may alter the fat content of their meals in order to sell more of them.

Pam Anderson, a nutritionist at Santa Monica-UCLA Hospital, said fast food at school cafeterias has become common.

"It's kind of sad because a lot of kids are getting fast food for dinner, too," she said. "It would be kind of nice if their lunch could be a better nutritious meal."

Anderson said she understands the difficulties of open-campus schools, which

is why the burden falls on parents to ensure their children are eating at least one healthy meal a day. She also advises parents to teach their children moderation and warns against falling into the "super-sized" trap.

"Eat with moderation, and eat smaller portions," she advised. "If you are going to get a hamburger and fries for lunch, supplement it with carrots."

Santa Monica is far ahead of other school districts in the state on serving nutritious meals to its elementary and middle school students. For nearly ten years, snack foods and carbonated beverages have not been sold in any of those schools, though children are allowed to bring them from home.

Only last year did the California state Senate pass a law establishing those same rules statewide, though the law will not go into effect unless it is funded by the Legislature, which is having trouble passing a balanced state budget because of a \$23 billion deficit.

Taylor, who is leaving the school district next week to take a job in the Riverside School District, has been credited with reviving the popularity of the district's salad bars by taking students to the Santa Monica Farmers Market to learn about fresh vegetables and fruits.

Before the school district began operating the farmers market program in 1997, about 30 students would use the salad bars, but now Taylor said hundreds of students use them daily.

"Those kids are getting the maximum amount of fruits and vegetables they are supposed to be getting in one day in one meal," he said. "And that's a good sign of things to come."

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Then, in January, Guzik found her redwood fence dismantled and another chain-link fence in its place.

She then sued Herman for \$2,500, asking \$2,000 for the costs of wood and labor and \$500 in pain and suffering.

"She got me excited," Guzik said.

Judge Davis said Guzik should be reimbursed for her fence, but not for the entire \$2,500.

Montana Ave. wine shop to pay

■ The owner of Epicurus, a wine shop on Montana Avenue, must pay Fairst Cape Beverage Co. \$1,175 for two shipments of wine delivered earlier this year.

A representative from Fairst Cape, who showed the court invoices detailing the Jan. 7 and Feb. 1 transactions, said Epicurus owner Mary Ellen Picone had ordered and accepted delivery of the wine, but months later still had not paid.

Judge Pro Tem Stanley O. Epstein ruled against Picone, who did not appear in court.

"They're merlot and cab drinkers, obviously," Epstein said. "Unless they're chardonnay drinkers, they don't know what they're doing."

Community Corp. janitor wins backpay

■ The Community Corp. of Santa Monica must reimburse Rufus Kirkwood \$1,000 for janitorial services performed over the last nine months.

Kirkwood sued Community Corp. for \$2,917 in back pay, asking for a 40 percent increase over and above what was agreed upon in a 1994 employment contract. Kirkwood made \$2-a-month profit on the job because he pays an independent contractor \$600 to clean the building. But he only receives \$602 from the Community Corp.

Kirkwood claimed that he asked the Community Corp. for more money in 2001, when the nonprofit organization expanded its office on Second Street. Kirkwood said no one responded to his requests for months.

But Community Corp. officials disagreed.

They said they didn't hear from Kirkwood until late March of this year, and he immediately demanded retroactive pay. They added that Kirkwood refused their offer to raise his pay to \$757 per month effective May 1.

Judge Pro Tem Herb Rubinstein awarded Kirkwood \$1,000 because there was more to clean at an expanded office. He also advised Kirkwood to be more diligent in his invoicing. He suggested that Kirkwood send invoices for the amount he considers fair, thereby necessitating a meeting if a disagreement arises.

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Lack of housing, jobs increase homeless rate

By The Associated Press

COSTA MESA — A shortage of affordable housing and disappearing jobs combined to boost Orange County's homeless population 17 percent in the past year, according to county records.

In a study released last week, 23,132 homeless people were counted in a March survey of shelters and agencies that assist the needy, up from 19,741 a year earlier.

"It's a trend that's comparable with other regions of the country," said Karen Roper, the county's homeless prevention coordinator. "We are not alone. The numbers keep going up nationwide."

Homelessness in Orange County has risen steadily since 1998. Some of the growth is due to the county's booming population, Roper said, but the biggest factor fueling the increase is escalating housing costs.

In the past year, higher housing prices combined with higher unemployment to further squeeze the working poor, especially families, said county officials and social workers. About 70 percent of the county's homeless population is made up of families with children.

Orange County's unemployment rate reached 4.1 percent in July, up from 3.4 percent a year earlier. Meanwhile, the percentage of those able to buy a median-priced home slid to 22 percent in June, down from 29 percent a year earlier, according to a study by the California Association of Realtors.

"Rents in Orange County have skyrocketed and wages haven't kept up," said Sheri Barrios, executive director of the Orange Coast Interfaith emergency shelter in Costa Mesa.

"You can have two people in jobs making \$8 an hour and they can't afford housing for their children."

The shelter, which takes telephone reservations each day beginning at 9 a.m. for its 65 spaces, is full nearly every day, Barrios said.

Last year, more than 13,000 people were turned away from county shelters because they were full.

Mayor survives recall election

By The Associated Press

ARVIN — Juan Olivares, the combative mayor whose administration was tainted by corruption scandals, has survived his contentious recall election.

After counting absentee ballots, Kern County election officials announced the final tally was 662 votes in favor of the recall and 743 votes opposed.

Olivares widened his margin of victory from 17 to 81 votes since the preliminary results were released Tuesday.

Olivares, a former farm worker, was elected mayor in 2000 and since then has stirred political hostilities in this southern San Joaquin Valley farm town of 10,000. Several city officials have been indicted by the Kern County grand jury on charges of fraud. District Attorney Ed Jagels said the grand jury has yet to finish investigating allegations of corruption in town.

Olivares' chief opponent in the recall, Joet Stoner, 25, a substitute teacher, said Olivares has stirred up racial animosities in town by threatening to drive whites away.

Olivares denies that but says the previous city government was hostile to minorities' needs.

Once dominated by white farm and business interests, Arvin is now more than 95 percent Latino.

Bighorn sheep on verge of extinction

By The Associated Press

ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST — Hundreds of hungry mountain lions and a loss of native habitat are bringing the world's largest population of Nelson's bighorn sheep to the verge of extinction in the San Gabriel Mountains, according to a new study.

The study, authorized by the Fish and Game Commission in June, found that over the last 20 years the herd plunged from as many as 700 sheep to 90.

"If the trend continues, the bighorn sheep will become extinct," said commission chairman J. Bradford Crow.

Crow said the sheep's natural haunts along the rocky slopes of the San Gabriel River have become overgrown due to fire suppression policies, and the sheep can no longer reach many parts of their natural habitat.

The sheep have also become the favorite food of the area's mountain lions as the population of mule deer has steadily decreased, he said. A 1990 initiative that prohibits the killing of the mountain lions has caused that population to grow.

To save the herd, the commission will urge the U.S. Forest Service to do more controlled burns in these areas and to remove some mountain lions.

The County Board of Supervisors approved more roughly \$7,000 for the sheep study released Wednesday.

But not everyone agrees with the researcher's conclusions. Jim DeForge, an expert with the Bighorn Institute in Palm Desert said the sheep thrive in dense brush. He does not believe the mountain lions are killing off the population.

"If that was the case, hikers would see mountain lions chasing sheep and killing them," he said.

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'Son of Sam' bill approved by Assembly committee

By The Associated Press

SACRAMENTO — An Assembly committee unanimously passed a bill Friday that would allow victims to sue criminals for monetary damages long after the crime.

The state Supreme Court struck down the original version of the "Son of Sam" law in February, declaring it a violation of free speech rights. That law, enacted in 1983, banned felons from profiting from their criminal actions with books or movies, diverting their profits to the victims instead.

SB1887, which passed the Assembly Judiciary committee Friday, attempts to circumvent the court's ruling by simply extending the statute of limitations for victims' lawsuits from one year after the crime to 10 years after the felon is freed from prison and completes parole. That would allow time for victims to sue for any money made by the felon as a result of the crime.

The "Son of Sam" law, authored by Sen. Bruce McPherson, D-Santa Cruz, is named after the first such law passed in New York, inspired by "Son of Sam" serial killer David Berkowitz, who was offered a substantial sum for his story. The U.S. Supreme Court struck down that law in 1991.

The Senate unanimously passed the bill in June. It will move next to the Assembly floor.

Anaheim rallies to restore woman's trash-filled home

By The Associated Press

ANAHEIM — A neighborhood has rallied to restore the condemned home of a 67-year-old woman who collected tons of newspapers, cans and plastic bags and stored them in her house.

Dorothy Westfall has had to sleep in her back yard for the past year because her house is crammed with 26 tons of trash from floor to ceiling.

Westfall, a fixture in her West Anaheim neighborhood for more than 40 years, frequently was seen wearing sneakers, sweats and a beanie.

For the last two weeks, while Westfall has been evaluated at a local hospital for obsessive-compulsive disorder, police and neighbors have volunteered their time to spruce up her home.

Police Officer Kasey Geary has been trying to find free sod to replant the yard and is seeking electricians and plumbers

who will work for free.

"I feel wonderful. I can't believe it, the fact that they're doing all this work for me," Westfall said this week from her hospital bed.

Officer Cherie Hill has found a new bed so Westfall will have a place to sleep when she returns home next week. Her old mattress was tossed, along with other rat and insect-infested furniture.

Geary and Hill also have managed to get more than a dozen Explorer Scouts for clean up duty. Neighbors have also contributed their free time.

Dorothy's son, Tim, 37, who lives in Monroe, N.C., flew out to help with the cleanup effort and said he is thankful for people's assistance with his mother's home.

"I believe that it was a blessing from God, that he inspired them to do it," he said. "It was dirty work, they could have been at the beach having a barbecue, but they were there filling Dumpsters."

Naval men accused of illegally trapping lobsters off Calif.

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Bench warrants have been issued in a long-standing case of two Navy petty officers accused of using a military boat to catch undersized lobsters in a federal marine sanctuary off California.

Michael Lee Brydger and Timothy Norris face several misdemeanor counts, including possession of protected fish, trapping lobsters without a license, possession of undersized lobsters and receiving stolen property.

"This isn't your standard garden-variety criminal case here," said Deputy District Attorney Christopher Frisco. "We're dealing with two Navy men who apparently felt they were above the law and free to use stolen traps to plunder the treasures of the sea."

In 2000, Brydger and Norris were working in a restricted military area near San Clemente Island, about 70 miles northwest of San Diego, when members of the Navy Patrol spotted them in the water with the traps and detained them.

Prosecutors said the two used garibaldi, a protected species and the official state marine fish, to bait the lobsters. They

allegedly ripped the tails off as many as 70 live lobsters near the island, prosecutors said.

An attorney for Brydger and Norris said the two were on duty when they spotted the traps and were following Naval procedures by pulling them out of the water.

Prosecutors said the case, which was scheduled to go to trial last April, has suffered several delays due to reasons of national security and the ongoing war on terrorism.

Both men have been "engaged in underwater work at a secret level requiring frequent and unpredictable travel around the world," said William McGuigan, who represents both men.

Brydger remains an active Navy petty officer, and Norris was a chief petty officer when he resigned from the military less than a year ago, McGuigan said.

Both men face substantial fines and jail time if convicted, prosecutors said.

Navy officials said the case is not unique. Last December, two civilians working for the Navy were accused of stealing lobster from legal commercial traps set near the 36,200-acre San Clemente Island.

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Report: Water-related diseases could kill up to 76 million

BY COLLEEN VALLES
Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — As many as 76 million people — mostly children — could die from water-related diseases by 2020 if changes aren't made worldwide in the way communities develop their water systems and policies, according to a California think tank.

If those projections are correct, the deaths would exceed the number of people expected to die from AIDS over the same span.

According to a report released Friday by the Oakland-based Pacific Institute for Studies in Development, Environment and Security, even if the world meets a United Nations Millennium Goal of halving, by 2015, the proportion of people who cannot reach or afford safe drinking water, between 34 million and 76 million people could still die in the next 18 years.

The diseases that the report says will afflict these people include cholera, malaria, dengue fever and dysentery. More people die of diarrheal diseases than other water-related diseases, and children are extremely vulnerable to them.

"All of these diseases are associated with our failure to provide clean water," said Dr. Peter Gleick, director of the institute. "I think it's terribly bleak, especially because we know what needs to be done to prevent these deaths. We're doing some of it, but the efforts that are being made are not aggressive enough."

The problem is many people, especially those in developing countries in sub-Saharan Africa and southern Asia, don't

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Pacific Institute for Studies in Development, Environment and Security

have access to clean water or basic sanitation, Gleick said.

While most of the deaths are projected to occur in developing nations, Joan Rose, professor of water microbiology at the University of South Florida, said every country is vulnerable. She pointed to a recent outbreak of E. coli in Canada that came from a contaminated well and killed some people.

"We look at our political agreements like NAFTA, and they've been economically beneficial to South America because we have allowed them to export their vegetables to the United States," she said. "But none of that finance has been reinvested in sanitation, and in fact, we may be getting vegetables — we already have — that bring diseases into the United States."

Protection of the water supply is a global and environmental issue, as well, Rose said.

"What we've forgotten is the water they're getting, if it's, say, from a river, is really part of a watershed," she said. "If your upstream neighbor is polluting your water supply, there needs to be some coordination beyond the community in terms of protection."

There aren't good numbers to determine how many people die each year due to water-related diseases, because medical reporting varies in different parts of the world, and the diseases sometimes aren't diagnosed, Gleick said. The World Health Organization estimated in 2000 that 2.2

million people die each year from diarrheal diseases alone. Other estimates that include various water-related diseases put that number higher than 5 million a year.

U.N. figures say 1.1 billion people worldwide live without access to safe drinking water and 2.5 billion lack proper sanitation.

And in January, at the request of the U.N. Environment Program, the institute completed a study that found the world's freshwater resources are more threatened now than they have ever been.

The institute will send the report to the World Summit on Sustainable Development being held Aug. 26 through Sept. 4 in Johannesburg, South Africa.

Suggested areas to focus on to cut water-related deaths

By The Associated Press

A report by the Pacific Institute for Studies in Development, Environment and Security says as many as 76 million people could die from water-related diseases by 2020 if aggressive action to provide clean water and sanitation isn't taken.

Below are some suggestions made by the institute for stemming water-related diseases:

■ Decrease spending on centralized, large-scale water systems and increase spending on traditional, community-scale systems that can be more easily maintained by local people and resources.

■ Give priority to human needs for water over large-scale irrigation or hydroelectric facilities.

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9-11 families seek \$1 trillion, not \$100 trillion, in suit

BY LAURIE KELLMAN

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — The lawyer for 700 relatives of Sept. 11 victims said Friday his clients will amend their lawsuit against Saudi officials and the Sudan government to correct a mistaken demand for \$100 trillion.

The actual damages being sought are more than \$1 trillion.

The larger amount, contained in a lawsuit filed Thursday in U.S. District Court in Alexandria, Va., and widely reported by news outlets, was an error, said lead plaintiff's attorney Ron Motley.

"I don't know how \$100 trillion got in there. Somebody probably typed it at four o'clock in the morning," Motley told the Associated Press on Friday.

He said that more than 700 relatives of people who died in the Sept. 11 attacks on New York City and Washington had joined the lawsuit by Friday afternoon, and that he expects the total to climb to 1,000 plaintiffs within a month.

The 15-count federal lawsuit seeks to cripple those it contends financed the plot, including the Sudanese government, some members of the Saudi royal family, banks and charities — and provide vengeance for the victims' families.

Several of those named did not return calls for comment, but one defendant bristled at the charges on Friday.

An official at Al Rajhi Banking and Investment Corporation said the company has not been officially notified of the lawsuit but stressed it has nothing to hide.

Motley said that his team arrived at the \$1 trillion-plus damage claim by multiplying the number of plaintiffs by what he said was the average award in such cases — \$30 million — and then again by three. He cited a federal law which says that damages can be tripled for victims of terrorist crimes.

Another attorney in the case, Allan Gerson, said Friday that one aim of the

lawsuit was to choke off the financial support for terrorist networks.

"Until now, sponsoring terrorism has been a cost-free operation," Gerson said on CBS' "The Early Show." He said "we intend to stop that."

The complaint names more than seven dozen defendants, including the government of Sudan, seven banks, eight Islamic foundations and three Saudi princes.

Those listed include Prince Mohammed al-Faisal, former intelligence chief Prince Turki al-Faisal, Saudi Defense Minister Prince Sultan, Khalid bin Salim bin Mahfouz of the National Commercial Bank and the Faisal Islamic Bank.

Immigration chief Ziglar quitting after one year on job

BY SUZANNE GAMBOA

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — James Ziglar said Friday he'll retire by the end of the year as head of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, an agency that has endured intense criticism since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Ziglar, who took over the job on Aug. 6, 2001, told President Bush in a letter that he will remain to assist with the transition to a new homeland security department. Ziglar said he plans to go into the private sector.

Ziglar was barely a month into the job when the attacks occurred, dramatically shifting his priorities from improving the agency's services for immigrants to implementing ways to better track foreigners and tightening the borders.

"Although I could not have imagined the events of Sept. 11 and the dramatic changes visited upon the Immigration and Naturalization Service, I have done my best to continue making progress toward the goals of restructuring the agency and reducing backlogs while responding to the call to arms in the war on terrorism."

Ziglar said in his resignation letter, dated Thursday.

"I believe that the record will indicate that we have made substantial progress toward those goals," wrote Ziglar, who has been recovering from surgery he underwent in mid-July to repair a herniated disk in his lower back.

The INS received strong condemnation from members of both parties after it was learned that 15 of the 19 Sept. 11 hijackers entered the United States legally on travel visas. Three were admitted with business visas and the 19th entered on a student visa.

Ziglar said most of the hijackers still were legally in the country when the attacks occurred.

The INS has long been viewed by many in Congress as a mismanaged agency. When Bush tapped Ziglar to head the INS, it was thought he might enjoy a better relationship with lawmakers.

Ziglar had no experience with immigration issues. But as the Senate's sergeant-at-arms, he enjoyed a close relationship with many lawmakers.

His childhood friend, Senate Minority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., and Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., both endorsed Ziglar at his Senate confirmation hearing.

But Ziglar often found himself at odds with House Judiciary Committee Chairman James Sensenbrenner, R-Wis., whose panel oversees the INS.

Sensenbrenner was determined to dissolve the INS and create two agencies, one for immigration services and the other for enforcement. The Bush administration wanted to restructure in-house, leaving the INS intact.

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Anthrax again?



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An unidentified woman leaves the U.S. Postal Service Kilmer mail processing facility in Edison, N.J., Friday. The discovery of anthrax spores in a Princeton, N.J., mailbox has prompted federal officials to order anthrax testing at this mail processing center and the Monmouth Processing and Distributing Center in Eatontown, N.J., said Diane Todd, a spokeswoman for the U.S. Postal Service. The two mail facilities are scheduled to be tested Sunday.

Consumer inflation up 0.1 percent in July

BY JEANNINE AVERSA
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Consumer inflation nudged up 0.1 percent in July as falling prices for clothes and air fares helped to blunt rising costs for gasoline and medical care.

The tiny advance in the Consumer Price Index last month matched June's increase, the Labor Department reported Friday.

The Commerce Department said housing construction in July fell 2.7 percent for the second month in a row, another sign that the economic recovery is losing momentum. Home building's performance in July was weaker than the 0.5 percent increase some economists were forecasting.

The latest reading on the CPI was better than the 0.2 percent rise many analysts were expecting and provided fresh evidence that inflation remains under control.

That's good news for Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan and his colleagues because tame inflation gives them leeway to keep interest rates low in an effort to help the struggling economic recovery get on a firmer footing.

Fed policy-makers on Tuesday decided to hold rates steady at 41-year lows, but opened the door to future reductions if economic conditions warrant.

"Inflation looks good. It is not even flashing yellow on the Fed's radar screen and that's good. That's promising," said Richard Yamarone, an economist with Argus Research Corp.

On Wall Street, stocks were mixed. The Dow Jones industrial average was off 28 points, while the Nasdaq was up about 3 points in the first hour of trading.

Investors were a bit disheartened by a preliminary reading on the University of Michigan's consumer sentiment index for August, which edged down to 87.9 from 88.1 in July, economists said.

For consumers, one of the few benefits of the lackluster recovery is that many companies have little leeway to raise prices.

And companies, concerned about whether Americans' appetites will hold up amid stock market turmoil and eroding consumer confidence, have continued to discount merchandise and offer other incentives, providing shoppers with some bargains.

In July, clothing prices fell 1 percent, the biggest decline since April. Air fare costs went down by 1.3 percent, the largest drop since November. Prices for new cars and trucks were flat.

Energy prices rose by 0.4 percent in July, after being unchanged the month before. Falling prices for electricity and natural gas were swamped by a 1.5 percent increase in gasoline prices and a 0.9 percent rise in fuel oil costs.

Food prices edged up by 0.2 percent last month, after a tiny 0.1 percent increase in June. Lower prices for beef, pork, fruit and dairy products tempered higher prices for vegetables and poultry.

Excluding food and energy prices, the "core" rate of inflation rose 0.2 percent in July, following a 0.1 percent gain.

One of the reasons behind the increase was a sizable 0.7 percent rise in medical care costs, the largest advance since May 1993. Medical costs have continued to rise despite the sputtering economy, hitting Americans in their pocketbooks and wallets.

So far this year, medical care costs have risen at an annual rate of 5 percent. In contrast, consumer prices as a whole have gone up at a rate of 2.5 percent during the same period.

As part of Friday's CPI report, the government debuted a new way of measuring consumer prices in an effort to address a long-standing criticism that the existing index overstates inflation.

INTERNATIONAL



Iraq tells U.N. it wants to continue dialogue

BY EDITH M. LEDERER
Associated Press Writer

UNITED NATIONS — Iraq has told the United Nations it wants to continue a dialogue on the return of U.N. weapons inspectors, Iraq's U.N. ambassador said Friday.

Mohammad Al-Douri said his country reiterated its invitation for technical experts from the U.N. inspection agency "to discuss practical arrangements for their work ahead in the future."

Iraqi Foreign Minister Naji Sabri has sent a lengthy reply to a letter from Secretary-General

Kofi Annan telling Baghdad it must accept Security Council terms for the return of U.N. inspectors. His letter, which arrived Thursday night, was being translated from Arabic, said deputy spokeswoman Hua Jiang.

The exchange of letters began on Aug. 1 when Sabri invited chief U.N. weapons inspector Hans Blix to visit Baghdad for technical talks. His letter marked the first time Iraq had mentioned the return of inspectors, who have been barred from the country for nearly four years.

In his reply on Aug. 6, Annan

did not refer directly to the invitation except to note that Blix called last month for expert talks with Iraq on practical arrangements to resume inspections as "the most direct and appropriate way to resume the inspection process."

Annan insisted that Iraq must follow the roadmap laid out by the Security Council for the return of inspectors and he urged Baghdad to accept it.

A 1999 Security Council resolution requires U.N. weapons inspectors to visit Iraq and then determine within 60 days what questions Iraq still must answer

about its chemical, biological, nuclear and missile programs. The Security Council must approve the list of outstanding issues.

The secretary-general rejected Sabri's proposal to have Blix and Iraqi experts determine outstanding issues about Iraq's alleged weapons of mass destruction and figure out how to resolve them before inspectors return to the country.

Al-Douri said Iraq believes Sabri's proposal is not "in contradiction" with the Security Council resolution, and that dealing with the outstanding issues when inspectors left in December 1998 would facilitate the work of U.N. inspectors when they return.

"We consider it is necessary to discuss that so everything is clear and we can continue our work together," he said in an interview.

"In this letter ... we reiterate our view to have discussions with the U.N. Secretariat at the level of technical experts and we are willing to discuss with them any practical issues they would like," Al-Douri said. "We have to reach a mutual understanding, a common ground, overcoming all the problems that existed under UNSCOM and Butler."

The U.N. Special Commission, known as UNSCOM, which was created after the 1991 Gulf War to destroy Iraq's weapons of mass destruction, was accused by Iraq of spying for the United States. Its last head was Richard Butler.

It was replaced in December

1999 by a new inspection agency, the U.N. Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission, known as UNMOVIC, which is headed by Blix.

The return of inspectors is a key demand of the Security Council, especially of the United States which has accused Iraq of trying to rebuild its banned weapons programs and of supporting terrorism.

President Bush, who has called for Iraqi President Saddam Hussein's ouster, has threatened unspecified consequences if inspectors are not allowed to return.

With members of Congress and senior U.S. officials talking openly about war with Iraq, Saddam's government is facing increasing pressure to allow the inspectors to return — but it has sent mixed signals on whether it will agree to the Security Council's terms.

Iraqi Vice President Taha Yassin Ramadan told Abu Dhabi Television that "Iraq is ready to discuss the return of the U.N. weapons inspectors, provided that any dialogue with the United Nations takes place with no preconditions."

"At the same time, Iraq is ready for the worst," he said in an Aug. 10 interview aired in full Thursday. This was an apparent reference to the U.S. threats of possible military action to oust Saddam, and of the unspecified U.S. action if inspectors are not allowed to return.

Queen Mother had trouble claiming expenses from gov't

BY ED JOHNSON
Associated Press Writer

LONDON — Office employees struggling to claim their expenses can take heart.

According to newly declassified government documents, even Queen Mother Elizabeth had trouble recouping her costs after an official trip.

For several months after a visit to Tunisia in 1961, the Treasury refused to cover the tips she paid to Royal Marine bandmen who serenaded the matriarch and her retinue on the royal yacht Britannia.

The total tips paid to the musicians, cooks and stewards during the 12-day trip came to about \$1,600 at today's prices, documents released Thursday by the Public Records Office revealed.

A senior civil servant ruled the payments amounted to "gratuities for services rendered" to the royal party and should not be met by the taxpayer.

The department also balked at paying the catering bill of \$15,600 at today's prices.

Clarence House, the queen mother's headquarters, was furious and fought hard to preserve

her personal finances.

Seven months after the trip, the Queen Mother's treasurer, Sir Ralph Anstruther, went to the Treasury to complain that the Queen Mother "had not been anxious to make this visit" to Tunisia and had only gone at the request of the Foreign Office.

She preferred to travel by air, but had agreed to take the Britannia, which was going to Tunisia anyway, to cut costs, Anstruther argued.

After much wrangling, the Treasury offered a compromise and agreed to pay on condition the royal family pay for their own catering and tips at sea in the future.

The Queen Mother's was not the only dispute over royal travel expenses involving Prime Minister Harold Macmillan's Conservative government.

Her demands were small compared with those made by Princess Alexandra, the queen's cousin, during a tour of Hong Kong, Burma, Thailand and Japan in 1962.

The government had agreed to charter an aircraft for the trip at a cost of about \$1 million in today's prices. Officials in several government departments were appalled when they discovered that the princess's private secretary, Sir Philip Hay, had arranged for the flight to be diverted so she could spend three days seeing friends in Vancouver, Canada.

The princess's demand for a \$87,000 clothing allowance so that she could buy a new winter wardrobe for her Canada visit ruffled more feathers.

The Colonial Office was particularly upset having paid out more than \$58,000 the previous year for the princess's dresses on a visit to Nigeria.

Hay insisted that the winter outfits were needed for the official leg of the visit to Japan and said the princess needed to keep abreast of fashion. It was left to the Treasury to smooth things over with the Colonial Office, which reluctantly agreed to pay for the wardrobe.

Pop singer to continue training in Russia for mission into space

BY JIM HEINTZ
Associated Press Writer

MOSCOW — Pop singer Lance Bass will be allowed to continue to train for his planned mission into space, which had been threatened by delayed payments for the multimillion-dollar venture, a Russian space agency official said Friday.

Bass, of the boy band 'N Sync, has been training since July at the Russian cosmonaut center Star City outside Moscow with the aim of being part of a Russian crew going to the international space station in October.

But the venture, which would be the third paid "space tourist" trip, has been endangered by payment delays. The price tag is said to be about \$20 million.

"Yesterday, we received an official statement from Bass' producer that new investors had been found ... and they promised that within a week the money would be transferred" to Russia, said Sergei Gorbunov, spokesman for the Rosaviakosmos space agency.

Gorbunov said the "strict con-

ditions" of the new agreement require that the money be received within a week to 10 days.

He also said the new terms require Bass to undergo some training at U.S. space facilities in Houston, Texas.

The U.S. space agency NASA initially raised objections to allowing civilians to take the trips, but has not blocked any of the paying "tourists" from Russian launches.

Bass, at 23, would become the youngest person to go into outer space.

David Krieff, a Los Angeles television producer who plans a series about Bass' trip and is gathering sponsors, this week blamed the payment problems on paperwork snags.

Krieff said he has lined up three sponsors so far who have committed between \$5 million and \$15 million each.

The paid voyages are a significant source of income for the financially struggling Russian space program. Businessmen Dennis Tito of the United States and Mark Shuttleworth of South Africa have made paid trips so far.

Coming home



Jockel Finck/Associated Press

Pope John Paul II walks down the gangway as he arrives at the Balice Airport near Krakow, Poland, Friday for a four-day homecoming visit.



SPORTS

Pro baseball union sets firm Aug. 30 strike date

BY RONALD BLUM
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK — Baseball moved closer to another work stoppage Friday when players set Aug. 30 as a strike date just days after raising hopes for an agreement with team owners.

When the board met in Chicago on Monday, it deferred a decision, trying to spur talks without a deadline. But the sides made little progress on the key economic issues during three days of negotiations, and players were angered by management's lack of movement.

"The players are committed to reaching a fair and equitable agreement, one which takes into account their views, and not just those of the owners," union head Donald Fehr said. "Needless to say, we are prepared to meet and bargain with the owners' representatives until an agreement is reached."

The union's executive board approved the date in a 57-0 vote, putting the sport on course for its ninth work stoppage since 1972.

"The baseball owners and baseball players must understand if there is a work stoppage, a lot of fans are going to be furious, and I'm one of them," said President Bush, the former Texas Rangers owner.

Management's desire for a luxury tax that would restrain spending by high-payroll teams is the key issue blocking a settlement.

"We're trying to find a way to resolve the whole situation," Chicago Cubs slugger Sammy Sosa said. "They set a strike date because I think things have been tough. We have to do what we've got to do."

There was no immediate response from commissioner Bud Selig, who has pressed for major economic changes. Selig has said for a decade that the major leagues cannot survive without concessions from players.



Charles Bennett/Associated Press

Chicago Cubs Joe Girardi, the player representative of the baseball player's union, talks with the media at Chicago's Wrigley Field Friday, after it was learned that the union had set an Aug. 30 deadline for a strike.

The last strike began Aug. 12, 1994, dragged on for 232 days, and wiped out the World Series for the first time in 90 years. The walkout ended only after a federal judge issued an injunction restoring the rules of the expired labor contract.

Baseball has a perfect record in labor talks, with eight stoppages in eight negotiations, primarily caused by management's attempts to slow salaries in the free-agent era, which began in 1976.

The Aug. 30 strike date, the Friday of Labor Day weekend, means that if players walk out and the season is not completed, they would lose 16.9 percent of their base salaries. Texas shortstop Alex Rodriguez

stands to lose the most, \$3,557,377.05 of his \$21 million salary this year. A player at the \$200,000 minimum would lose \$33,879.78.

The St. Louis Cardinals' game at the Chicago Cubs on Aug. 30 would be the first affected by a strike. Fourteen games are scheduled for that night.

After meeting twice Thursday, the sides didn't even bother to schedule a bargaining session Friday, and people aligned with management and the union described the sides as far apart. Negotiators on both sides refused comment Thursday.

"It wasn't good today. They made another proposal that was fairly meaningless,"

Atlanta's Tom Glavine, the National League player representative, said Thursday. "I think we're basically sitting back waiting for them to give us a serious offer."

Owners originally proposed a 50 percent tax on the portions of payrolls over \$98 million, then moved up their threshold last weekend to \$100 million. Since Monday's meeting, management has moved up to \$102 million, according to a player and two player agents who spoke on the condition they not be identified.

"I've gone from as optimistic as I can be to as pessimistic as I can be," Braves player representative Mike Remlinger said after the two sessions. "It's back to just a flat out refusal to move."

The union fears a luxury tax along those lines when combined with increased revenue sharing would act as a cap because it would drain large amounts of money from high-revenue teams. Players, not wanting a tax at all, reluctantly proposed one with a much higher threshold and a much lower rate.

"We made an offer to try to rein in the Yankees and maybe one or two others," Glavine said. "Instead, they want to affect six or seven others immediately, and maybe six or seven more on the periphery. That's a salary cap."

Players don't want to finish the season without a contract, convinced owners would lock them out or change work rules. The union prefers to have a late-season stoppage, when more of the owners' revenue is at stake, than a confrontation at the start of next season.

"It's no secret that we're running out of time," Arizona's Rick Helling said. "There's only a month-and-a-half left to go in the season. We're obviously getting to that point where time is becoming a major issue."

Final major in a Funk; Tiger Woods still contending

BY DOUG FERGUSON
AP Golf Writer

CHASKA, Minn. — Black clouds gathering over Hazeltine and the sound of a siren was the only thing that stopped Fred Funk in the second round of the PGA Championship.

Tiger Woods stayed in contention Friday with the cold look of an eight-time major champion, but it was Funk who charged up the galleries with one birdie after another, surging to a one-stroke lead when storms suspended the second round.

Funk was at 7-under par and had five holes to play when the horn sounded to stop play. He had just made his only bogey of the round, missing a 4-foot putt. But don't get the idea that's a sign of things to come.

"I'm not going to back down," Funk said.

The clubhouse lead belonged to Mark Calcavecchia, Retief Goosen, Justin Leonard and Rich Beem, who finished at 6-under 138 in warm and gentle conditions.

The thrills belonged to Funk, the 46-year-old former golf coach at Maryland who has never seriously contended in a major.

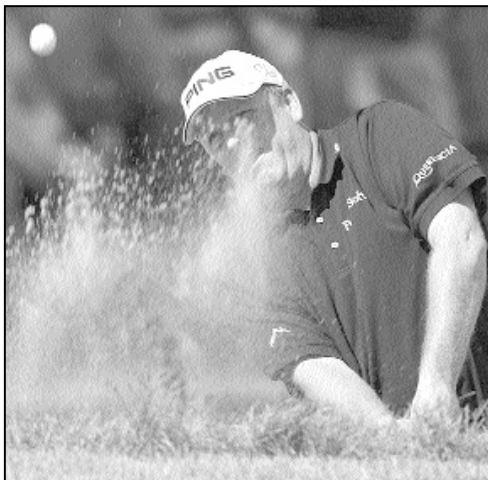
He swung his putter like a baseball bat when putts stopped short of the hole. He pumped his fist when they fell, and distributed high-fives to just about everyone along the way.

"I wasn't scared of the atmosphere I was in," said Funk, who has never led after any round in a major. "I was having fun. I was enjoying being in the lead at the PGA."

Funk and 40 other players will have to return at 7:30 a.m. Saturday to complete their rounds, and then the real fun starts.

Just like the British Open at Muirfield, the top of the leaderboard is packed with players who bring different styles of game and different credentials. And just like Muirfield, Saturday is supposed to be a real brute.

Once the storm system clears, the forecast is for cool-



Doug Mills/Associated Press

Mark Calcavecchia blasts out of the trap on the first hole at Hazeltine National Golf Club Friday, during the second round of the PGA Championship in Chaska, Minn.

er temperatures and higher wind, gusts that could reach 40 mph. That could be a nightmare at Hazeltine, with greens that require the ball to arrive by air, not by ground.

Water comes into play on eight holes. Bunkers guard most of the greens. There is no escape when the wind blows that hard.

"People like seeing train wrecks," Funk said. "You're going to see some train wrecks when you have that. It's going to be a battle of patience. Guys are going to be missing greens all day long. I think par is going to be about 78."

If the weather isn't an issue, Funk still has a bunch of players right behind.

That includes Woods.

The winner of the Masters and U.S. Open, Woods swiftly moved into contention with a burst of birdies — a tee shot into 2 feet on No. 4, a 15-footer on the next hole and a two-putt birdie on the par-5 seventh.

In between was a shot no less amazing — a powerful wedge out of thick rough to a green surrounded by water and bunkers.

Woods wasn't immune to the blustery conditions, either. He left his tee shot on the par-3 13th about 60 feet short, lagged to 8 feet and missed the par putt. Woods was at 3 under and still had two holes to play.

British Open champion Ernie Els was 2 under, overcoming a sloppy double bogey with back-to-back birdies to stay in the mix.

The usual contenders were nowhere to be found.

Phil Mickelson made double bogey on his final hole for a 72 and narrowly made the cut, although he'll likely spend the next eight months contemplating another year gone by without a major.

David Duval couldn't find the fairway and shot 77. Sergio Garcia charged and retreated and wound up with a 73. All of them were at 4-over 146.

In their place was a collection of past major championship winners — Goosen (U.S. Open), Calcavecchia (British Open) and Leonard (British Open) — and one guy who was just happy to be there.

Goosen chipped in for birdie on the 18th his second straight 69. Leonard made five birdies over a 10-hole stretch for a 66, while Calcavecchia went at every pin and made it pay off with a 68.

The happy-go-lucky Beem had the most amazing shot of the day, hitting out of the trees into the slope of the 18th green, the ball stopping 4 feet away for his eighth birdie of the round. He finished with a 66.

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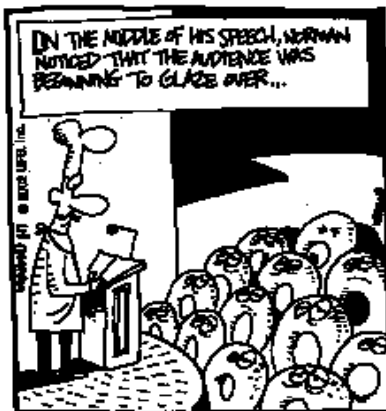
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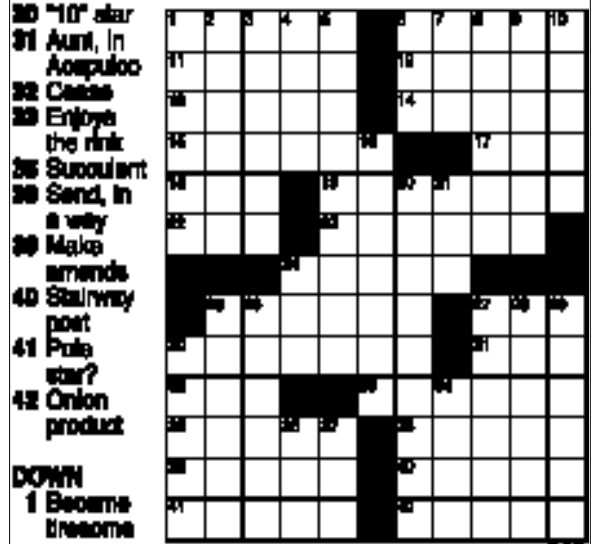
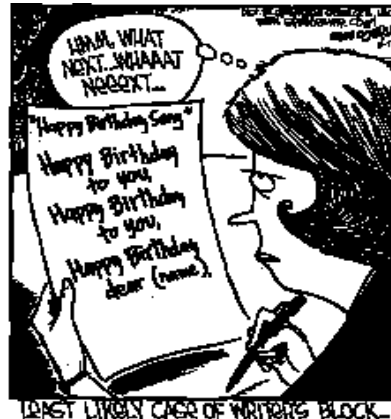
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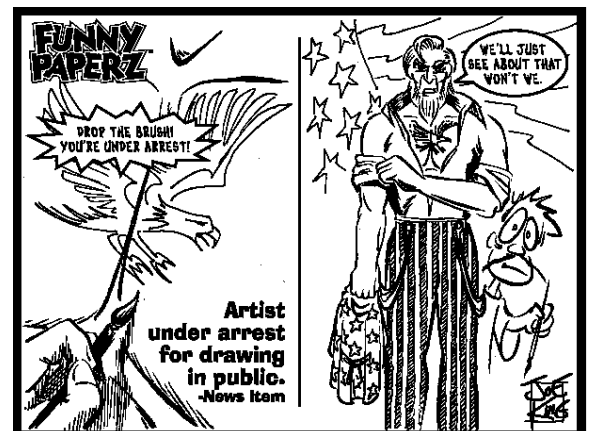
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Calendar

Saturday, August 17 2002

movies

Loews Broadway Cinema
1441 Third St. at Broadway
Full Frontal (R) 11:00, 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40. *Blue Crush* (PG-13) 11:40, 1:00, 2:20, 3:40, 5:00, 6:20, 7:40, 9:00, 10:20, 11:40. *Blood Work* (R) 11:20, 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 10:00.

Mann Criterion
1313 Third St.
The Adventures of Pluto Nash (PG-13) 11:15, 1:45, 4:30, 7:30, 10:10, 12:20. *Minority Report* (PG-13) 11:40, 3:15, 7:10, 10:30. *Austin Powers in Goldmember* (PG-13) 11:00, 1:30, 4:15, 7:15, 9:45, 12:10. *My Big Fat Greek Wedding* (PG-13) 11:10, 2:10, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50. *XXX* (PG-13) 12:00, 12:30, 3:30, 4:00, 7:00, 7:40, 10:15, 10:45, 12:15.

AMC Theatre SM 7
1310 3rd Street
The Bourne Identity (PG-13) 11:35, 2:20, 7:25. *Signs* (PG-13) 11:45, 1:00, 2:15, 4:15, 5:10, 7:00, 8:00, 9:45, 10:30. *The Master of Disguise* (PG) 11:50, 2:00, 4:00, 7:25, 9:50. *Reign of Fire* (PG-13) 5:05, 10:05. *Road to Perdition* (R) 11:30, 2:15, 5:00, 7:45, 10:30. *K-11: The Widowmaker* (PG-13) 7:15, 10:15. *Spy Kids 2: The Island of Lost Dreams* (PG) 11:30, 2:00, 4:30, 7:15, 9:55.

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.
Tadpole (PG-13) 1:30, 3:35, 5:40, 7:45, 9:55. *The Good Girl* (R) 12:30, 2:50, 5:10, 7:30, 9:55. *Possession* (PG-13) 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:45, 10:15. *24 Hour Party People* (R) 1:30, 4:15, 7:10, 10:05.

Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave.
Read My Lips (NR) 5:00, 7:30, 10:00.

Today

Community

Weekly Storytime, 11:00 a.m. Come to Barnes & Noble for Saturday readings with the kids! Call 310-260-9110 for more information.

Classes / Discussion

Art in Literature Book Discussion Series - The Santa Monica Public Library offers a new book discussion series on Saturdays, August 10, August 24, and September 7, at 2 p.m. The discussions will take place in the Main Library auditorium, 1343 Sixth Street. Book discussions are free and open to the public. Pre-registration is required, as space is limited. To register, please stop by the Information Desk on the 2nd floor of the library, or call Rebecca at (310)434-2644, or by e-mail rebecca-ryan@santa-monica.org.

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Sunday

community

Save the Santa Monica Playhouse, 6:30 p.m. Christiane Engel plays Mozart at this benefit concert for the Santa Monica Playhouse. For more information and reservations, call 310-394-9779.

Theater / Arts

Santa Monica Playhouse is proud to present Picon Pie! The World Premiere of a joyous and poignant musical play about the life and loves

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Whirlwind Street, indeed

By The Associated Press

ROCKFORD, Mich. — If this happens again, maybe the street should be renamed Sunshine Drive.

A small tornado that touched down Tuesday evening near Whirlwind Street uprooted trees, damaged several buildings and tipped over a delivery truck.

The National Weather Service confirmed that a twister packing winds estimated at 70 mph caused the damage, The Grand Rapids Press reported Thursday.

The tornado was ranked as an F-0, the least-powerful category of twisters on a scale that goes up to F-5, said Bob Dukeshner, a weather service meteorologist. In an F-5 tornado, winds can reach up to 318 mph.

The tornado that struck about 9:30 p.m. Tuesday near the intersection of Whirlwind and Summit Avenue was so weak, Doppler radar failed to detect it.

"There weren't any warnings out with this one, not a severe thunderstorm or tornado warning," Dukeshner said.

The twister was strong enough to leave a path of damage 300 feet wide and a mile long.

Salad wins lobster cook-off

By The Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Maine — Fresh Maine lobster salad with yellow pear tomato and seared pearl onion won the

gold medal at the governor's annual lobster cook-off.

The recipe is an original creation of Charles Butler, chef at the Waterfront Restaurant in Camden, who took home the top prize of \$1,000 on Thursday.

"It was really kind of a light dish," said Butler, who also won top honors in 2000. "I really wanted someone to put it in their mouth, and have them really taste the lobster."

Lobster salad was the theme of the eighth annual Great Taste of Maine Lobster Governor's Tasting and Culinary Competition.

Organizers of the contest, sponsored by the Maine Lobster Promotion Council and held at the mansion of Gov. Angus King, extended invitations to nine chefs from around the state. Dishes were judged by a panel of food experts on factors from presentation and creativity to flavor and nutritional value.

A group of guests invited to the event awarded the \$750 People's Choice Award to Robert McGowan, the chef at the Heritage House Restaurant in Skowhegan, who prepared Mediterranean marinated grilled lobster.

Lost cash returned

By The Associated Press

KIRKLAND, Wash. — When Rob and Agnieszka Girling first found \$5,000, they thought about all the things they could spend it on. But that didn't last long.

"We knew we couldn't live with ourselves if we tried to keep the money. We would just feel awful, and disgusted at our own lack of discipline," said Rob Girling, a software designer at Microsoft.

He found the money Sunday while hiding in a bedroom closet playing hide-and-seek with his daughter. He noticed a bank envelope taped above the door and opened it to find 100 \$50 bills.

The Girlings walked two blocks down the street to where the previous owners now live and presented Duke and Svetlana Young with the cash. The Girlings bought the house last year from the Youngs, who had built it.

"They went above and beyond what the average person would have done," Duke Young said.

Young said he had been saving the money for about a year to pay for home improvements and travel. But then he and Svetlana married, traveled to Italy on their honeymoon and sold the house, all within a couple of months. In their excitement, they said, they overlooked the money.

The Youngs plans to give the Girlings a weekend trip or some other gift as a reward.

Dolphins out, movies in

By The Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — It's out with the old and in with the new at Busch Gardens.

The theme park is replacing its 22-year-old Dolphins of the Deep act with a 750-seat theater for an adventure film exhibit, officials said Tuesday. The theme park's three dolphins, two sea lions and two otters, and their trainers, will be transferred to Sea World in Orlando.

Replacing the dolphin act will help attract younger audiences looking for special effects, park officials said.

"We're 43 years old," said Robin Carson, general manager of Busch Gardens in Tampa. "It's time to change and improve and to provide a diverse product."

Like other theme parks across the country, Busch Gardens has been struggling to keep attractions current and attendance up.

The park saw an 8 percent drop in visitors last year, according to Amusement Business, a trade magazine. Last year, about 4.6 million people visited the theme park, the magazine reported.

The new exhibit, called Haunted Lighthouse, opens next spring. Visitors will don 3-D glasses to watch a 25-minute adventure film based on a story by R.L. Stine, author of the popular "Goosebumps" children's books.

The dolphin tanks will close Sept. 2.

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