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## Let the classes begin



Andrew H Fixmer/Daily Press  
Santa Monica High School seniors Noelle Brennan (right) and Vanessa Thompson, along with 1,000 other high school students, picked up their class schedules Tuesday. Classes district-wide begin today.

## Russian space program tells 'N Sync singer 'Bye Bye Bye'

BY MARA D. BELLABY  
Associated Press Writer

**MOSCOW** — Russia told 'N Sync singer and aspiring cosmonaut Lance Bass "Bye Bye Bye" Tuesday after he again failed to pay the \$20 million fee for his planned ride into space.

The Russian space agency Rosaviakosmos ordered the 23-year-old pop star to leave Russia's Star City cosmonaut training ground, where he had been since July, after missing several deadlines to pay for his October ride to the International Space Station.

"It's over," said Rosaviakosmos spokesman Sergei Gorbunov.

Russian space officials negotiated with Bass "in good faith," but "his sponsors didn't fulfill the conditions of the contract and we never received the money," Gorbunov said, adding that the trip was now an "impossibility."

Bass will be replaced on the ride by a container packed with space-station supplies weighing about the same as him.

However, Bass' publicist in New York disputed the Russian announcement, saying, "The trip is not over."

"We are still in negotiations," Jill Fritzo said. "We feel very confident that there will be a resolution soon and the trip will go on as planned."

The Los Angeles television producer behind the bid dismissed the Russian announcement as a negotiating ploy.

"The truth is that we simply need to finalize the delivery of the funds so that everyone is comfortable and he'll be back in the saddle again," said David Krieff, who plans a series about Bass' trip and is gathering sponsors.

"The reality is that we do have a little grace period."

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## Bayside accused of being political in its newsletter

*City attorney's office reviewing 'complaints'*

BY ANDREW H. FIXMER  
Daily Press Staff Writer

A publicly-funded business organization may have overstepped its boundaries when it asked nine city council candidates to explain their views on several downtown issues, officials said.

The answers to the questions were to be printed in the Bayside District Corporation's monthly newsletter, though that plan is now on hold.

An emergency meeting of Bayside's board was called Tuesday morning to address concerns by some board members that the questionnaire may violate Bayside's non-profit status, which forbids the group from taking direct political action or endorsing candidates.

Nearly 80 percent of Bayside's funding comes from the city, while the other 20 per-

cent comes from non-public sources. Some public funds are used to publish the newsletter and distribute its roughly 2,000 copies.

A divided board voted 5-3 Tuesday to publish the September issue containing the candidates' answers to the survey, which touched on a \$92.5 million parking plan approved by the city council, candidates' views on the city's living wage ordinance and how candidates would "curb" free meal programs for the homeless.

However, the newsletter was put on hold again later in the day when officials with the Santa Monica City Attorney's office said they will look into whether the candidates' survey can be published in a publicly-funded newsletter, said Deputy District Attorney Joseph Lawrence.

"We have been asked to review it," Lawrence said. "A lot of people have been calling and complaining about this." He declined to name who has complained or the number of complaints the office

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## Health concerns surround feedings in city's parks

BY CAROLYN SACKARIASON  
Daily Press Staff Writer

Groups that feed hundreds of homeless people daily in Santa Monica may soon have to answer to another bureaucracy.

Terrance Powell, chief environmental health specialist for L.A. County, said he is concerned that food borne illnesses could run rampant among the homeless population if food providers are not educated on how to prepare and distribute food.

The health department requires strict guidelines to serve food, including how it is prepared, how it is served and how clean the environment is where it's being served.

"Feeding the transients and homeless carries a certain responsibility," Powell said. "While they don't have the intention of getting anyone sick, they don't always have the amenities to keep it clean."

Powell said he is concerned about the inherent problems of feeding people in parks where bird droppings can enter the food and providers are unable to wash their hands frequently because proper facilities don't exist.

"Homeless don't have bathrooms accessible to them or medical care if they get sick," he said. "We can go to the doctor and get medication, but they don't have access to medical attention if they

get a food borne illness."

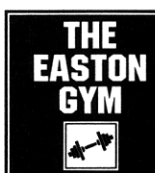
In the next few weeks, the city council will consider eliminating or restricting the number of "public feedings" at Palisades Park and in front of City Hall. The

**"Feeding the transients and homeless carries a certain responsibility. While they don't have the intention of getting anyone sick, they don't always have the amenities to keep it clean."**

— TERRANCE POWELL  
L.A. County Health Department

Bayside District Corp., on behalf of the downtown business community, has recommended that public food giveaways be restricted because they attract transients and vagrants to the downtown area, many

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★★★★★ Your inquisitive and lively manner takes you in a new direction. Be realistic about a change in menu. Brainstorm with others and share what looks like terrific ideas. Stretch and find other sources. Seek out experts. Tonight: Select who you want to treat and indulge.



**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**

★★★ Evaluate what might be happening within a key relationship. This person could be changing significantly. Loosen up and remain positive with your dealings. A financial arrangement might need some adjustment. Listen to different suggestions. Tonight: Have a long-overdue talk.



**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**

★★★★★ Keep reaching out for others. Your delightful sense of what works comes into play. Do what comes naturally: saying the right thing at the right time. As a result, you advance a key project. Reach out for others. Stay playful. Tonight: Flirt up a storm.



**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**

★★★★ Your finances assume a predominant role. Discussions force a transformation of your plans, office arrangement or daily pattern. Ultimately, you're building stability. Worry less; flow more, especially with a caring family member. Tonight: Do some fall shopping!



**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**

★★★★★ You make waves. Others respond as if your words have tidal proportions. You might need to add some charm if you want to influence the results. Confusion surrounds a child or loved one you care a lot about. Ferret out the truth. Tonight: As you like it.



**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**

★★★★ Recognize what might be motivating you, as well as others. A different approach becomes possible once you understand the basis of the issue. Understand more of what you need in order to make yourself happy. Loosen up. Tonight: Take a break from the whirlwind.



**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**

★★★★★ Put your best foot forward. Reverse plans, if need be. Associates play into your success. Understanding reaches a new dimension if you're willing to relax and break past boundaries. Step back and willingly say you're sorry. Tonight: Where the action is.



**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**

★★★★ Bosses seek you out for answers and suggestions. Intensity marks a money decision. You go in a new direction without a second thought. Carefully reorganize your budget. Confusion surrounds a personal matter. Let it go. Tonight: Burn the midnight oil.



**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**

★★★★★ Head in the right direction, and everyone around you will cheer. You might have some difficulty backing off a negative track, but you'll prove to be successful. You can do it! Do needed research. Return calls. Detach and gain perspective. Tonight: Follow the music.



**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**

★★★★ Play along with an associate or partner. This person heads you in a new direction. Allow more input into your decisions, recognizing that nearly anything is possible if you can back off your position. A yellow light flashes around money. Careful! Tonight: Make special time for a loved one.



**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**

★★★★★ Others call the shots. You might not be seeing an individual too clearly. Review a personal matter that involves a friendship more carefully. You might decide to head in a new direction as a result. Reach out for others. Tonight: Accept an invitation.



**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**

★★★ Pressure builds with others. Laughter helps you see a personal matter a lot differently. Prioritize projects. You deal with others positively, mobilizing the available energy. A boss appreciates your ability to lead. Tonight: Choose something relaxing.



### QUOTE of the DAY

**"Men are creatures with  
two legs and eight hands."**

— Jayne Mansfield (1932-1967)

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## LOCAL



# Health official says feedings should be held at shelters

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of whom panhandle and hassle shoppers.

Powell, a Santa Monica resident, has run the westside district of the county's health department for a decade. In recent years public food giveaways in the city become more prevalent, he said.

"The city is in a tough position because no one wants to be painted as unsympathetic," Powell said. "But the individuals who want to do good for the community sometimes can't get past their egos and are self-serving ... They don't have the intention of getting anyone sick but there is ignorance and some resistance of how to do it safely."

The people who conduct the food giveaways mostly consist of church groups from outside the city who aren't allowed to hand out free food in their own cities so they come to Santa Monica, which has little or no restrictions, Bayside officials said.

The city grants permits for large groups to assemble in parks, but it doesn't monitor the health and safety of the activities that occur there.

Joel Schwartz, the city's homeless services director, said the city has been trying to get the health department involved for more than a year. Schwartz is concerned that the health department isn't spending enough time monitoring the food giveaways.

"I've talked to Terrance Powell and they seem tremendously understaffed," he said. "They have been putting us off for over a year now."

The health department, which has four inspectors assigned solely to Santa Monica, doesn't have enough resources to monitor all of the groups that feed the city's homeless, Powell said.

Some argue that groups should be

handing out free food at the city's homeless shelters so services are attached to the free hand-outs. They also say that handing food out at shelters is a more appropriate location than public parks where children and tourists are present. When hundreds gather in one place to eat, the availability of public restrooms becomes an issue.

"There are appropriate places and there are inappropriate places and some parks don't fit the bill," Powell said. "It's a complete disservice to put the homeless where they are not wanted ... everyone needs to be treated with dignity."

The city contributes about \$2 million annually to homeless services and facilities in Santa Monica, but it does not support or run any of the food programs. However, when the city conducted its own food giveaways more than a decade ago, it was much easier to monitor, Powell said. He added that if food giveaways are going to happen, they should be done at the city's shelters.

"If the city is expending any money toward homelessness they should be guiding the effort," he said, adding that everyone who has a stake in the issue needs to come together to discuss solutions.

"It's very easy for a partnership to happen but many of them don't want to do it," Powell said. "Volunteers put their own desires before the law and a lot of individual egos have to be suppressed first."

Powell said he welcomes a community-wide discussion about the issue, which the health department wants be involved in.

"We have been extremely careful in how we approach it," he said. "It's important to have dialogue with everyone and channel the food providers to one place."

"There has to be a cooperative effort with those who do it and the city."

## Posin' pretty



Del Pastrana/Daily Press

Jessica Trautner, visiting from Idaho over the Labor Day weekend, poses for a Third Street Promenade character artist Tuesday night.

## surf report

Information compiled by Jesse Haley

Serious surfers will be stoked when a legitimate tropical swell hits northern L.A. County today. Swell angle from Hurricane Hernan gets good, cruising into more SoCal spots from the south. Expect chest to shoulder high sets regularly in the north bay, occasional plus sets will reach head high. (Orange County will hit double overhead at standout exposures.)

The swell will hold into Thursday, losing some height, but carrying plenty of energy for a long day of chest-high surf.

A note on the side, to boardriders young and old: In the wake of a serious surfing accident to a close friend, protect your neck, and respect your waves.

### Today's Tides:

|       |           |        |
|-------|-----------|--------|
| Low-  | 2:24 a.m. | -0.44' |
| High- | 8:55 a.m. | 4.37'  |
| Low-  | 1:50 p.m. | 2.20'  |
| High- | 7:57 p.m. | 6.44'  |

| Location    | Tuesday   | Wednesday | Water Quality |
|-------------|-----------|-----------|---------------|
| County Line | 3-5'/Fair | 2-4'/Fair | A             |
| Zuma        | 3-4'/Fair | 2-3'/Fair | A             |
| Surfrider   | 1-3'/Fair | 1-3'/Fair | A             |
| Topanga     | 1-3'/Fair | 1-3'/Fair | A             |
| Breakwater  | 2-3'/Poor | 2-3'/Poor | A             |
| El Porto    | 2-4'/Poor | 2-3'/Fair | A             |

## The Q-Line

Next week, we, as a nation, will honor the stolen lives that were taken by terrorists on September 11, 2001. At the time, the citizens of this country bonded over that tragic day, people re-examined their own lives and the news media declared that the United States of America would never be the same.

So this week Q-Line wants to know:

"How do you believe America has changed since September 11, if it has changed at all?"

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## OPINION

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#### Healing the bay

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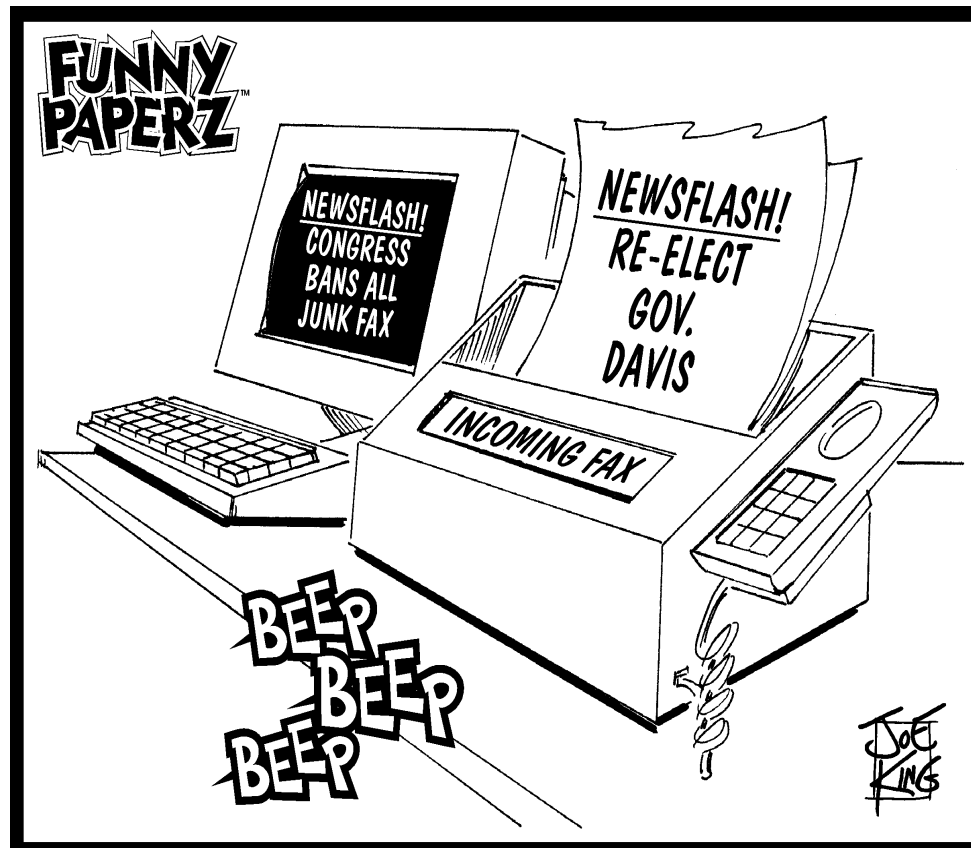
I would like to clarify a statement attributed to me in this article. It is incorrect to write "There is no time during the peak swimming season that bacteria exceed health standards." When I said this, I was explaining a new regulation that will take effect three years from now. Once it takes effect, there should be no time when bacteria exceed health standards during dry weather.

At present, there may be days when bacteria exceed health standards. This mainly occurs near flowing storm drains and in certain enclosed beaches. The best way to find out if a beach is safe for swimming is to check the Beach Report Card at [www.healththebay.org](http://www.healththebay.org).

One further clarification: I stated that "If it has been raining, you couldn't pay me to surf at Malibu or Surfrider". To truncate this statement to just the last half gives readers the wrong impression about water quality at those beaches. I enjoy surfing at Surfrider very much, when it receives an A grade on the Beach Report Card as it has most of this summer.

Shelley Luce

Staff Scientist, Heal the Bay



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# All but one candidate responded to survey

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has received.

When a publication is representing the views of a city body, then it should try to stay neutral, said Councilman Ken Genser, who is not running for re-election.

He said it wasn't "wise" for Bayside to send out the survey and he felt publishing the results would "unnecessarily inject the organization into the political arena."

"Certainly the questions they choose to ask, no matter how neutral they seem, will favor some candidates over other candidates," he said. "When it comes to forums and things, the questions should be carefully chosen by non-partisan groups."

"And that wasn't the case here."

A few Bayside board members agreed they thought the questions being posed in the survey were better suited for political forums.

"I think it was a great idea by staff but ... I think we should steer clear of these issues during election time," said Rob Rader. "This doesn't appear proper when we already have a stated position and then we put out what the individual candidates believe."

But board member Ann Greenspun said as long as Bayside is not barred from sending out such a questionnaire, there is no reason not to do it.

"We can't advocate, we can't endorse, but we can educate," said Greenspun. "And it seems that is what we are doing."

Lawrence said he needs to check the city's agreement for funding Bayside and the downtown business group's filing status with the Internal Revenue Service before he can be certain it is permissible.

Earlier last month, Lawrence told Bayside Executive Director Kathleen Rawson that as long as nothing legally forbids publishing a candidates' survey — and Bayside does not endorse or oppose any candidate, or edit or editorialize any of the candidates' statements — then publishing the survey would be fine.

While Lawrence does not believe his earlier recommendation to Rawson will change, a closer examination is now required, he said.

"Now we will look at everything," he said. "And in light of everything, we will find out if we have a different opinion on things."

If city attorneys find that Bayside cannot publish the results of its survey in their newsletter, Rawson said the issue would be canceled.

Rawson said her organization was only trying to objectively gather information from the candidates running for city council, find out their views on issues pertaining to downtown Santa Monica and disseminate the information to its readership, which consists mainly of those with downtown business interests and residents living in the district.

The Bayside District Corporation is a public-private management company in partnership with the City of Santa Monica, charged with the responsibility of overseeing public safety, security, and maintenance of streets surrounding the Promenade, including the alleys and the six city-owned parking structures.

Its borders are from Seventh Street to Ocean Avenue and between Wilshire to Colorado boulevards.

Complaints arose after Rawson distributed questions written by the newsletter's editor, Jorge Casuso, to the nine city

council candidates.

The idea for the survey came about in a meeting between the staffs of Bayside and the newsletter at the beginning of August, Rawson said. Casuso did not return calls Tuesday for comment.

"Downtown has been in the news a lot lately," Rawson said, "so there were many issues to choose from."

After five questions were chosen, Rawson sent them out in an e-mail to all nine city council candidates on Aug. 15. Candidates were given six days to respond and were limited to 15-word responses.

**"We have been asked to review it. A lot of people have been calling and complaining about this."**

— JOSEPH LAWRENCE  
Deputy City Attorney

Every candidate except for one, has submitted responses to the survey. Abby Arnold declined to answer the questionnaire but submitted a paragraph to be printed in the Bayside newsletter explaining she felt the broad nature of the questions being asked in the survey could not be answered with short responses.

"It's not that I don't want to answer those questions but the time and space limitations made it impossible for me to respond to what are very complex questions," she said. "I knew there was no way I could answer a question about homelessness in 15-words or less."

Mayor Pro Tem Kevin McKeown, who is running for re-election this year, agreed that time and space limitations were tough, but he felt it was still important to respond.

"I had no problem answering that questionnaire except that they asked us to answer very complex questions in only 15 words," he said. "Of course I support (the survey). Part of my job as a candidate is to explain what my positions are."

Josefina Aranda said though she felt some questions may have been out of place, she felt the overall survey would be beneficial for voters.

"I thought the questions were good because they are trying to educate the public where each candidate stands," she said. "I think just the living wage question, in particular, as to how it relates to the district (was questionable), but it's a big issue and a lot of people would be affected by it."

John Warfel, chair of the Bayside Board, said he felt the survey was valid since it had a high response rate.

"If we had a lesser response, I would have been more concerned about that," he said. "But we had 90 percent participation, with only one abstention."

Another city-funded newsletter, The Seascope, is not printed during elections to avoid the appearance of a conflict of interest, city spokeswoman Judy Rambeau said. The bi-monthly newsletter is not published between the first week of August to the third week of November.

The Seascope, which is sent to every household in Santa Monica, avoids listing the names of council members and tries to keep the names of individuals out of the publication.

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## STATE

# Blaze chews through the Angeles National Forest

BY CHRISTINA ALMEIDA  
 Associated Press Writer

**PALMDALE** — A pair of fires burned 40 miles apart in or on the edge of the Angeles National Forest Tuesday as the state sweltered under a heat wave that kept temperatures in the 90s.

On the north end of Los Angeles County, fire erupted near Leona Valley west of Palmdale Tuesday afternoon, blackening more than 500 acres of brush and forcing the evacuation of several homes as it moved quickly uphill.

Volunteers moved in to help save animals and livestock.

Flames ringed a half dozen sprawling ranch homes that sit on the edge of the Angeles National Forest. About 400 firefighters worked to save the homes.

Winds held steady around 15 mph. A Super Scooper was used, the first time the giant water-dumping plane has been employed in Los Angeles County this fire season, fire Capt. Brian Jordan said.

Thirty miles northeast of Los Angeles, a fire that has already destroyed 14 buildings, including two homes, continued its march through the mountains above Azusa. Firefighters don't expect to surround that blaze for a week.

Weather remained the enemy for firefighters even though temperatures were slightly cooler than the 100-plus degrees recorded in some areas over the previous three days.

Los Angeles County health officials issued an "extreme caution advisory," warning that the high temperatures carried a risk of heat stroke and dehydration.

Southern California could see some cloudiness Wednesday from the remnants of a tropical hurricane, and could have some rain later in the week, the first since late April, according to the National Weather Service.

The Azusa fire has destroyed more than 14,400 acres of brush and timber since erupting Sunday and was only 5 percent contained, U.S. Forest Service spokesman Ed Gilliland said.

The fire forced about 8,000 campers to flee over



Associated Press

**Water-dropping helicopter makes a drop on the smoldering remains of a brush fire along Interstate 5, north of the Castaic area, on Monday in Castaic, Calif.**

the Labor Day weekend and destroyed 14 sheds and other buildings, including the homes of two forest personnel.

"There are over 200 structures inside the fire area. Those are still threatened," Gilliland said. "We don't know that those are in immediate danger."

Sections of state Highways 2 and 39 remained closed and were being used only by fire engines carrying reinforcements. The firefighting force doubled to nearly 1,350 personnel. Two minor injuries were reported.

More than a dozen water-dropping aircraft battled the fire along a six-mile-long front. Curtains of flame rippled on hill-sides so steep that firefighters were unable to reach them.

The hot eastern front of the fire ran from dense chaparral at an elevation of 2,200 feet to timber at 8,000 feet, Gilliland said.

"We can't put our firefighters in front of the fire in this kind of terrain," he said.

A portion of the blaze was burning in wilderness that is home to the threatened Santa Ana sucker, a small fish, and the endangered mountain yellow-legged frog, Gilliland said.

The fire has cost about \$828,000 to fight so far. It was believed to be human-caused but investigators had not determined whether it was accidentally or deliberately set.

A 554-acre wildfire that began Thursday in San Bernardino County, separated from the Azusa fire by 40 miles and several mountain ridges, was 84 percent

contained Tuesday. Full containment was expected Wednesday evening.

The blaze was near the Mountain High ski resort in the Wrightwood area, about 55 miles northeast of Los Angeles.

The firefighting force was cut nearly in half Tuesday and fewer than 300 workers remained to mop up hot spots, said Ruth Wenstrom, a spokeswoman for the San Bernardino National Forest.

Eight firefighters were treated for minor injuries, including a sprained ankle, smashed finger and a broken nose.

The cause had not been determined.

On Friday, a man's burned body was found near the fire's origin and what appeared to be a piece of equipment from a methamphetamine laboratory was found Sunday.

The San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department was still working Tuesday to identify the remains.

A fire near Castaic that started Sunday was contained Tuesday afternoon at 977 acres. Five firefighters were injured. The cause of that fire was being investigated.

In Northern California, a 50-acre fire just west of Redding that forced evacuations, downed power lines and briefly closed Highway 299 was contained Tuesday, California Department of Forestry officials said. Residents were kept out of their homes for hours Monday due to downed lines. The fire destroyed a carport, an outbuilding and a boat.

## STATE



Rich Pedroncelli/Associated Press

**GOP gubernatorial candidate Bill Simon, left, shakes hands with Arthur Powell while touring the Calvary Christian Church Men's Overcomers Home, in Sacramento, Calif., Tuesday.**

# Bill Simon gets booted from GOP fund-raiser

BY ERICA WERNER

Associated Press Writer

**LOS ANGELES** — Bill Simon was booted Tuesday from a planned fund-raiser with Dick Cheney's gay daughter after he repudiated his statements to a gay Republican group and reneged on his promise to declare a Gay Pride Day.

The Republican Unity Coalition, a gay-straight Republican group that formed during President Bush's candidacy, said the GOP gubernatorial nominee would not be welcome at its fund-raiser Thursday in Los Angeles.

The guest list includes a who's who of prominent state Republicans. Simon was to speak along with Mary Cheney, the vice president's daughter.

State president David Hanson of the Log Cabin Republicans, which produced the questionnaire Simon answered last month, accused Simon of "a complete turnaround to pander to the religious right" and said he couldn't be trusted.

On the questionnaire Simon pledged to declare a Gay Pride Day if elected, said he supported "domestic partnership" laws if they're not based on sexual orientation, and promised to uphold a variety of gay-friendly laws and regulations.

On Tuesday, Simon said he never saw the questionnaire, which bore his signature.

"The questionnaire had not been reviewed completely by myself, I didn't see it," the candidate said on the "Mark & Marino" show on KRLA-AM. "There were certain statements in there that I just can't support."

Simon's new stance appeased a prominent conservative who withdrew his support last week when the candidate's responses became public.

"The responses to the Log Cabin survey did not sound like the Bill Simon I know for one very good reason — they were not written or approved by Bill Simon," said Rev. Lou Sheldon, chairman of the Traditional Values Coalition. "I still strongly support Bill Simon for governor."

Simon ran in the GOP primary as a "conservative Republican," but must gain

support from moderates and independents to unseat Democratic Gov. Gray Davis in November. As the controversy over the Log Cabin Republicans questionnaire illustrates, navigating between the party's moderate and conservative wings can be a delicate business.

In response to one question on the Log Cabin Republicans survey, Simon wrote, "Yes, in June 2003 I will sign a proclamation declaring Gay Pride Day."

In a letter to a conservative state senator which Sheldon sent to supporters over the weekend, Simon wrote, "I do not support a proclamation for Gay Pride Day."

In response to a Log Cabin question about domestic partnerships, Simon wrote: "I do not believe that sexual orientation should be a factor in the recognition by the state of such relationships. I would not support undoing any of those rights that currently are available under the law, but I believe those rights should be extended to others as well."

He shaded the matter differently in the letter distributed by Sheldon: "I do not believe that other relationships should be elevated to that of marriage. I oppose creating a special class of domestic partnership laws that is defined by sexual orientation or preference."

The Republican Unity Coalition, which is seeking to raise \$1 million for "Big Tent" Republican candidates who embrace inclusiveness, said its fund-raiser would go forward without Simon.

"It is hugely disappointing to us to see Bill Simon bow under the pressure of a small fringe group who evidently yanked his chain hard the first time he reached out to us and to all voters in the middle, where elections are won," the coalition said in a statement.

Prominent state Republicans from the party's conservative and moderate wings are listed as honorary fund-raiser chairs, including state Senate minority leader Jim Brulte, Bush's California point man Gerry Parsky, Simon campaign chairman John Herrington and state GOP chairman Shawn Steel.

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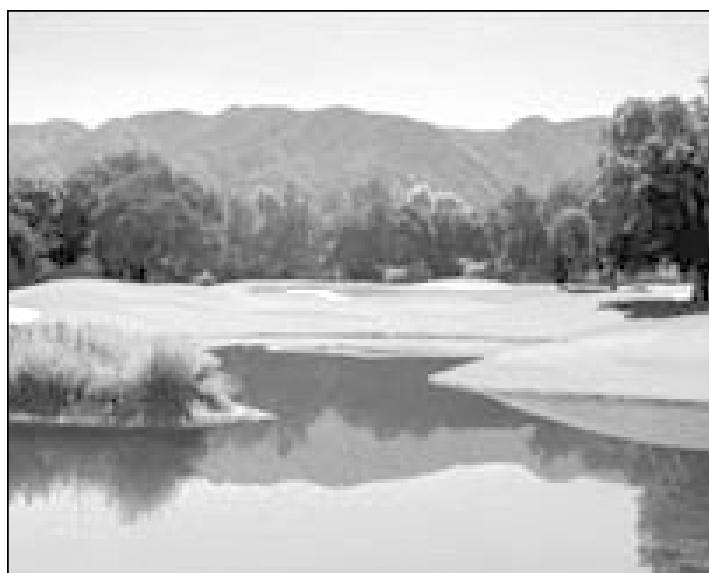
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## STATE

# Tale of two cathedrals: LA tries to trump Dodge City

SANDRA MARQUEZ

Associated Press Writer

**LOS ANGELES** — When Cardinal Roger Mahony unveiled his towering Our Lady of the Angels this week, he hailed it as the first Roman Catholic cathedral to be dedicated in the United States in 30 years.

That claim is rattling some nerves in Dodge City, Kan., where a new Catholic cathedral was dedicated nine months ago.

"Most of my priests just shake their heads and wonder where the news services are getting their information," said a befuddled Bishop Ronald Gilmore.

The newly built Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe — with its copper roof that seems to rise above the surrounding plains — is the seat of Gilmore's 49-parish Catholic Diocese of Dodge City.

Mahony, who was among those attending Our Lady of Guadalupe's Dec. 9, 2001, dedication, said it doesn't fit his definition of a cathedral.

"I was there and it was very nice," Mahony, dressed in crimson vestments, recalled after presiding over a three-hour dedication Mass at his modernist downtown cathedral on Monday. "It was built primarily to be a parish and they designated it to be a cathedral as well."

Before the Los Angeles and Dodge City dedications, the 1971 opening of St. Mary of the Assumption in San Francisco

marked the last dedication of a Roman Catholic cathedral in the United States.

"I remember using the phrase, 'The first new cathedral dedicated in the new millennium,'" Gilmore said. "So, that is just a fact."

Mahony said some might "quibble," but he believes a cathedral should be located in the heart of a city, where it can engage "in conversation with the public, political, civic and cultural community."

"So, in that classical sense, this is a cathedral in the heart of a city," Mahony said of his new cathedral, which is walking distance to City Hall and overlooks the Hollywood Freeway.

Built on part of an 80-acre parcel, Our Lady of Guadalupe is located in a rural setting on the outskirts of town, a response, Gilmore said, to recent population growth in that area of Dodge City. It replaced the diocese's old cathedral, a smaller building near the heart of town.

The Catholic Encyclopedia, Volume III, defines a cathedral as "the chief church of a diocese, in which the bishop has his throne." The word is derived from the Latin term cathedra, which means throne or elevated seat.

Our Lady of Guadalupe cost \$11 million. Our Lady of the Angels, with its 25-ton bronze doors and private crypts that sell for upwards of \$50,000, came in with a price tag approaching \$200 million.

## Chicago Bulls guard flees attempted carjacking

By The Associated Press

**LOS ANGELES** — A passenger in a luxury car driven by Chicago Bulls guard Jalen Rose was hospitalized Tuesday after being shot in the face during an attempted carjacking, police said.

The NBA player was not hurt and the passenger's injury was not life-threatening, Los Angeles police Officer Ed Funes said.

The pair was traveling in the 2002 Bentley Azure in the westside community of Brentwood around 3 a.m., Funes said. A Cadillac Escalade pulled up behind them and a man got out and approached the passenger side of the Bentley.

"The suspect pointed a gun at Rose's vehicle and told him to give up the car," Funes said.

Rose, 29, sped away but the suspect started firing, striking the 34-year-old passenger, Funes said.

Authorities withheld the passenger's name because the suspect is still at large and his motive remains under investigation, Funes said.

"We don't want to put their safety in jeopardy," he said.

Rose, a member of the "Fab Five" at Michigan from 1991 to 1994, left after his junior year to play in the NBA. He was traded in February from the Indiana Pacers to the Chicago Bulls.

"The police are investigating the matter and we have no further comment at this time," Rose spokeswoman Alyson Sadofsky said by telephone from her office in Washington, D.C.

## Proposition 49 ads feature Arnold Schwarzenegger

By The Associated Press

**SACRAMENTO** — Screen star Arnold Schwarzenegger took to the airwaves again Tuesday — this time in a new role of promoting an initiative on the November ballot that would channel more money to after- and before-school programs.

"Proposition 49 will get kids off the streets ... and into a safe, supervised educational environment," the star of "Kindergarten Cop" says in one of the two ads.

Schwarzenegger contributed \$1 million to support the proposition, which would dedicate as much as \$550 million a year from existing taxes to after- and

before-school programs for elementary and junior high school students. The proposal was supported by 58 percent of likely voters in a July Field Poll, and 59 percent in an August Public Policy Institute of California poll.

The Citizens for After School Programs-Yes on Proposition 49 campaign began airing 30- and 60-second versions of the ads, which also feature teachers, students, Orange County Sheriff Mike Carona and Sacramento County Sheriff Lou Blanas.

Organizers said the ads will run through the Nov. 5 election.

## NATIONAL



# Donald H. Rumsfeld hints at secret Iraqi information

BY PAULINE JELINEK  
Associated Press Writer

**WASHINGTON** — The Bush administration has secret information supporting its claims that Saddam Hussein poses an unacceptable threat to the world and is close to developing nuclear weapons, Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld said Tuesday.

President Bush could disclose the information through upcoming congressional hearings on Iraq, Rumsfeld hinted at a Pentagon press conference.

Democrats on Capitol Hill urged Bush to be more forthcoming.

"I think most Democrats believe the president has yet to make the case for taking action in Iraq," Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., told reporters.

Bush plans to discuss Iraq in a White House meeting Wednesday with top Republican and Democratic leaders from both houses of Congress. Rumsfeld is also scheduled to discuss Iraq and the war on terrorism in separate closed-door sessions with members of the House and Senate.

Both Rumsfeld and Secretary of State Colin Powell dismissed Iraq's latest offer — relayed by Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister Tariq Aziz — to let U.N. weapons inspections resume, suggesting it was just a ploy.

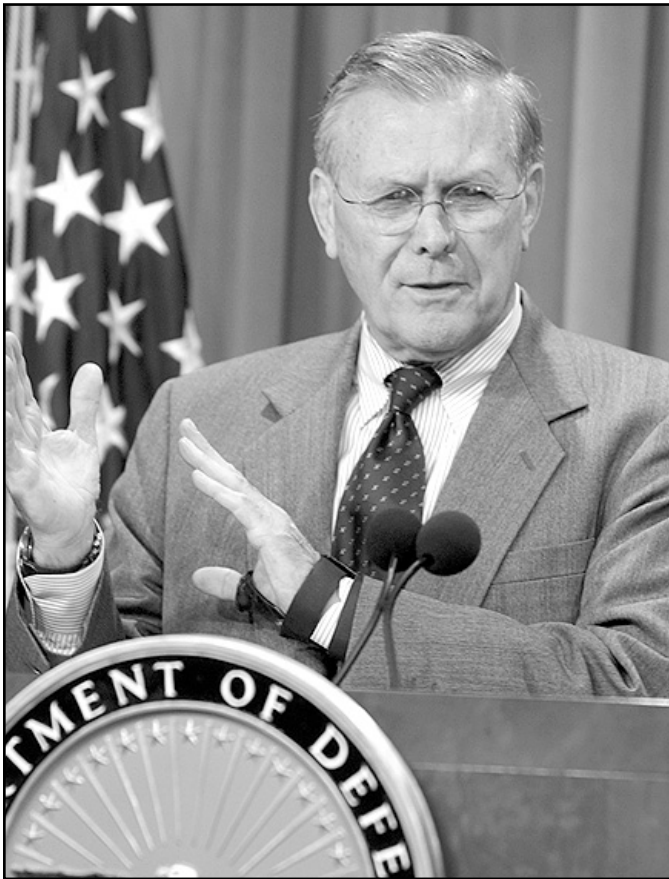
"It's the con that the Iraqi regime — and especially Mr. Tariq Aziz — have been pulling on the international community for years," Powell said.

Aziz said Iraq was willing to discuss the return of weapons inspectors, but only if sanctions ended and Iraq regained sovereignty over all its territory, eliminating no-fly zones created after the 1991 Gulf War and enforced by U.S. and British warplanes.

"If you want to find a solution, you have to find a solution for all these matters, not only pick up one certain aspect of it," Aziz said at an international development conference in Johannesburg, South Africa. "We are ready to find such a solution."

"Tariq Aziz knows perfectly well what must be done," Powell told reporters as he flew to that South Africa meeting. "For years, he has been getting on television and manages to have reported without comment his assertion that they have no such weapons, which is nonsense — utter nonsense."

Rumsfeld likened it to "a dance they engage in. And then you'll find at the last moment, they'll withdraw that carrot or that opportunity and go back into their other mode



Susan Walsh/Associated Press  
**Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld gestures during a Pentagon news conference Tuesday to discuss the situation in Iraq. Rumsfeld said the Bush administration could lay out further evidence of the threat posed by Iraq in the coming days and weeks.**

of thumbing their nose at the international community."

Asked what evidence the administration has that Iraq is close to developing a nuclear weapon, as Vice President Dick Cheney asserted last week, Rumsfeld said, "I'll leave that for the coming days and weeks."

He said it is already publicly known that Iraq wants to acquire nuclear weapons, that nuclear technologies have spread in recent years and that Iraq has ways of obtaining such materials.

"And we know some other things, but those are the kinds of things that would come out if and when the presi-

dent decides that he thinks it's appropriate," Rumsfeld said.

White House aides have said repeatedly that Bush has not decided what to do about Iraq.

Rumsfeld also referred to "documentation" that Bush might disclose to bolster his case.

"What the president wants to do, and will do, in his own time, is to provide information he feels is important with respect to any judgment he decides to make" about taking action against Iraq, Rumsfeld said.

In London, Prime Minister Tony Blair said his government hoped to publish in the next few weeks a dossier of evidence on Saddam's efforts to develop weapons of mass destruction.

Rumsfeld noted that while inspectors have been banned for years from Iraq, the regime has kept its nuclear scientists working.

"One has to assume they've not been playing tiddly-winks, and that they have been focusing on nuclear weapons," Rumsfeld said, adding that Iraq was close to producing a nuclear weapon before the 1991 Gulf War.

The United States wants Iraq to let United Nations weapons inspectors return without conditions, Rumsfeld said.

White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said the United States would regard the return of inspectors as a "first step" that would not necessarily alter Bush's view of the situation.

"The issue is whether or not Saddam Hussein possesses weapons of mass destruction," Fleischer said. "The inspectors are a means to that end, and the policy of this government has been that regime change will make the world a safer, more peaceful place."

Senate Minority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., said he doubts much good would come from returning weapons inspectors to Iraq.

"But I have no objection to a continued effort to get the United Nations to insist on these weapons inspectors and make it clear to the world that he (Saddam) continues to refuse to cooperate and do the right thing," he said.

Many U.S. allies have opposed Bush's stated plan to bring about "regime change" in Iraq.

Daschle said international support for a U.S. invasion may not be "absolutely essential," but there are risks in alienating America's friends.

"There would be a huge price to pay if we act unilaterally, especially if it's against the wishes of virtually every one of our allies around the world," he said.

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## NATIONAL

### Nun strangled with rosary

BY JEFF BARNARD

Associated Press Writer

**KLAMATH FALLS, Ore.** — Police have charged a man with sexually assaulting a nun and strangling her with her rosary beads as she took a late-night stroll with another nun. The other woman was also sexually assaulted, police said.

Sister Helen Chaska, 53, became the first homicide victim in Klamath County this year when she was attacked while reciting the rosary as she and her companion strolled down a bike path just after midnight Sunday.

An autopsy showed she was strangled with her rosary beads, which became embedded in her neck. The other woman was treated at a hospital and released. Both were wearing their blue habits when they were attacked.

Maximiliano Esparza, 32, was charged with aggravated murder, kidnapping,

assault, sodomy, sexual abuse and possession and delivery of a controlled substance. He was being held without bail at the Klamath County Jail. It wasn't immediately clear if he had obtained an attorney.

An arraignment that had been scheduled for Tuesday was postponed until Wednesday. Prosecutors said they plan to seek the death penalty.

Authorities described Esparza as a transient who arrived in Klamath Falls by train Friday. Police said they found him at a motel Sunday after getting a tip from someone who had seen a composite drawing based on the second nun's description.

The nuns, both of Bellevue, Wash., are members of the order of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and were in Klamath Falls doing missionary work. They are self-described traditionalist orthodox Catholics, and are unaffiliated with the Roman Catholic Church.

### McDonald's to use new oil to reduce trans fatty acids

BY LIZ AUSTIN

Associated Press Writer

**CHICAGO** — McDonald's plans to use a new cooking oil for french fries and other fried foods that it says will do less damage to your diet.

Nutritionists call the fast food giant's effort to reduce trans fatty acids a good first step but say the change doesn't make french fries a health food.

The Oak Brook-based company says the new oil, which will be used to cook all of its fried foods, will halve the trans fatty acid levels in its french fries while increasing the amount of the more beneficial polyunsaturated fat.

Trans fatty acids increase the body's levels of bad cholesterol while simultaneously reducing its levels of good cholesterol, said Dr. Meir Stampfer, professor of epidemiology and nutrition at Harvard School of Public Health.

"People don't have to change their habits, they don't have to exert willpower; without doing anything they would be eating a healthier diet," he said.

McDonald's worked with its longtime supplier Cargill to develop the new oil, which a few restaurants will begin using in October. All 13,000 domestic restaurants will use the oil by February.

Company executives say McDonald's is the first national fast-food chain to set a goal of eliminating trans fatty acids in oil.

Phil Sokolof, president of the National Heart Savers Association, said McDonald's announcement would give consumers a false sense of security when eating fast food.

### Sheriff candidate kills man in self-defense dressed as woman

By The Associated Press

**ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.** — A candidate for sheriff in Colorado says he was dressed as a woman for an undercover investigation when he killed a teenager who allegedly abducted him.

Police said there were discrepancies in the man's account.

Robert Bouslaugh is still the target of an investigation into the death Thursday of Rosendo "Ross" Torres Jr., 18, police Sgt. Doug Shawn said Tuesday.

No charges have been filed, and Shawn said he believes the case needs to be presented to a grand jury.

Bouslaugh, 56, of Bayfield, Colo., is a candidate for sheriff in La Plata County, Colo.

Bouslaugh told the Durango (Colo.) Herald he shot Torres after Torres robbed him at gunpoint and beat him.

Bouslaugh told The Associated Press on Monday that he had been dressed as a woman for an undercover operation. He would not identify the purpose of the operation or the group in charge. The shooting was not related to the operation, Bouslaugh said.

Bouslaugh said he kept a weapon

because he was a retired law-enforcement officer. He would not say where or with what agency, and he would not identify his current occupation.

Police said Bouslaugh told investigators he had left an adult bookstore when a man later identified as Torres pressed a gun to his side and demanded money. Torres' family confirmed he had a weapon, and the last one they saw him with was the one he had at the scene of the shooting, Shawn said.

After getting Bouslaugh's purse, Torres forced him drive in search of an ATM, Bouslaugh said. He persuaded Torres to take him to his hotel to get more cash, but there he got his own handgun and fired at Torres, police said.

The Durango Herald said Bouslaugh, an unaffiliated candidate who made the November ballot after gathering 245 signatures, had worked as a sheriff's deputy in an unspecified California county, and is a former private investigator. He faces incumbent Sheriff Duke Schirard, a Republican, and a write-in candidate.

Investigators were trying to determine whether Bouslaugh had a law enforcement career, Shawn said.

## INTERNATIONAL



# Vieques war exercises begin as protests fizzle

BY FRANK GRIFFITHS

Associated Press Writer

**VIEQUES, Puerto Rico** — Fighter jets buzzed over Vieques on Tuesday as activists shied away from their usual raucous protests, fearful of stiff jail sentences and fines in a post-Sept. 11 climate.

Pilots practiced fly-overs, U.S. Navy spokeswoman Lt. Cmdr. Kim Dixon said, while the aircraft carrier USS Harry S. Truman and 11 other ships would likely practice shelling the bombing range on Wednesday. The exercises, the third since Sept. 11, are expected to last for 23 days.

The military has used the prized bombing range on Vieques for more than six decades. Opposition to the exercises grew when a civilian guard was killed after a Navy jet dropped two bombs off-target in April 1999. Since then, only inert bombs have been used.

Hundreds of people have tried to thwart the exercises by breaking onto the bombing range, often getting arrested, jailed and fined. But the terror attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon muted the protests.

Five men entered Navy land at dawn on Tuesday and were quickly detained, said pro-independence Sen. Fernando Martin. Aside from that, only a dozen activists showed up for lackluster protests.

Activist camps — which would have been bustling a

year ago before the attacks — were half empty on Tuesday.

"I'm personally not willing to risk it," said Elizabeth Roebling, a 55-year-old activist from Asheville, N.C., sitting in a chair with the words "Civil Disobedience" painted on the back.

**"The Bush administration has made it sound like protesting (since Sept. 11) is un-American."**

— ELIZABETH ROEBLING  
Activist

She blamed the poor turnout on tougher jail sentences since the Patriot Act was passed following the terror attacks. Roebling was arrested in June 2001 during bombing

exercises and was released two days later. She said getting arrested now could mean several months in jail or a hefty fine.

"The Bush administration has made it sound like protesting (since Sept. 11) is un-American," she said.

President Bush has promised the Navy will withdraw its forces from Vieques by May 2003. Some remain skeptical though.

"My dream is that they leave in 2003, but Bush likes war just as much as his father did," said Elba Perez, a 45-year-old cashier on Vieques.

The Navy bombing range covers 900 acres on the eastern tip of Vieques — less than 3 percent of the Caribbean island off the east coast of the U.S. territory.

The Navy has said the bombing range is vital to military preparedness, but officials say they are looking for alternative sites.

Opponents say the exercises harm the environment and health of Vieques' 9,100 residents. The Navy denies the claim.

Gov. Sila Calderon, an opponent of the exercises, has said she will visit the island on Friday.

## Actor Chris Tucker travels with, studies Colin Powell

BY SONYA ROSS

Associated Press Writer

**JOHANNESBURG, South Africa** — Secretary of State Colin Powell may have no interest in becoming America's first black president, but one young actor says he's the perfect model for the role.

Chris Tucker, co-star with Jackie Chan in the popular "Rush Hour" films, linked up with Powell in Washington on Tuesday for the long flight to Johannesburg, where Powell is representing the United States at the World Summit on Sustainable Development.

Tucker said he is studying Powell as part of his preparation for the title role in "Mr. President," an upcoming comedy about the first black chief executive.

"I'm basing a lot of my character off of the secretary," Tucker said. "I want to make sure I represent the office right."

Tucker watched raptly Tuesday as Powell fielded reporters' questions during the flight, and gamely

## Iraq to launch satellite



INA/Associated Press

**Iraqi President Saddam Hussein speaks during a Cabinet meeting Tuesday in Baghdad, which approved a project for launching an Iraqi satellite in cooperation with an unnamed "foreign party," Iraqi News Agency quoted President Saddam Hussein as saying on Tuesday.**

answered a few himself.

"I'm just looking forward to seeing what solutions and what different things can be done to help people out on the continent of Africa," Tucker said.

Powell said he admires Tucker's dedication to the

plight of poor Africans.

"He realizes at this point in his life, with all the success that he has already enjoyed, he has to use part of his time and energy to give back and think about people in need," Powell said.

## Pop star's publicist disputes; 'The trip is not over'

TRIP, from page 1

Krieff expected Bass to be back on the crew list by week's end.

The Russians agreed to several deadline extensions because Bass' name had been forwarded to their space-station partners, who endorsed the singer last week, Gorbunov said. Also, a short amount of time remained for training, making it impossible to begin work with another candidate, he said.

Bass' supporters blame paperwork problems for the payment delay and insisted he still hopes to make the trip.

"Lance is not stepping down by any means," said Jeff Manber, president of MirCorp, a company that helps arrange space-related adventures and is partly owned by

Russia's Energia Space Corp., which built part of the International Space Station.

Manber said he met with Russian space officials Tuesday.

"It is a little dramatic to say he was kicked out," Manber said. "He will be back there (at Star City) probably tomorrow or the day after."

Bass, whose group hits include "Bye Bye Bye," was training to become the world's third space tourist after California businessman Dennis Tito and South African Internet tycoon Mark Shuttleworth. Tito and Shuttleworth did not use corporate sponsors to pay for their trips.

Bass, who attended a U.S. space camp in Florida 10 years ago, would have been the youngest person ever in space if he went on his trip.

Bass returned to Russia Sunday after spending a week

at NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston with the other two crew members for the Oct. 28 flight aboard a Russian Soyuz rocket — Russian cosmonaut Sergei Zaitin and Belgian astronaut Frank de Winne.

During his training in Star City, Bass participated in a zero-gravity flight, practiced basic safety and learned some Russian. He kept his composure throughout the zero-gravity flight, unlike many experienced astronauts, space officials said.

James Oberg, a Houston-based space industry expert, said Bass emerged as "as a viable candidate for some future mission."

"He impressed everyone with his sincerity and his intelligence," said Oberg, a paid consultant on a separate bid to film a television production from space.

**DID YOU KNOW?:** What is an activity performed by 40% of all people at a party? Snooping in the medicine cabinet.



## SPORTS



Kathy Willens/Associated Press  
**Monica Seles, of the United States, returns the ball to Martina Hingis, of Switzerland, at the U.S. Open tennis tournament in New York on Tuesday.**

## ABC brings two old pros to 'Monday Night Football'

BY DAVID BAUDER

AP Television Writer

**NEW YORK** — They've tried a comedian and old quarterbacks. Now, with John Madden and Al Michaels, "Monday Night Football" is turning to two old pros who promise an emphasis on games, not gimmicks.

ABC Sports lured Madden from Fox for its football franchise this season, pairing him with Michaels, who has been in the "Monday Night Football" booth since 1986.

After working three exhibition games, the new ABC team makes its regular-season debut Monday with an attractive matchup: the Pittsburgh Steelers against the defending champion New England Patriots in a rematch of the AFC championship game.

"I feel like I've worked with John for 10 years," Michaels said Tuesday. "It's that comfortable, it's been that easy, it's been that enjoyable."

ABC has a lot riding on the new team. Ratings for "Monday Night Football" have dropped seven straight years, more than 15 percent during the last two years. But with the network's prime-time collapse over the past year, the show is still one of the most reliable programs on its schedule.

Madden and Michaels say they hope the network's fortunes improve. But they weren't ready to take ABC on their backs.

"All we can do is prepare as perfectly as possible to make the best of every game we can," Michaels said. "There's really nothing we can do to bring up the ratings except be as good as we can be. Everything else would just be a trick. It wouldn't last very long."

Madden, the former Oakland Raiders coach who was paired with Pat Summerall in CBS and Fox booths for 21 years, said he won't change his blunt, blue-collar approach for the prime-time showcase.

"What I do is reactionary," he said. "It's

a reaction to what's going on on the field and to the pictures. You can't plan something. You can't format a live event because you don't know what's going to happen."

Michaels and sideline reporter Melissa Stark are the lone on-air holdovers from last year's team, which included comedian Dennis Miller, and former players Dan Fouts and Eric Dickerson.

Miller was a controversial choice because he didn't have a football background. He drew mixed reviews, but ultimately couldn't change the direction of the ratings.

He might have returned, but ABC pounced when Madden became available after Fox decided to break up the Madden-Summerall team.

"You don't want to say anything is a slam-dunk," Michaels said. "But we've both been doing this for a long time and we have a lot of support. This just feels right."

Asked whether he'd be disappointed if the ratings didn't go up, Madden said he had no control over them.

"I've always believed, don't worry about things you can't control and don't take credit for things you can't control," he said.

While he's always interested in little things that can make the broadcast better, Michaels said he sees no major changes in how ABC will present the Monday night games.

"You have two guys in the booth who have a true passion for the game," he said. "Our goal is to make the game as interesting and entertaining and to be as informative to the viewer as we possibly can."

Both broadcasters said they wished they had more control over the "Monday Night Football" schedule. Although ABC makes suggestions of games it wants to see, ultimately the NFL decides on the schedule. ABC has sought flexibility to change late-season games but hasn't received it.

## Sisters move closer to another all-Williams final while Seles beats Hingis

BY HOWARD FENDRICH

AP Tennis Writer

**NEW YORK** — No one has come close to testing Serena Williams at the U.S. Open. Here's how older sister Venus responded to her first challenge: She dug in, pulled out a three-set victory, then went right out and practiced.

Both moved closer to another all-Williams final with victories Tuesday, though in vastly different ways.

Serena reached the semifinals by dominating Daniela Hantuchova 6-2, 6-2 at night. Venus had plenty of problems against Chanda Rubin before emerging with a 6-2, 4-6, 7-5 victory to reach the quarterfinals for the 18th time in 20 Grand Slam events.

Top-seeded Serena, the 1999 Open champion, had 29 winners to six for the 11th-seeded Hantuchova, and whipped 12 aces at up to 115 mph. Next up as Serena tries to become the first woman since Steffi Graf to win three straight majors: Lindsay Davenport.

Serena has lost a total of 14 games through her five matches at the National Tennis Center, spending an average of 51 minutes on court. She certainly seems on pace for another all-in-the-family championship match, having lost to Venus in last year's U.S. Open final and beaten her at the French Open and Wimbledon in 2002.

Venus, meanwhile, lost seven more games against Rubin than she had in her previous three matches combined.

"Today just wasn't my best day," Venus said. "I had a lot of short balls that I just missed. It was definitely strange missing those shots, but I tried to stay calm."

She'll play Monica Seles for a semifinal berth. Still grunting on each shot and still hitting with two hands off both wings, Seles beat Martina Hingis 6-4, 6-2 to end Hingis' streak of six straight semifinal appearances at the year's final major. Hingis had ankle surgery in May and made it into the field here as a wild-card entry.

On the other half of the draw, 1998 champion Davenport moved into the semifinals by eliminating unseeded Elena Bovina 3-6, 6-0, 6-2. Davenport, playing just her fifth tournament since right knee surgery performed by the same doctor who rebuilt Rubin's left knee, capitalized on Bovina's 36 unforced errors.

Three-time French Open champion

Gustavo Kuerten was undone by his 55 unforced errors and lost in the fourth round to No. 24 Sjeng Schalken 6-3, 7-6 (6), 6-7 (5), 7-6 (4). Schalken next plays No. 28 Fernando Gonzalez, who beat Arnaud Clement in straight sets. Either Schalken or Gonzalez will be a Grand Slam semifinalist for the first time.

Against Rubin, Venus bailed herself out with the help of 41 winners and seven aces, snapping one at 121 mph. But she also made 41 errors, had six double faults, had her serve broken five times, and allowed her 25-set winning streak at the Open to end.

Watching from the stands while snapping pictures through a 2 1/2-foot lens, the Williams sisters' father, Richard, wasn't pleased.

"It looks like all her techniques are breaking down," he said.

When the match ended, Venus walked off court and swung her racket in a forehand motion while looking at her father, as though to say, "I know, I know. We have some work to do." Sure enough, 20 minutes later, she was on an adjacent practice court, hitting while getting instructions from Richard.

They might have been going over what went wrong when she was broken three straight times in the second set.

Or what led to the trouble at 5-5 in the last set, with Williams facing two break points. But the 14th-seeded Rubin, who's had two operations on her left knee since January 2001 and appeared to be gasping for air after longer rallies, finally succumbed to Williams' constant pressure.

Rubin sent a forehand wide on the first break point, then put another forehand into the net to close a 17-stroke rally. She threw her head back, sighed, and staggered along the baseline.

"I had rushed so many shots, missed so many," Williams said. "I was just happy to be able to get through those points."

Up to that part of the match, Rubin's attacking style kept Williams off-balance, though it didn't produce all that many winners: 15.

"I gave myself a chance in the match. As a competitor, you want to go out in every match and do that," Rubin said. "But it's disappointing not to win it when the chances were there. You look up — you're right there for the match."

## Shaquille O'Neal's right foot surgery scheduled Sept. 11

By The Associated Press

**LOS ANGELES** — Los Angeles Lakers center Shaquille O'Neal will have surgery on his right foot on Sept. 11, and could miss the start of the season.

The surgery, pending medical clearance of bloodwork, will be performed at UCLA by Dr. Robert Mohr, chief of the Division of Podiatric Surgery, according to Patricia Schneck, a spokeswoman for O'Neal's agent, Perry Rogers.

Rogers has said O'Neal's recovery could take six weeks. The Lakers begin defense of their third straight NBA title on Oct. 29.

O'Neal will have a cheilectomy, which involves removing bone spurs in the joint that have caused pain and restricted his motion.

He played last season using a combination of medication, orthotics and other treatments to ease the pain, but no method was effective.

# COMICS



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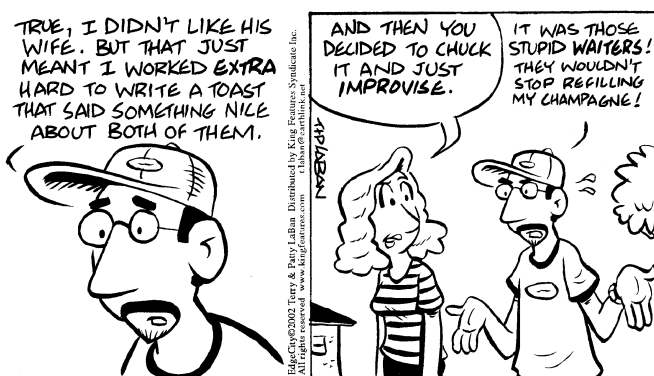
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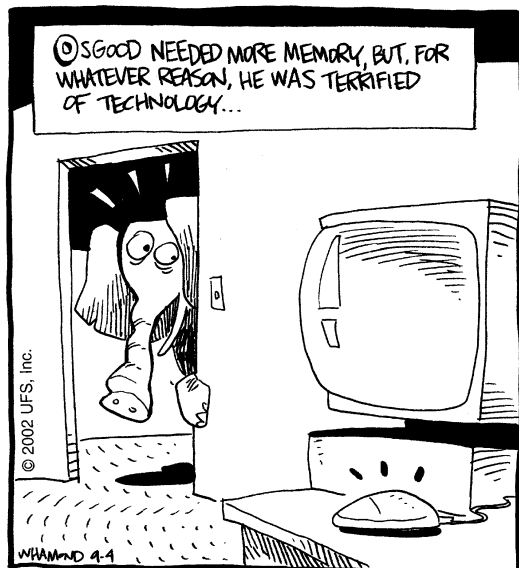
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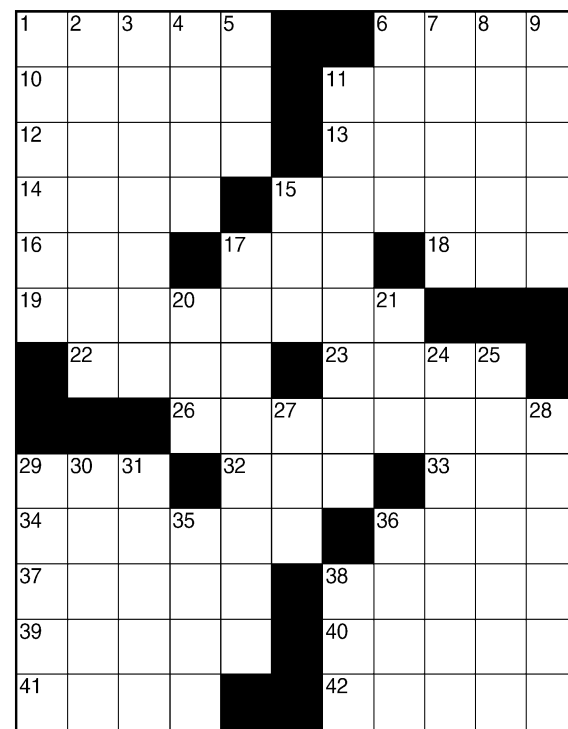
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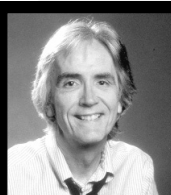
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## NEWS OF THE WEIRD

by Chuck Shepard

### Activists say no to hens playing tic-tac-toe

• Aztar Corp. casinos in Evansville, Ind., Atlantic City, N.J., and Las Vegas have recently featured tic-tac-toe games in which gamblers compete with chickens that punch in X's and O's with their beaks, and in June, People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals made a formal protest, both of the oppressive conditions under which the chickens labor and the "disrespect" of the chickens that the game represents.

• In June, traveling Alaskan circus artist Emily Harris had her expensive bicycle mistakenly sold while she visited a second-hand shop in London, and the resulting news stories called attention to her particular circus art, which is that she hypnotizes chickens and makes them play a piano.

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## movies

**Loews Broadway Cinema**  
1441 Third St. at Broadway  
*Blue Crush* (PG-13) 12:40, 1:40, 3:30, 4:30, 6:20, 7:20, 9:10, 10:10. *Blood Work* (R) 1:00, 3:35, 6:40, 9:30. *Simone* (PG-13) 1:20, 4:10, 7:00, 9:50.

**Mann Criterion**  
1313 Third St.  
*Minority Report* (PG-13) 11:50, 3:15, 7:10, 10:20. *Austin Powers in Goldmember* (PG-13) 11:30, 2:00, 4:40, 7:15, 9:45. *My Big Fat Greek Wedding* (PG-13) 11:40, 12:20, 2:10, 2:45, 4:50, 5:30, 7:20, 8:00, 9:50, 10:30. *XXX* (PG-13) 12:00, 3:30, 7:00, 8:00, 10:00. *Little Secrets* (PG) 11:30. *The Master of Disguise* (PG) 1:45, 3:50, 6:00.

**AMC Theatre SM 7**  
1310 3rd Street  
*FearDotCom* (R) 2:20, 4:45, 7:30, 9:55. *Signs* (PG-13) 1:40, 4:15, 5:45, 7:15, 8:15, 9:45. *Undisputed* (R) 2:30, 5:20, 7:50, 10:00. *Road to Perdition* (R) 1:45, 4:25, 7:10, 9:50. *Lilo & Stich* (PG) 1:30, 3:35. *Spy Kids 2* (PG) 1:50, 4:35, 7:00, 9:25. *Serving Sara* (PG-13) 2:00, 4:55, 7:20, 9:40.

**Landmark Nu-Wilshire**  
1314 Wilshire Blvd.  
*The Kid Stays in the Picture* (R) 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45. *Mostly Martha* (PG) 11:00, 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:30.

**Laemmle Monica**  
1332 2nd St.  
*Tadpole* (PG-13) 1:45, 3:45, 5:45, 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.  
*The Bourne Identity* (PG-13) 5:00, 7:30, 10:00.

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