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Housekeepers from several Santa Monica hotels rallied at the beach Thursday for a workplace "bill of rights."

Hotel housekeepers declare bill of rights for better wages

BY ANDREW H. FIXMER
Daily Press Staff Writer

Nearly 50 housekeepers from a half dozen Santa Monica hotels unveiled a "bill of rights" Thursday, which they demand their employers to follow.

They are seeking a higher wage, family health insurance, less rooms to clean, fewer check-out rooms to turnaround, more breaks, a longer lunch and non-toxic cleaning supplies.

Workers complained that after the economic downturn last year, their hours were slashed and many workers were let go. The workers who remained were forced to take

on extra responsibilities and perform more work in less time, they say.

While occupancy rates have rebounded at many of Santa Monica's hotels, staff levels have been kept low, union activists said. The result has been increased workloads and more on-the-job injuries, they claim.

Flora Guatemala, a housekeeper at Doubletree Guest Suites Hotel, said she must clean 14 suites a day. If she can't complete all the work on time, she is punished.

"We want the living wage to pass, we want more money," she said through an interpreter, "and we want more respect at our jobs."

Hotel managers were unavailable for comment.

More than 100 hotel employees, union organizers and clergy members gathered on the beach at Ocean Walk Way between Shutters on the Beach and Casa del Mar, two hotels with a non-unionized workforce.

Union organizers picked up the workers during their lunch break and drove them to the rally, where they were given a sack lunch. Within 30 minutes, activists had to whisk workers back to their jobs so they wouldn't be late getting back to work.

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City attorney says controversial questionnaire can be published

BY ANDREW H. FIXMER
Daily Press Staff Writer

The presses have rolled on a controversial publicly-funded newsletter that will contain the results of a city council candidate questionnaire.

City Attorney Marsha Moutrie has found that no laws or rules prevent the Bayside District Corp., a publicly-funded, non-profit organization that manages the downtown in partnership with the city, from publishing its September newsletter.

"I was asked to take a look at

several things," Moutrie said. "But given what they are doing, I didn't find anything (wrong)."

Moutrie was asked to look into the legality of including the candidate questionnaire in the newsletter after a divided Bayside board voted 5-3 on Sept. 3 to send the issue to the presses. The newsletter, distributed to about 2,000 downtown residents and businesses, will be mailed out next week.

Some board members argued that publishing the questionnaire may violate state and federal laws because it uses public funds to pro-

mote city council candidates. They also said it may violate the city's and state's mass-mailing laws during elections, as well as the organizations own bylaws.

However, Moutrie found that Bayside is completely within its legal rights to collect and publish the unedited information.

Even though critics of the questionnaire have seized upon a phrase within the organization's bylaws that prohibits Bayside from engaging in any "political

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Don Henley fights to protect Malibu coast

BY LAURA WIDES
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES — Don Henley urged the state Coastal Commission Thursday to severely limit development of Malibu.

"Most people think of Malibu as movie stars and mansions and fancy cars," the rock star, who has owned land in the seaside enclave since 1974, told a public hearing in Los Angeles.

But "for those who live in Malibu and cherish it, and for the many who come to visit, Malibu is defined by the way the mountains meet the sea, the wide open natural spaces, and the rugged mountain canyon vistas," he said.

Henley urged the commission, which has final authority over coastal land use, to adopt a plan halting the Malibu City Council's proposal for development around its downtown civic center. The plan also would limit construction on multi-million-dollar homes nestled in the steep slopes overlooking the Pacific.

Malibu has failed to open up much of its 27 miles of secluded coastline to the public as required by state law. The city currently is suing the commission over efforts to open a path to the beach next to Hollywood mogul David Geffen's oceanfront villa.

The Coastal Commission has until Saturday to approve a plan

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Signature collector cited for not complying with city ordinance

City attorney's office launches undercover checks

BY CAROLYN SACKARIASON
Daily Press Staff Writer

As part of an undercover investigation, the Santa Monica City Attorney's Office slapped a signature gatherer with a criminal

charge Wednesday for not disclosing the proper information regarding an upcoming ballot initiative.

The Santa Monica City Council passed a law in July 2001 that requires people who gather signatures for initiative petitions must give information sheets to each person who signs the petition.

The information sheet, written by the city clerk and city attorney, includes a summary of the initiative, whether or not the signature

gatherer is being paid for signatures and notes that it's a crime for gatherers to misrepresent the proposed measure. It was designed to prevent confusion among citizens on what they are signing.

The law also requires signature gatherers to make extra copies of the information sheet "readily available" to prospective signers.

The city attorney's office recently learned that some signa-

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♈ ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★ Pressure builds at work. You could be overwhelmed by someone else's expectations. Realize more of what you want through your enormous creativity and ingenuity. Unexpected behavior from a friend upsets you. Talk to this person. Tonight: Reach out for others.

♉ TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Your sensuality comes through despite others. Review a matter close to your heart. Consider what might be happening within an important relationship. A child or new friend acts up. Remember that you can only control yourself. Tonight: Togetherness fits.

♊ GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Others perk up when you enter the room. Reach out for those at a distance. You might not be absolutely sure what is best to do with a family member. Sit back on this matter until you know what works. Take your time. Tonight: Join friends.

♋ CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ Carefully pace yourself, knowing what you can realistically get done. Avoid unneeded calls, as you might tend to socialize. Think through a work project carefully. Don't allow the Friday spirit to affect the quality of your work. Tonight: Easy does it.

♌ LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ You might wish for more control at the workplace. Every idea comes with a huge dollar sign attached. Jot down ideas anyway. Later, you might see other routes to your objective. Brainstorm, but don't act right now. Head out the door early, if possible. Tonight: Pretend to be surprised, even if you're not.

♍ VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ You could be in an OK mood, but others might not be. Clear out additional work effectively and quickly. Carefully understand your limits with a family member. This, too, might pass, if you don't push quite so hard. Tonight: Rent a movie on the way home.

♏ LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ Keep talking, even though you might not appreciate some of the responses. You will find someone close to you rather disruptive and touchy. Treat this person with kid gloves. A child or delightful friend enchants you with a zany idea. Go for it. Tonight: Speak your mind.

♐ SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Play money games all you want, but face facts: You need a certain amount no matter what happens or what goes on. Friends help you energize but often go overboard. Knowing when to say "no" can and will make all the difference. Tonight: Treat a loved one well. Do the same for yourself!

♑ SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Do whatever you need to do in order to make your point. Others might toss an obstacle in your path. You're too creative to accept no for an answer. You will do whatever it takes to get another's attention, even if it means getting into a Spiderman's suit. Tonight: Do the Friday night thing!

♒ CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ Take your time and distance yourself from present ideas, as well. You might see information a lot differently once you mull over the pros and cons involved. Please, by all means, follow your instincts in this realm. Listen to a friend who might have a secret. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

♓ AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Keep your focus, despite someone's distractions. You might not want to say anything, just remind this person of your goals. Enlist others in a key project. Together as a team you'll succeed beyond your wildest dreams. Tonight: Let a work gathering become a playful get-together.

♈ PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Others seek you out. You have many choices, but understand that you cannot walk away from a boss, parent or responsibility. Take an honest look at what is going on with you. Make decisions accordingly. You might have to work late. Tonight: Do what you must.

QUOTE of the DAY

"The United States is like the guy at a party who gives cocaine to everybody and still nobody likes him."
— Jim Samuels

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LOCAL



The Q-Line

Fast food chains in high schools no big deal

The local school district just recently approved year-long contracts to Papa John's Pizza, McDonalds, Taco Bell and Pizza Hut so they can sell their fat-laden food to high school students. School administrators said if they don't offer it, kids will just walk down the street and buy it anyway, which would leave the district cash strapped.

So last week Q-Line asked, "Do you think fast food should be sold at our local schools? Why or why not?"

Here are your responses:

■ "First, regarding the suit against the fast food restaurants. That's ridiculous. People have a choice to eat something less fattening or eat a salad and not eat at these fast food places. Regarding the school, most teenagers are going to choose pizza, tacos, etc., and go down the street if it's not available in the high school. The high schools might as well sell it on campus and receive a profit. Perhaps they can take some of the profit and offer a nutrition class to educate the teenagers and also have a physical education or exercise class to work off the pizza. If teens have a nutritional breakfast at home, and a dinner with vegetables, fruit and other important food groups that night, I don't think a piece of

pizza or a taco at lunch is really going to make them fat."

■ "It is a sad situation when a school district joins forces with McDonalds, Pizza Hut and Taco Bell to profit from selling their products. The function of the school is to educate the students, not to passively acquiesce to their bad habits. Whether or not it is profitable, the proper decision for a school is to demonstrate healthful eating habits. Even if only a few of the students get the message, it is a worthwhile accomplishment. The district's decision not only encourages bad behavior, but deprives those students who are interested in healthy eating from getting adequate meals

and demonstrates the complete lack of ethical standards to stand up to the students' demands and the fast food companies. The decision was obviously made without adequate thought and should be reconsidered."

■ "When it comes to fast-food, local schools should take a clue from UCLA's vending machines. Healthy fast-food can be found there. Take, for example, the avocado, cheese and thin carrot strips sandwich on wheat bread. It's only \$2.50. Tuna and egg salad sandwiches at the same price. And don't ignore the small packages of cottage cheese and pineapple with yogurt. Each at \$1.50. Standard food from

Burger King and company turns you into an unhealthy rolley-polley. Granted, not all, but some of the food in UCLA's vending machine does just the opposite."

■ "I would hope that the schools would start to serve, whether they are ready-made sandwiches, soup and things that don't cost that much. Vegetable soup certainly does not cost that much. I would like to steer the young people in the right direction by stopping any fast food from coming into the schools."

■ "The question was, do you think food should be sold at our schools? Why or why not? My answer is ... who cares!"

Yoga line stretched



Carolyn Sackariason/Daily Press

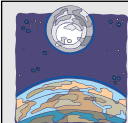
The line stretches down the street and around the next block for yoga enthusiasts waiting to get into "Bryan's" popular class at Optimal Enchantment on Santa Monica Boulevard Wednesday.

surf report

Information compiled by Jesse Haley

Our big southwest swell remains on the decline, losing more size today. Expect fun, inconsistent waist- to chest-high surf at most northern locations. South bay breaks will look smaller on the average.

Friday the 13th means bad luck, further decreasing swell conditions and smaller size. We should see an increase in wind swell in the south bay to accompany knee- to waist-high surf.



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High-	2:24 a.m.	3.74'
Low-	7:23 a.m.	2.27'
High-	2:00 p.m.	5.52'
Low-	9:37 p.m.	0.70'

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County Line	3-4'/Good	3-4'/Good	A
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Surfrider	3-4'/Good	2-4'/Good	A
Topanga	3-4'/Good	2-4'/Good	A
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OPINION

LETTERS

Lawsuit threat two-faced

Editor:

I love that Francois Khoury (of Doubletree Suites) says that the main problem with the living wage initiative is that it will cost the city a bunch of money to defend against lawsuits ... money that Francois Khoury (of Doubletree Suites) says would be better spent on schools. Question: Who will be filing said lawsuits against the city, requiring the shameful expenditure of money better spent on schools? Answer: Francois Khoury (of Doubletree Suites).

Brilliantly two-faced, that argument. I'm still trying to shake the slime from the pages of my SMDP.

Patrick Meighan
Santa Monica

He is angry!

Editor:

In response to the letter published on 10/11/02, "Insulted over the living wage debate," I could not agree more with Mr. Marc Sanschagrin on several of the points he brought up in response to my letter.

1. Yes, the unions did help in curbing the abuse to workers.
2. Yes, a manager's first role is to the business success for survival.
3. Yes, I am angry.

Allow me to explain:

In today's business environment, especially hospitality, the financial success is the result of a finite balance between employees' loyalty, customers' satisfaction and ownership profit. The fact is there are plenty of hotel rooms in Santa Monica. There are thousands of hotels in Los Angeles, and we are most of the times facing some kind of economical strain, whether it is in the United States or abroad. The most successful hotels have excelled in this balance. In our business, if our employees are not happy, what kind of attitude do you think they will project? Do you think a customer afforded that many choices will come back to be abused, or at least not receive the level of service he or she is seeking? It is not a negotiable item in a hotel environment. Service is more important than any furnishings you may have in your lobby. If your employees, your main asset, do not support you, your product and your goals, you cannot win. For those activists who claim that we are abusing our workers, having the worst working conditions and underpaying them, they should really study Hospitality

101. We should have been out of business in this case.

And yes I am angry. When you see the people that you care about the most, that truly make you successful, being abused by the union pushers for their own gain, it hurts.

These pushers are just like door-to-door salespeople. If the conditions in our hotel or any other hotel warranted unionization, are our employees so oblivious to all these promises that they would not buy it? The fact is that imaginary "labor dispute" stems from the organizer's mind to give the illusion of unfairness and to evoke all the liberals emotions to want to help and get involved.

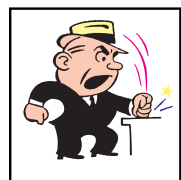
One kitchen employee told us that Mr. Kurt Petersen went to his home one night with others, trying to sell him on the union. Mr. Petersen introduced himself as an attorney with the City of Santa Monica. He asked the employee to sign a union authorization card by saying, "This is a new requirement by the city in order to work in Santa Monica. You have to sign this card, or you can no longer work there." The scared employee thought about it and replied, "How come you have to come to my house for this. If this is a city requirement, why don't you come at work?" Frustrated, Mr. Petersen and his troops retreated. How would you feel if this kind of thing happens to people you care about? The union is singing its own praises as to how much social justice will advance if they were in control, yet they are the first ones to abuse anyone who is not on their side.

The living wage effort is mainly for our city government to control the employment conditions in some of the facilities where the union has failed. And we know where the majority of our city council's loyalty lies. Is anyone pondering as to why the union would spend half a million dollars of its members' dues for a "NO return to their membership?" Mr. Petersen wrote: "For example, over the next two years, at the Fairmont and the Viceroy, workers will receive hourly raises of \$1.15 and \$1.25 respectively, in addition to other benefit increases." Although almost true, but Mr. Petersen fails to tell the readers that as of December 31, 2003, all tipped positions at the Fairmont will be at \$6.25 an hour. Is this a living wage? How come no one is helping these poor workers? Are their dues not enough to justify receiving the proposed living wage? Why is the clergy not praying for them?

The hypocrisy behind the living wage is what fuels my determination. It should benefit all the real poor workers in all of Santa Monica or it is not fair. This is selective social justice at best and true discrimination.

Francois Khoury
General Manager
Doubletree Guest Suites
Santa Monica

SMRR agenda is not what it appears to be this election



AS I SEE IT

By Bill Bauer

Most everyone would agree that the political "power center" of Santa Monica is the Santa Monicans for Renters Rights (SMRR) organization. They have reigned supreme here for nearly two dozen years.

It's election time and you hear "Ding-a-ling," so, you answer the phone. "I'm from Santa Monicans for Renters Rights. You'll be evicted if you don't support SMRR ..." the voice warns. The message is always the same: (a) you'll lose your rent controlled apartment, (b) you'll pay much higher rents or (c) be evicted if those nasty hotel owners, landlords and developers take control of the city.

Gullible and uniformed renters swallow this lie hook, line and sinker. That is until they really have a legal problem with their landlord and call SMRR who will tell them to call the city's Rent Control administration who will tell them there's

not much they can do, either.

Take, for example, my friend, Bill, who has been living in a small, one-bedroom, 14th Street bungalow and paying \$300 rent. His building was sold, and the new landlord sent him notice that his new rent would be \$1,150!

Isn't rent control supposed to protect long-term tenants? Maybe not, says rent control administration. When Bill moved in 15 years ago, the city's rent control administration set a base rent for his apartment at \$250. This rent is called the "Maximum Allowable Rent" or MAR. Every city apartment has a MAR.

With the allowable rent increases over the years, Bill's unit's MAR had risen to more than \$1,100, even though his landlord had kept his rent low. The law says that a landlord — and it doesn't have to be a new owner — can raise low rents to the MAR at any time with a 60-day notice under most circumstances.

In the case of Bill and other tenants who pay less than the MAR (plus about \$15 in rent control fees and taxes), the ax could fall at any time. Bill will probably leave town because he can't afford to pay the higher rent.

Yet, isn't it SMRR and its sycophants who spend millions to build low-income housing for low-income seniors like Bill? Yet, because of an obvious hole in the law, a housed, long-term resident is kicked out. If SMRR really cared about renters, this kind of stuff wouldn't happen.

It's unfortunate that the SMRR monopolized Rent Control Board (members Betty Mueller and Alan Toy are seeking reelection) haven't bothered to plug this loophole.

What would you expect? Like the rest of the SMRR leadership, they have other agendas.

They're too busy supporting a proposed ordinance that would require homeowners to make their homes handicapped accessible when remodeling, unionizing hotels or supporting the living wage. SMRR has been so tight with "big labor" that they should rename themselves SMUR, Santa Monicans for Union Rights.

The two SMRR co-chairs also don't have renters on their minds. They're too busy either fattening their wallets or pursuing their own political ambitions.

SMRR co-chair Denny Zane is being paid \$25,000 by the "Yes on Measure EE"

people to promote a \$300 school parcel tax increase, according to the citizen committee's campaign budget. One of his first orders of business was to get SMRR's membership to endorse it at their convention. But did Denny ever inform his party that he was on the "EE" payroll? I doubt it.

Last spring, Zane was hired as campaign manager for Measure U, the \$160 million Santa Monica College bond. He also was paid a similar amount by the college for his services on Measure U and is paid to promote SMC's proposed Madison Theater complex.

The other SMRR co-chair, Nancy Greenstein, abruptly adjourned the annual convention last month, cutting off a second ballot for endorsements for the college board. She is one of only two SMRR endorsees for the post. Word is she didn't want anyone sharing the endorsement and diluting her vote come election day.

So, when your phone or doorbell rings and someone says, "I'm from SMRR we care about renters." You can truthfully respond, "In a pig's eye."

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OPINION



Living wage will bring hotel workers into the light

(Editor's note: The city council passed an ordinance last July requiring businesses in the coastal zone that generate more than \$5 million in annual revenue to pay their employees up to \$12.25 an hour. Those businesses and their supporters have asked for the ordinance to be rescinded, which is before voters this November. The Daily Press welcomes opinion submissions on both sides of the issue.)

Most people you see in Santa Monica enjoy the city's blessings of fair weather and fair wages. But on Thursday, a group of people who are not always seen — hotel housekeepers — stood together in public asking for a simple bill of rights. Accompanied by Rev. Ronald Williams of First AME Church and other religious leaders, the women who clean hundreds of rooms at five hotels took their lunch hour to demand reasonable workloads, affordable health insurance and a living wage.

These modest demands bring up an issue that voters must soon decide: the living wage. This issue is familiar to many who consider it one of fundamental fairness for thousands of people who work in a luxury sector but live in poverty.

In less than eight weeks, voters will have a chance to affirm the living wage ordinance that the city council passed more than a year ago. A YES vote for Measure JJ will complete a long public effort to make Santa Monica a fair workplace for people who currently don't receive such fair treatment. Many of them work in the city's luxury hotels.

The journey to this decision began back in the 1980s, when Santa Monica decided to build up its tourism industry with public subsidies. Thanks to a careful investment of more than \$180 million in taxpayer funds, Santa Monica has become one of the country's premier tourist destinations.

This status is reflected in the phenomenal success and profitability of the city's beach hotels. Tourists from around the world flock to Santa Monica's high-end hotels, paying hundreds of dollars a night. Our beachfront hotels have the best occupancy in the Los Angeles market, and the second highest average room rates.

Hotel workers, however, have not done so well. A city-commissioned study showed that workers were so poorly paid

that most qualify for government anti-poverty programs. In human terms, this means that men and women working full-time (and often much more) earn so little that they cannot provide their families with the basic necessities.

The disparity between prosperous businesses and poor workers troubled so many Santa Monicans that they decided to do something about it. Community members, educators, religious leaders and labor organizations joined together to propose a living wage ordinance to the city council. I am proud to have introduced it. After considerable work, last year the council passed a carefully crafted, targeted ordinance.

The living wage law is written to help workers AND protect Santa Monica's economy. Only businesses that make \$5 million annually or contract with the city will be subject to the ordinance, and even they can apply for a waiver based on economic hardship. It's a smart piece of legislation that balances the interests of working families and businesses.

The city-commissioned study showed that the living wage law will lift workers and their families out of poverty. Another important conclusion of the study was that the living wage ordinance would not harm the local economy, and hotels could afford to pay it.

The study was independently reviewed by Harvard University professor Richard Freeman, one of the world's leading economists. He agreed with all of its major findings.

Since public investment created the environment that made the beachfront hotels so profitable, Santa Monica residents might expect the recipients of this investment to act responsibly towards their employees and respect the values of the community. Instead, the hotels have fought back fiercely, spending more than a \$1.5 million to defeat the living wage, and launching a deliberately deceptive campaign in 2000 that was overwhelmingly rejected by voters.

It's time for the people of Santa Monica to finish what they started. On Nov. 5, vote YES on Prop JJ — think Jobs with Justice — and guarantee fair wages and benefits for housekeepers, janitors and other workers.

Paul Rosenstein is the former mayor of Santa Monica.

Guest Commentary

By Paul Rosenstein

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LOCAL

City focuses on petitioners

ORDINANCE, from page 1

ture gatherers in Santa Monica were not making copies of the information sheet available to prospective signers, said Deputy City Attorney Adam Radinsky.

The city's consumer protection division late last month contacted the Homeowners for Voluntary Preservation Committee, the organization that is currently seeking a special election on a landmark status designation issue, and informed them of the requirements. The proposed landmark status measure is the only initiative for which signatures currently are being collected in Santa Monica.

This week, the city attorney's office began undercover checks to verify compliance with the law. The investigation revealed that most signature gatherers are complying with the law, Radinsky said.

However, one signature gatherer was busted and charged with a criminal misdemeanor. The maximum penalty is six months in jail and a \$500 fine, Radinsky said. He declined to say where the signature gatherer was cited because it's an ongoing investigation.

The signature gatherers, who usually station themselves outside of supermar-

kets, receive \$1.50 indirectly from the Homeowners for Voluntary Preservation, a committee made up of homeowners who are fighting to protect their property rights from Santa Monica city government.

The committee so far has paid a firm \$20,000, which then contracts with people to hit the pavement and collect the required amount of signatures for a ballot initiative, according to Tom Larmore, a committee member. It's a fairly common practice in Santa Monica, where most of the signature gatherers are paid based on how many registered voters they get to sign a petition.

The committee is trying to put the Homeowners Freedom of Choice Initiative in front of voters. If it passes, it would allow homeowners of historic homes a choice as to whether their homes should be classified as landmarks or structures of merit.

The group needs 9,300 signatures before Oct. 1 to place the initiative on a special election ballot. Santa Monica City Clerk Maria Stewart said the group needs 15 percent of registered voters to sign the petition to force a special election and 10 percent will get the initiative on the November, 2004 ballot.

LOCAL SPORTS

Santa Monica Vikings trot back onto the gridiron

BY JESSE HALEY
 Special to the Daily Press

Santa Monica High School's varsity men's football team, the defending Ocean league champions, face what should prove to be an uncertain and challenging season this fall.

Start with an 11 and 2 record, tack on a league title, and you have the 2001 season — the best showing by the Samohi Vikings in twenty years. It is certainly a tough act to follow.

Then take away twenty-five graduating players, of those seven college-bound athletes, and what's left? According to coach Norm Lacey, “A core of six experienced guys with extensive playing time.”

Ricky Johnson, a four-year varsity player, takes over duties at quarterback. Last season, the starting strong safety backed up graduating senior quarterback James Cooper, who played a full healthy season. Johnson stepped in for scant minutes behind the offensive line, but did throw for one touchdown in the Vikings' win over El Segundo.

Adrian Gonzales led the Vikings with sixteen sacks last year, and he is expected to play defense as well as offense, sharing the tail back position with senior nickelback Chris Clay.

Zeido Hamze will start at inside linebacker and split minutes with two-time, all-league inside linebacker Abraham Bideo on offense at fullback.

Lineman Nick Silverman and nose-guard Taj Lands round out the roster of returning seniors.

With size on the offensive line and speed in the backfield, Coach Lacey expects a strong running game.

A sprinter for the Vikings' track team, Chris Clay's 100 meter times average in the mid-10 seconds. A finesse player, Clay's job will be to out run and out

maneuver defenses.

In contrast, Gonzales, at 210, and with a 4.7 in the forty, runs the football in the opposite manner. He is a pounder, and he'll be looking to run over and through defenses for Samohi this season.

Lacey says these players will “be the nucleus of the success we will have this year.”

That success will rely heavily on an experienced defense keeping the opposition out of the end zone. If the defense can force turnovers and make teams settle for field goals instead of touchdowns, it will give the Vikings' untested offense the opportunity to score.

Further, having only one returning wide receiver, Paul Helmy, means younger guys will have to step up and put points on the board.

The Viking offense operates primarily out an I-formation, and opts for a 60/40 percent split for running and passing.

“We're going to put the balls out there. They're going to have to catch them,” said Lacey.

The Vikings will be forced to capitalize on their offensive opportunities to stay competitive the new Ocean league.

After last season, officials opted to restructure, dividing two, eight-team leagues — Bay and Ocean — into three, five-team leagues.

Ocean moves up from D-10 to D-4, and now includes Samohi, North Torrance, West Torrance, Hawthorne and Redondo.

League games will make up the season's last four outings for the Vikings.

About the upcoming season, Lacey offered these words, “I'll find ways to get the ball into different people's hands. We have to be fortunate and have to stay healthy.”

The men's varsity football teams plays their season opener Friday night against opponent La Costa Canyon at Santa Monica College.



Councilmen not pleased with Bayside decision to publish

NEWSLETTER, from page 1

activity," Moutrie said part of the organization's job is to advise the city council on matters that affect downtown. Its role by nature makes it a political entity within the city, she said.

"Whatever the bylaws say, it's not to (strictly) prohibit political activity because that is what they do," Moutrie said. "If there was a limitation on what they could do, that sentence could be held up."

"We told them why we didn't see it as a limitation, but others could argue otherwise."

Kathleen Rawson, Bayside's executive director, agrees with Moutrie that the organization must take political positions frequently.

"We are mandated to advise the city on a number of issues downtown," she said. "It's almost impossible to do anything without getting involved politically in this town."

Councilmen Richard Bloom and Ken Genser said while they agree the questionnaire is legal, they believe it sets a bad precedent for Bayside.

"I am keeping a watchful eye on it," Bloom said. "I think the fact that it may be legal doesn't mean that it's necessarily the right direction for an entity like Bayside to go, but ultimately they have to make that decision."

Genser said publishing the questionnaire will inject the group into electoral politics in the city, which he said is inappropriate.

"I don't like when public dollars are used to circulate a questionnaire about candidates' positions," he said. "It's wrong and it's unwise."

"It has the potential of doing harm to Bayside in the long-term if people start to look at Bayside as a political institution opposed to the public institution that is there for the public good," he added.

Rawson said the questionnaire was not intended to influence readers but rather to

educate them.

"It was our straightforward intent to inform our readership not on the candidates, but their opinions that affect us," Rawson said.

All nine city council candidates were given six days to respond to five questions, which were limited to 15-word responses. None of the answers will be edited by Bayside's newsletter staff.

Only one city council candidate, Abby Arnold, opted out of answering the questionnaire. She said she feels 15 words is not enough space to give proper answers.

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— KEN GENSER

Santa Monica city councilman

"I think everything becomes sensitive during an election year," she said. "Certainly the intent of the article was to inform our public, those in the downtown, of candidates' specific views on issues that affect the downtown."

The decision to allow Bayside to publish a candidate questionnaire could have a broader impact.

Similar institutions to Bayside, like the Pier Restoration Corp., which manages the Santa Monica Pier in partnership with the city, could circulate a questionnaire of its own. However, PRC officials have said they don't believe the board would ever distribute a candidate questionnaire.

Black clergy members take role in living wage movement

UNION, from page 1

And for the first time, black clergy members took an active role in the union's effort to organize workers and support the city's proposed living wage ordinance.

The living wage law would raise the minimum wage for low-income workers at coastal Santa Monica businesses that earn more than \$5 million a year from \$6.75 to \$10.50 with health benefits or \$12.25 without benefits. The wage for

workers without benefits would increase to \$13.00 after one year.

Bishop H.H. Brookins of the First A.M.E. Church, First A.M.E. Presiding Elder Lonnie C. Wormley and Rev. Ronald Williams of First A.M.E. by the Sea, on Michigan Avenue, lead the group in prayer.

"We shall not be divided," Brookins said. "We need justice one more time, God. We need you to help your people receive the justice they deserve."

Residents fight development

MALIBU, from page 1

that would require Malibu to follow strict state standards for protecting its fragile coastal ecosystem and providing broader public access.

More than 250 angry residents turned out for the meeting. Most opposed the commission's plan, which designates nearly half the city as environmentally sensitive habitat and limits development in those areas.

Horse breeder and former ad executive Eliot White said he would no longer be able

to keep more than 15 horses on his five-acre property and might lose his livelihood.

"I invested everything I owned for this dream of a horse farm," he said.

Wade Major accused the commission of trying to make the city "a paradise to visitors and a hell for residents."

But Steve Hoye, director of Access For All, a nonprofit group that has pushed to open the pathway near Geffen, applauded the commission's plan.

"If you choose to build a city 27 miles along the beach you have accepted a responsibility to the public," Hoye said.

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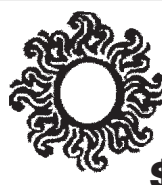
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STATE

Despite swelling enrollment, community colleges must cut

BY JESSICA BRICE
Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO — A boom in the number of college-age students and laid-off workers means enrollment at California's community colleges is skyrocketing.

But the spike in enrollment — the largest in 12 years — has not been met by an equal increase in state money.

Roughly 20 of the 108 campuses have already cut classes, despite swelling enrollment. And with a bleak state budget outlook in years to come, college officials worry it will only get worse.

Community College Chancellor Thomas Nussbaum announced this week the number of students attending state community colleges has climbed by more than 115,000, or about 6.9 percent, compared to last year. Nearly 3 million students attended California community colleges last year.

"Our main concern is that we are not going to be able to serve all of them in the future," Nussbaum said, adding the funding shortage could mean fee increases next year. At \$11 per credit, California currently has the lowest community college fees in the nation.

Part of the problem, school officials say, is the formula that connect enrollment and funding. Under the state's master plan — a 1960s education blueprint that guarantees every student the right to go to college — community colleges are obligated to accept every person who has a high school or general education diploma.

But the state only increases funding up to a maximum of 3 percent above the previous year's enrollment. This year's state budget included a \$118.7 million increase for California's community colleges, which equals a little more than \$1,000 per additional student.

Community colleges already get significantly less than any other public school system or university, according to Mark Wallace, spokesman for the chancellor's office.

On average, the University of California receives nearly \$27,000 per student in state funding, California State

University gets \$10,905 per student, and community colleges receive \$4,690 per student, Wallace said.

"There's a concern nationally that community colleges are not being funded adequately to keep the supply of workers flowing into the economy," said Sharon Tate, dean at East Los Angeles Community College. "We need to have some equity in the funding formula."

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— SHARON TATE

East Los Angeles Community College, dean

East Los Angeles College, which has 10.25 percent more students so far this year and could see an increase of up to 30 percent, had to cut courses and increase the average number of students per class.

Jason Delgado, 20, a student at Sacramento City College, said he has noticed larger class sizes this year, but said he didn't have any trouble getting into the courses he needed.

"I lucked out and had teachers that were willing to take more students than the required amount," he said. "We brought chairs in from other rooms, and some students were sitting on desks, but it worked out."

California community colleges serve more minority and low-income students than any other college or university. Education officials worry that a cut in courses will discourage students who have to juggle work and family with school.

"Anything that hurts the community colleges in terms of satisfying student needs, disproportionately hurts low-income and minority students," said Michael Kirst, a professor of education and business administration at Stanford University and co-director of Policy Analysis for California Education.

Libertarian party candidate spits on radio talk show host

By The Associated Press

SANTA ANA — California's Libertarian Party is considering dropping its candidate for governor because he spit on a radio talk show host.

The party's 12-member executive committee was scheduled to meet Saturday to vote on whether to rescind support for Gary Copeland, who admitted to The Orange County Register he spit on the radio host.

"We were mortified when we first heard of this. It takes 10 votes of the executive committee, and we have the votes," said party chairman Aaron Starr. "The party has to take a stand on this."

Copeland said he spat on KABC radio host Mark Whitman after Whitman switched off Copeland's microphone during an interview Sunday at the station's Los Angeles studio, the newspaper report-

ed Thursday.

The host turned off the mike when Copeland was recounting past abuses of immigrants and suggested that Whitman supported such treatment. Copeland got up to leave, heard several on-air comments from Whitman, then turned and spit on him.

"Since I could not say what I believed, I thought I would show what I believed," Copeland said.

But Copeland, 46, said the party's withdrawal of support means little.

"They don't provide funding," he said. "I'm the candidate whatever they do."

Copeland, who won the party's nomination in the March primary, angered some Libertarian leaders earlier this year when he discussed his belief of the Druid religion in an interview with OC Weekly and had his photo taken in his Druid robes.

The party has about 98,000 registered members in California.

STATE



'Werewolves of London' rocker has inoperable cancer

BY JEFF WILSON

Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES — "Werewolves of London" rocker Warren Zevon, the singer-songwriter whose satire, cynicism and wit went on display in the 1978 album "Excitable Boy," has been diagnosed with inoperable lung cancer, his publicist said Thursday.

Zevon, 55, was told of the terminal diagnosis last month by doctors and he is spending time with his grown children, spokeswoman Diana Baron said. The

entertainer lives in Los Angeles.

"He has been diagnosed with lung cancer which has advanced to an untreatable stage," she said, adding he's writing and recording as many songs as possible and will be in the recording studio next week.

Zevon said in a statement, "I'm OK with it, but it'll be a drag if I don't make it till the next James Bond movie comes out."

His career has spanned three decades, beginning with the release of 1969's "Wanted Dead or Alive" album. His 1976 album "Warren Zevon," produced by Jackson Browne, won critical praise and

his career soared with "Excitable Boy" featuring the single "Werewolves of London."

His signature song, "Werewolves of London" includes the lyrics: "I saw a werewolf drinking a pina coloda at Trader Vic's. His hair was perfect. Werewolves of London draw blood."

In 2000, Zevon ended a five-year recording absence with "Life'll Kill Ya."

He released six albums in the 1980s, including "Bad Luck Streak in Dancing School," "Stand in the Fire," "The Envoy" and "Sentimental Hygiene." In 1990, another collection of material from the

"Sentimental Hygiene" album was released under the name "Hindu Love Gods."

Three more albums in the 1990s followed — "Mr. Bad Example," "Learning to Flinch" and "Mutineer." In 1996, Rhino/Elektra Records released the Zevon boxed set "I'll Sleep When I'm Dead."

On Oct. 15, Rhino Records will release "Genius: The Best of Warren Zevon."

His recent album "My Ride's Here" on Artemis Records features contributions from Irish poet Paul Muldoon, Hunter S. Thompson and Hiaasen, as well as a cameo from David Letterman.

Judge says document missing in Winona Ryder case

BY LINDA DEUTSCH

AP Special Correspondent

BEVERLY HILLS — A document filed under seal this week in the Winona Ryder shoplifting case is missing from the court file, a judge said Thursday.

Sandi Gibbons, a spokeswoman for the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, said the missing document is a prosecution motion involving a section of the evidence code covering admissibility of character evidence — specifically uncharged allegations involving a defendant.

The specific contents of the document have not been

made public because of the sealing order.

Superior Court Judge Elden Fox said he would put new restrictions on access to the file. Anyone seeking to look through it will have to get court permission, he said.

Ryder, 30, the star of "Girl, Interrupted" and other films, was arrested in December at a Saks Fifth Avenue store in Beverly Hills for allegedly possessing painkillers without a prescription and stealing nearly \$6,000 worth of designer merchandise.

Neither Ryder nor her lawyer, Mark Geragos, appeared at Thursday's hearing. Geragos was in trial elsewhere. His associate, Shepard Kopp, declined com-

ment outside court on the document issue.

Because of Geragos' schedule conflict, the judge postponed a pretrial hearing until Sept. 18.

"It is understood that on that date we will be picking a (trial) date or resolving the case," Fox said, suggesting for the first time that both sides may be trying to dispose of the case without a trial.

Neither Kopp nor Gibbons would discuss whether settlement talks were underway to reach a plea agreement.

Charged with second-degree burglary, grand theft, vandalism and possession of a controlled substance, Ryder could face more than three years in prison if convicted.

City of Burbank loses appeal of ban on sectarian prayer

BY KATE BERRY

Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES — A state appeals court Monday upheld a lower court ruling that the suburban Burbank City Council may not begin meetings with sectarian prayers such as one that invoked the name Jesus Christ and triggered a lawsuit.

A three-judge panel of the state's 2nd District Court of Appeal agreed with the ruling by Superior Court Judge Alexander H. Williams III, who ordered Burbank to advise anyone conducting a prayer as part of a council meeting that it may not be sectarian.

The City Council in Burbank, a suburb of about 200,000 people in the San Fernando Valley, has begun its meetings with an invocation by a member of a non-denominational ministerial association since 1953.

The court sided with jailed Jewish Defense League chairman Irv Rubin, who protested more than two years ago against prayers at council meetings.

Rubin and Roberto Alejandro Gandara, a supporter of strict church-state separation, sued the city of Burbank after a minister delivered a prayer invoking the name of Jesus Christ before a council meeting in November 1999.

Rubin and Gandara won their case at trial and attorneys for the city appealed. On Monday the appellate district court upheld that

judgment, ruling that mentioning Jesus Christ was a violation of the establishment clause of the First Amendment, which prohibits any law respecting the establishment of religion.

The court stated that the only restriction being imposed on the prayer is that it "not be used to advance one faith or believe over another."

Since the lower court ruling, the agenda has noted that sectarian prayer has been deemed unconstitutional.

At issue before the court was whether saying Jesus Christ's name in prayer before a council meeting gives preference to one religion over another.

"Any legislative prayer

that proselytizes or advances one religious belief or faith, or disparages any other, violates the Establishment Clause ... because it conveyed the message that Christianity was being advanced over other religions," the 2nd District Court of Appeals

wrote in its decision.

In June, a federal appeals court panel in California ruled that the Pledge of Allegiance could not be recited by school children because the phrase "under God" made it unconstitutional. That ruling is pending review.

Rubin, 56, the leader of the militant Jewish Defense League, was arrested in December 2001 along with another JDL member, Earl Krugel, 59, on charges that they conspired to bomb the

King Fahd Mosque in Culver City and the offices of Rep. Darrell Issa, R-San Clemente, who is of Lebanese-Christian descent. If convicted, the two face life in prison.

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NATIONAL

Federal deficits return, Congress' budget work lags but nothing's happening

BY ALAN FRAM
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Congress is lagging far behind on the budget bills it is supposed to finish by Oct. 1 and what's worse, huge federal deficits have roared back. With pivotal elections nearing for control of the House and Senate, how are lawmakers responding?

As it turns out, by doing very little. Four straight years of budget surpluses have come to a screeching halt, with a \$157 billion deficit expected this year and more red ink looming after that. Yet President Bush and legislators of both parties have offered no plans for reducing the ever-growing projected shortfalls.

As for the 13 spending bills financing federal agencies for the budget year that begins in three weeks, lawmakers have completed a grand total of zero. Initial versions of five have passed the House and three have been approved by the Senate — a tortoise-like pace even for Congress, which routinely ignores the deadline.

The chief culprit for the fiscal torpor is the overriding attention policy-makers and the public are paying to terrorism, a possible war with Iraq and the limp economy. With people focused on their personal finances and safety, lawmakers hear from few constituents in a lather over the federal budget, and feel free to focus on other priorities.

"Without a public outcry or a high-profile advocate to force the issue, politicians are quite happy to let it get swept under the rug," said Ward McCarthy, a financial analyst in Princeton, N.J.

Coloring everything is the approach of the Nov. 5 elections. Neither party wants to antagonize voters by proposing spending cuts or tax increases needed to close budget gaps that few members of the public seem concerned about.

And with the Republican-led House and Democratic-run Senate deadlocked over what the spending bills should cost — and the House paralyzed by internal GOP disputes over the proper price tag — neither party wants to do anything that could hand the other a pre-election advantage.

As a result, neither chamber is likely to finish much more than the defense and military construction spending bills before recessing next month for campaigning. That would leave 11 of the so-called appropriations bills for a likely lame-duck session after Election Day, or perhaps even until the new Congress takes office in January.

"I don't know that. We're going to keep plugging away," Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., said Thursday, asked when the Senate would finish the spending measures.

Rather than spending bills, the Senate has focused on high-profile but time-consuming legislation like one creating a

Department of Homeland Security.

"At the rate we're getting legislation out of the Senate, and with some of our problems getting appropriations bills done, we'll be here" in November instead of adjourning for the year, said House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill.

On deficit reduction, Bush set the tone when the budget he sent Congress in February projected federal shortfalls but no proposal for eliminating them.

He offered no new plan when estimated deficits got worse this summer, and lawmakers from both parties followed suit and advanced none themselves.

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Financial analyst

On Thursday, Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan urged lawmakers to renew expiring rules that help keep the budget balanced. But highlighting the reduced pressure legislators feel to control deficits, he added, "Our underlying fiscal situation today remains significantly stronger than that of a decade ago."

Back then, the red ink was about the same size as today's, but it was far larger compared with the overall economy, a ratio that many economists consider crucial.

Deficit reduction was a major political issue that then-President Clinton and Congress could not ignore. Today's politicians, instead, have voted repeatedly for new tax cuts and more spending for defense, domestic security, prescription drugs, farmers and battling wildfires.

As for the spending bills, Bush and the House want them to total \$759 billion, about one-third of the \$2.1 trillion overall budget. The Senate prefers about \$11 billion more.

While no one is discussing a repeat of the 1995 and 1996 federal shutdowns over the issue, that difference promises a lengthy, bitter fight.

House work on the bills has halted because conservatives want one of them, covering education, labor and health programs, to be limited to Bush's proposal of \$130 billion. GOP moderates and Democrats want several billion more. Hastert doesn't want to risk a pre-election House rejection of Bush's preferred level, so the bill is in limbo.

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INTERNATIONAL



Bush urges nation's leaders to compel Iraq to disarm

BY BARRY SCHWEID

AP Diplomatic Writer

UNITED NATIONS — President Bush demanded Thursday that world leaders force Saddam Hussein to destroy his weapons of mass destruction, saying the lives of millions of people will be at risk and the United Nations “will be irrelevant” unless it confronts Iraq.

“The just demands of peace and security will be met — or action will be unavoidable,” Bush warned. “And a regime that has lost its legitimacy will also lose its power.”

“We cannot stand by and do nothing while dangers gather,” Bush told the U.N. General Assembly. “We must stand up for our security and for the permanent rights and hopes of mankind.”

Bush made his case against the backdrop of widespread hesitation among U.S. allies — and American lawmakers — to use force against Baghdad. U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan cautioned the United States against taking action on its own without Security Council backing.

Annan said efforts to persuade Iraq to comply with resolutions calling for weapons inspections and disarmament must continue. But if Iraq is defiant the Security Council “must face its responsibilities,” he said.

Speaking before Bush, Brazil’s foreign minister, Celso Lafer, reflected the concerns of most nations, saying “force can be used only through the Security Council and if other means are exhausted.”

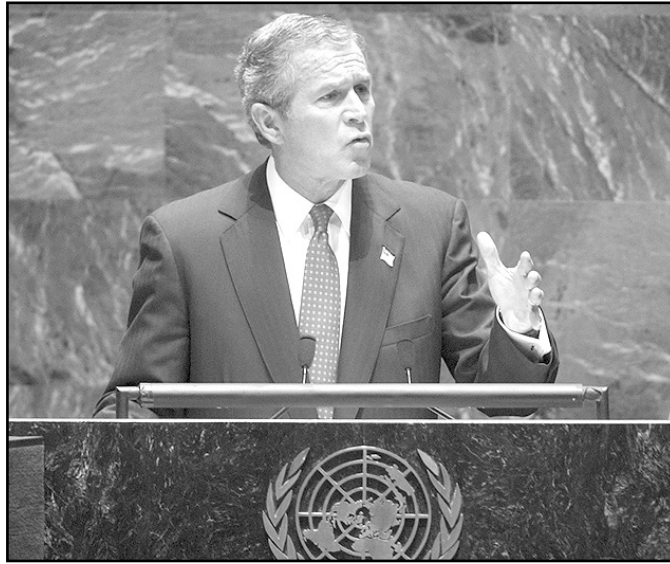
But Bush argued that extended diplomacy would mean betting the lives of millions in a reckless gamble. “And this is a risk we must not take,” he said.

Bush’s stance also has been questioned in Congress.

But after his speech, a key House Democrat applauded it as “a positive step.”

“There are many questions about going to war, but I commend the president for the speech that he made today, the values that he presented, the commitment of the United States that he brought to the U.N.,” Rep. Nancy Pelosi of California, a member of the Democratic Party leadership and the House intelligence committee, told CNN.

Senate Majority Leader Thomas Daschle said he did not think “the case for a pre-emptive strike has been made yet.” But the South Dakota Democrat acknowl-



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President Bush addresses the United Nations General Assembly Thursday.

edged that Bush continues to make his argument, “and I think that was helpful.”

Senate Minority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., said “now, I think it’s vital for Congress to show the world that we back the president and give him the support he needs.”

In his speech, Bush said, “Iraq has answered a decade of U.N. demands with a decade of defiance. All the world now faces a test ... and the United Nations, a difficult and defining moment. Are Security Council resolutions to be honored and enforced ... or cast aside without consequence? Will the United Nations serve the purpose of its founding ... or will it be irrelevant?”

Bush offered to work in concert with other nations on a resolution “to meet our common challenge.” And, he said, “if the Iraqi regime defies us again the world must move deliberately and decisively” against the Iraqi leader.

When he concluded, Bush virtually sank with relief into his high-backed chair on the massive U.N. dais. He drew a deep breath and blew out again, with his cheeks puffed and his frame slumped back into the seat.

Later, a senior administration official said Bush

intends a “very short time frame” for the United Nations to take action to force Saddam’s hand. But, the official insisted, Bush is still keeping his own options open.

Iraq’s U.N. ambassador assailed Bush’s speech, saying it lacked credibility and was motivated by revenge and political ambition.

“He chooses to deceive the world and his own people by the longest series of fabrications that have ever been told by a leader of a nation,” said Ambassador Mohamed al-Douri.

Bush’s expression of willingness to act through the United Nations appeared to respond to a growing chorus of opposition to unilateral U.S. military action to topple Saddam.

“By heritage and by choice, the United States of America will make that stand,” the president said. “Delegates to the United Nations, you have the power to make that stand, as well!”

A senior U.S. official said Secretary of State Colin Powell would work on Friday with the four other permanent members of the Security Council — Russia, China, France and Britain — on a resolution that would set a deadline for Iraq to comply with demands that it admit weapons inspectors.

Bush said that if Iraq defies a new U.N. resolution demanding the return of inspectors, “the world must move deliberately and decisively” against Saddam.

Before Bush spoke, Annan warned against unilateralism and said any action against Iraq required the legitimacy of U.N. approval.

Already, U.S. military forces are being moved into position to strike against Iraq. The foreign minister of Qatar, a key U.S. ally in the Persian Gulf, said after Bush’s speech that his country did not want war in Iraq.

“The United Nations has to play a role,” said Sheikh Hamad bin Jassim bin Jabr al-Thani. British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw said: “This was a tough and very effective speech by President Bush.”

Bush denounced Iraq for a decade of defiance of U.N. resolutions calling for weapons inspections and disarmament. And on a personal note, Bush said that Iraq’s violence and terrorism led to the attempted assassination of his father, former President George H.W. Bush and the emir of Kuwait in 1993.

Common sight in China; people wearing pajamas in public

BY MARTIN FACKLER

Associated Press Writer

SHANGHAI, China — Zhan Chunyong likes nothing better after work than to slip into her pajamas and head out to do grocery shopping.

On a recent afternoon, the 42-year-old security guard strolled through a crowded street market in central Shanghai wearing neatly pressed white pajamas with blue pinstripes.

Other shoppers wearing pajamas or nightgowns haggled with fishmongers or looked over the goods at the stalls of vegetable peddlers.

It’s a common sight in China’s biggest, most prosperous city: men and women in public dressed as if in the intimacy of their bedrooms.

You can see them in their nightclothes on busy sidewalks, walking amid the business suits as if it were the most natural thing in the world.

At supermarkets, they shuffle in slippers behind shopping carts. Some zip by on motor scooters, plaid flannels flapping in the wind.

Shanghai says they’ve been wearing pajamas in public for at least 10 years, since the economy took off and they could afford to add sleep wear to wardrobes that consisted of little more than drab gray and blue Mao suits.

Far from being embarrassed, they say pajamas are more comfortable than regular clothes — especially in Shanghai’s notoriously hot, sticky summers — and easier to wash. They’re a luxury and a

way to flaunt new wealth.

“Only people in cities can afford clothes like this. In farming villages, they still have to wear old work clothes to bed,” Zhan said.

Residents seem to look on it as a charming local quirk. So do officials in charge of keeping Shanghai looking smart.

“Some say it’s not civilized, but it’s just a harmless habit of the residents,” said Zhang Limin, a spokesman for the City Environment Supervision Office.

Many in the city of 17 million are surprised to hear people elsewhere don’t parade in public in their pajamas.

“Pajamas look good and feel good. Everyone wears them outside. No one would laugh,” said Wang Hui, a 17-year-old high school student in a pink nightgown decorated with a smiling kitten face.

She and a friend, who was dressed in light green pajamas, were stepping out of a convenience store with canned tea and bags of potato chips.

Wang said she changes out of her school uniform as soon as she gets home. Her mother and father also put on pajamas. Then they head out again.

“I have three more summer gowns like this one. I wear a different one everyday,” she said.

Li Xiaoling, who owns a shop in central Shanghai that sells nothing but pajamas, said she could tell someone’s social status with a glance at their sleep wear.

A member of the new professional class might splurge on a \$12 pair, with high quality material and a stylish cut. But

most Shanghaiese still favor pajamas costing \$2 to \$3.50.

Patterns and styles go in and out of fashion, just like other clothing.

This year it’s bright solids for women, and tightly patterned plaids for men.

“Women always select the most carefully because they need to wear them shopping,” said Li.

Pajamas are even worn to work.

On a nearby street lined with auto garages and shops selling car parts and tires, Yan Huizhu sits in a sidewalk kiosk selling newspapers and magazines.

The 44-year-old woman goes about her work in cotton pajamas decorated with smiling brown bears and the English word “Panda.”

Yan lives across the street and said she often doesn’t put on regular clothes for days at a time. She wears the pajamas she slept in, changing at night after bathing.

Asked whether she feels embarrassed out in her bedwear, she laughed.

“It’s not embarrassing at all,” she said. “People in the city are all used to it. They even praise and admire you if you have on a nice pair of pajamas.”

New Zealand children can’t find their country on map

By The Associated Press

WELLINGTON, New Zealand —

The rest of the world could be forgiven for not being able to find New Zealand tucked away in the bottom right-hand corner of most world maps.

But the nation’s educators are worried after a study published Thursday showed two out of three 8- and 9-year-old New Zealanders can’t locate their own country on the globe.

The National Education Monitoring Project survey showed some children put New Zealand in the Northern Hemisphere, others in North America, near to South America or even Africa.

The survey also showed about 40 percent of 12 and 13-year-olds still do not know the precise location of their homeland, a South Pacific nation of 4 million.

Education Ministry spokeswoman Frances Kelly said most of the older students managed to place the country correctly.

The young students redeemed themselves somewhat when it came to math, Kelly said, with a “significant improvement” on survey results from four years earlier.

More than 2,800 children from 254 schools nationwide participated in the assessment, carried out during 2001 by Otago University’s Educational Assessment Research Unit. It did not give the study’s margin of error.



SPORTS

All charges dropped against Raiders' Darrell Russell in rape case

BY JUSTIN PRITCHARD

Associated Press Writer

ALAMEDA — Prosecutors dropped all 25 felony charges in their rape case against Oakland Raiders defensive tackle Darrell Russell on Thursday, saying they couldn't prove their case beyond a reasonable doubt.

Russell, 26, had been charged with drugging a 28-year-old woman with the "date-rape drug" GHB at a San Francisco night club early this year, and then recording her alleged rape by two of his friends. The alleged assault took place at the home of one of Russell's teammates on Jan. 31.

Russell, a former No. 2 overall selection in the NFL draft, was charged as an accomplice — under California law, he could have been found guilty of crimes committed by either of his two friends if he did not intervene.

But prosecutors said Thursday it was their duty now to drop the charges — not because they think Russell is innocent, but because they believe a jury would not convict him.

"I think that what we're doing is the right thing to do," Alameda County Assistant District Attorney Kevin Murphy said outside court. "It's not an easy thing to do."

Judge Jeffrey Allen granted Murphy's request during a brief court hearing.

Murphy would not elaborate on why, after putting the alleged victim on the stand and pressing the case, prosecutors decided to drop it. He said there was no new or exculpatory evidence — it was more prosecutors' assessment that their case wouldn't play before a jury.

Russell said outside court that was the just decision because he is innocent. He thanked prosecutors, said he was relieved and said he thought the case had not hurt his chances of returning to football.

Russell, a two-time Pro Bowl selection, is serving a one-year NFL suspension for violating the league's substance abuse policy.

Russell's lawyers tried during a preliminary hearing earlier this year to cast the alleged victim as a groupie out for cash. Russell said Thursday he has become paranoid because of people who are willing to lie "so that their pot is as big as mine."

"I'm a very trusting person and I just realized you can't trust everybody," Russell said, adding he wants to go through life "without having my heart turn black, unless it's bleeding silver, of course."

Those are the Raiders' colors.

On the 21-minute videotape, which was shown in court during the preliminary hearing, the camera focused on the woman and Russell's two friends in a darkened bedroom strewn with debris.

The woman testified that she was feeling fine that night until Russell mixed a cocktail — orange vodka, with orange and cranberry juices — at Harry Denton's Starlight Room. She said soon after she blacked out and remembers little, except visions of "the red light, the camera, and somebody on top of me."

The woman, who has said she was dating Russell and two other men at the time — including Seattle Mariners pitcher Freddy Garcia — testified she did not remember giving consent.

In an interview taped Feb. 1, Russell told police the woman could have been drugged, but added he couldn't envision how someone might have had a chance to spike her drink. He said the woman twice consented verbally to group sex — once in the back seat of his Range Rover during the ride back to Alameda, and again before Russell produced his two friends.

All charges also were dropped against the friends — Na'eem Perry, 25, and Ali Hayes, 27.

Courtroom action began in June but was delayed several times. The case was scheduled to resume several weeks ago but was again delayed after Russell's arrest last month in Nevada on suspicion of drunken driving and speeding.

He's out!



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San Francisco Giants catcher Benito Santiago, right, tags out Los Angeles Dodgers' Shawn Green at the plate in the third inning Wednesday in San Francisco. Green was trying to score from third on Brian Jordan's grounder.

Judge opts for trial over Bonds' record baseball

BY JUSTIN PRITCHARD

Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — A jury will decide who gets to keep Barry Bonds' record-setting 73rd home run ball.

Both fans who claim ownership of the ball, which has an estimated value of \$1 million, wanted Judge James J. McBride to dismiss the other's case and grant possession without a trial.

But in a decision received by lawyers Thursday, McBride rejected the claims of both Alex Popov — who briefly got a glove on the ball before a mob tackled him in the bleachers of Pacific Bell Park — and Patrick Hayashi, who pocketed it amid the chaos.

McBride ruled there is a question whether Popov had "unequivocal dominion and control over the baseball" in his glove before it popped out, and that a jury should determine the answer. Though Hayashi took the ball home, it now sits in a court-monitored lockbox.

The case will resume under a different judge Oct. 7 — exactly one year after the San Francisco Giants slugger crushed the ball into the right-field promenade, his

last homer of the year in which he set the single-season home run record.

At trial, jurors will review evidence that by now is familiar to television viewers in the San Francisco Bay area: A videotape showing Popov rising above fellow fans, and then sinking into a morass of clawing arms and lunging bodies.

They also will be presented with testimony from major league umpire Jim Evans, who says Popov didn't hold the ball long enough to possess it, as well as about a dozen fans caught in the bedlam who say he did.

Though the judge didn't elaborate much on his thinking, Popov's lawyer said he saw encouraging signs.

McBride supported the assertion that there is evidence of a catch, said Martin Triano, Popov's lawyer. The judge also rejected Hayashi's assertion that the struggle for the ball was a competition in which people were sure to get jostled, if not battered — and that Hayashi simply won.

Hayashi's lawyers also expressed their delight, saying that McBride had undercut Popov's two main contentions: that the video proves he caught the ball, and that Hayashi assaulted him in the pileup.

Swinging away



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Scottish golfer Colin Montgomerie drives the ball on the eighth hole in the first round of the German Masters in Pulheim, Germany, Thursday.

SF Giants, CA Angels win tiebreaker coin flips

By The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The San Francisco Giants won their coin flip against the Los Angeles Dodgers on Thursday for the home-field advantage if they need a playoff to break a tie in the NL wild-card race.

The Anaheim Angels won their flip against the Oakland Athletics and would be home if a playoff is needed to decide the AL West title.

However, if the Angels and A's finish with the same record and a better percentage than both Seattle and the second-place team in the AL East, the team with the better head-to-head record would get the division title and the other would get

the wild card.

If a tiebreaker playoff is needed for the wild card, Seattle would be home against Anaheim and Oakland would be home against Seattle.

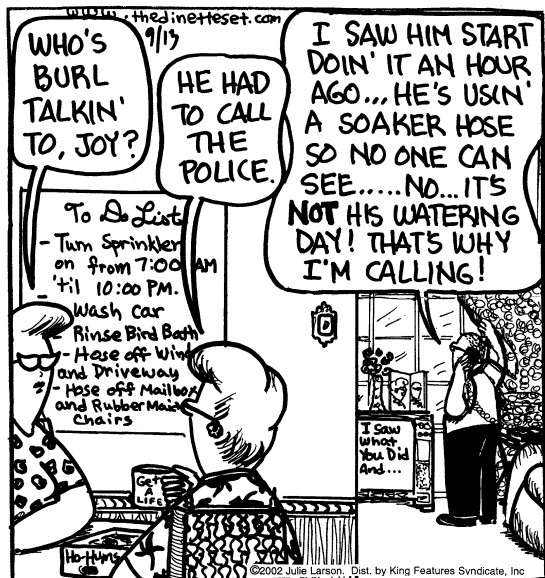
Los Angeles and San Francisco both would be at home in the event of tiebreaker playoffs for the NL wild card involving Houston. If the Cardinals and Astros tie for the NL Central, St. Louis would be home.

Any tiebreakers would be scheduled for Sept. 30, the day before the postseason is set to start, except for a game involving the Giants, who have a makeup game at Atlanta that day. A tiebreaker involving San Francisco would be played Oct. 1.

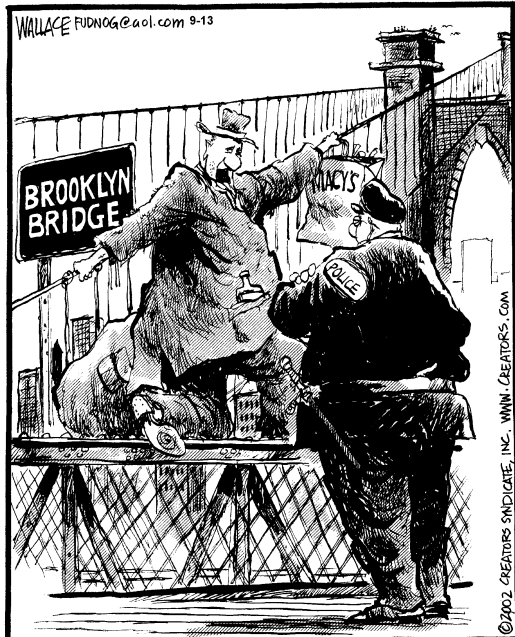
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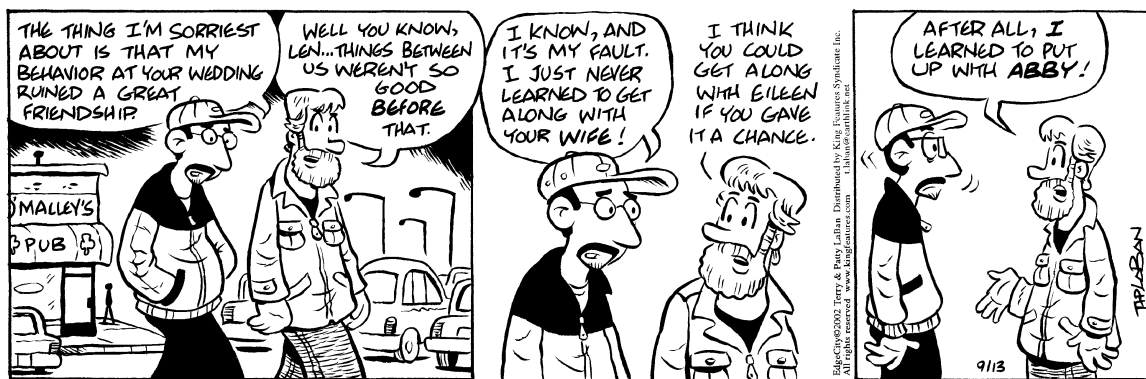
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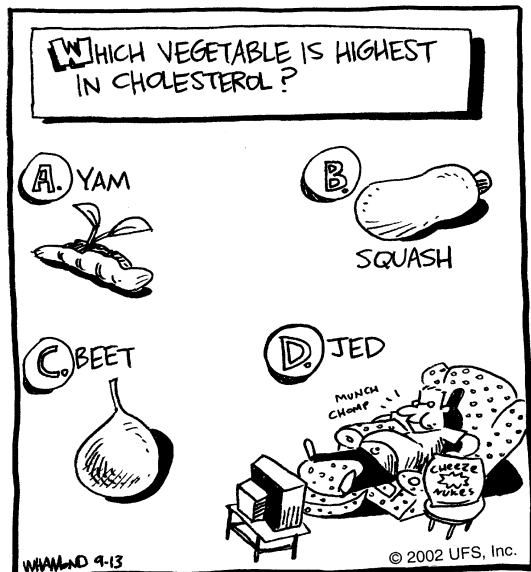
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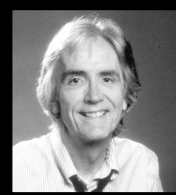
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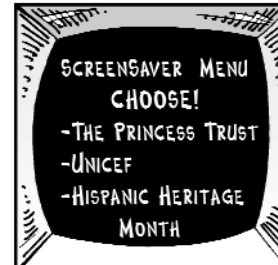
Lawyer spanks client in his office

In July, a federal judge ruled against lawyer Milo J. Altschuler (Seymour, Conn.), who claimed that his across-the-knee, bare-buttocks spanking of client Leslie Cerrato in his office was a legitimate trial-preparation tactic (and thus that when she recovered a \$250,000 settlement against him for the assault, Altschuler's insurance company should pay it, as "malpractice"). Altschuler claimed that he thought the spanking would improve Cerrato's credibility as a witness.



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Calendar

Friday, September 13, 2002

movies

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

Mann Criterion
1313 Third St.
Soder Man (PG-13) 1:50, 7:15. *Minority Report* (PG-13) 1:00, 7:10. *Men In Black II* (PG-13) 11:30, 4:40, 10:00. *Austin Powers in Goldmember* (PG-13) 11:50, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:15. *My Big Fat Greek Wedding* (PG) 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, 10:10. *Blood Work* (R) 4:20, 10:20.

AMC Theatre SM 7
1310 3rd Street
FearDotCom (R) 2:20, 4:45, 7:30, 9:55. *Signs* (PG-13) 1:40, 4:15, 5:35, 7:15, 8:15, 9:45. *The Master of Disguise* (PG) 1:30, 3:30. *Road to Perdition* (R) 1:45, 4:25, 7:10, 9:50. *Swimfan* (PG-13) 2:30, 5:20, 7:45, 10:00. *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.

Today

Community

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