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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

by Chuck Shepard

■ At the Amoco station on Route 59 in Spring Valley, N.Y., on June 22, an unidentified man twice jumped on the counter and shouted, demanding that the clerk hand over money, but twice the clerk pushed him off, and the man finally gave up and left.

■ In August in Delray Beach, Fla., a man tried to carjack Larry Klein, 53, who is disabled, but Klein repeatedly jabbed at the man out the window with one of his crutches, and he finally ran away.



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Copy from one, it's plagiarism; copy from two, it's research."

— Wilson Mizner



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Carter memorial attracts hundreds

Teenager gunned down in Santa Monica's eastside neighborhood

BY JOHN WOOD

Daily Press Staff Writer

More than 300 people gathered at the Church of Christ in Santa Monica Friday afternoon to honor the life of Jalonnice Carter, a 19-year-old who was shot and killed Sept. 2 on 20th Street.

Every seat in the small, modest church at Michigan Avenue and 15th Street was taken by Carter's friends, family and community members, who also spilled into the entry room and onto the front steps.

Ladies fanned themselves with the service's program and nodded their heads in agreement as religious leader O.J. Dyson gave Carter's eulogy, describing him as a sweet, young man whose life was cut tragically short.

"He was too good to leave us in such a brutal fashion."

— O.J. DYSON
Religious leader

"He was not sick," Dyson said to the gathering, who throughout the eulogy replied with "that's right" and "amen." "It was not an accident. He was murdered by an unknown assailant. His life was too short. He was too good to leave us in such a brutal fashion."

Carter, who was known by friends and family as "Little Bear" and "Pooh Bear," was shot



Courtesy photo

Jalonnice Carter was shot in the back on Sept. 2 near his Santa Monica home.

in the back with a .22-caliber bullet that hit his heart while he was in the alley east of 20th Street, near Delaware and Michigan avenues.

Though there were five gang-related shootings in the neighborhood earlier this summer, family members said Carter was not a member of any gang. They described him as a hard-working young man who was studying for a career in computers while working two jobs.

Arthur Archuletta, 21, who lives near Carter's family home in the eastside Santa Monica neighborhood, was arrested last Friday in connection with the shooting. But the Los



John Wood/Daily Press

Pallbearers carry Jalonnice Carter's body to Woodlawn Cemetery on Friday.

Angeles District Attorney's Office said this week there was not enough evidence to press charges against him. Police say more evidence from Santa Monica's first homicide of the year will return from the crime lab that connects Archuletta to the crime. Archuletta remains in jail on a parole violation relating to evidence found during the homicide investigation.

Dyson during the eulogy told Carter's family to hold their heads high.

"When the phone calls stop and the people stop visiting, just remember the Lord will take care of you," he said.

After the 90-minute service, Carter's friends and family were ushered past the open coffin. Several of the women cried violently as they walked away from the coffin, clutching their husbands and children, shaking their heads and repeating "Oh god, oh god."

A hearse and a procession of limousines took Carter's coffin and the people closest to him

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Entertainment mogul Adelson files for bankruptcy

\$13.9M Aspen estate up for grabs

BY TROY HOOPER

Special to the Daily Press

When Hollywood mogul and Malibu resident Mervyn Adelson filed for bankruptcy this week, it botched the public auction of his posh multi-million dollar Aspen, Colo. compound.

An \$8.8 million bid to purchase an interest in Adelson's Aspen estate this week was reneged when a bankruptcy filing surfaced after the auction had already been completed.

San Francisco-based Union Bank of California N.A. recently foreclosed on Adelson's home. Adelson is co-founder of Lorimar Telepictures and former husband to television journalist Barbara Walters. Adelson failed to pay his mortgage, according to Tom Smith, the Aspen-based attorney for the bank.

But just hours following an Aspen couple's



Aspen Daily News

Mervyn Adelson's Aspen, Colo. home was once priced at over \$25 million.

submission of the winning bid to buy the bank's claim to Adelson's opulent 6.18-acre compound at 1890 Castle Creek Road, Carol Foote, the deputy public trustee for Pitkin County, was informed that Adelson had filed for bankruptcy

in California on Tuesday afternoon.

Under federal law, the bankruptcy filing nullifies the public auction, held Wednesday morning on the steps of the Pitkin County Courthouse in Aspen.

"We weren't advised of the bankruptcy until that afternoon. ... We found out late," Foote said.

Had the bid gone through, Foote said it would have been the highest in a foreclosure case she has seen from anyone other than a creditor since she began working in the county treasurer's office in 1974. That, however, is now moot and the bid has been withdrawn.

"There was no sale. If there was something completed, it would have been in violation of the bankruptcy," she said.

The Chapter 11 filing is the latest misfortune for Adelson, a one-time billionaire

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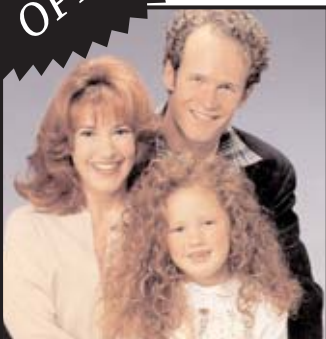
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Slow down more often and think about an associate's, friend's or loved one's response. Gems of wisdom might often be dropped on you. Listen to others and get their feedback. You'll get it anyway. You enter a very special new life cycle this year, where Lady Luck follows you. Don't think you can elude working for key goals. You will achieve your aims. If you are single, a relationship will pop up in your life that is quite special. You also might have several different suitors. If you are attached, you will go to the next step in your relationship. Plan on a special trip that the two of you have wanted for a long time. TAURUS opens doors.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ You'll land on your feet if you relax. Because you have been through an obstacle course as of late, go off and do something for yourself, restoring your energy and possibly reconnecting with an important friend or two. Is it possible that they have had similar experiences? Tonight: Worry less; go with the moment.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ Though you sense a change in the wind, you would be well-advised to snooze or perhaps put the final touches on a project. The pace quickens as the day ages. Make plans for Sunday or late this evening. Tonight: Take charge.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ Sometimes you're like a pistol, impossible to stop. Continue the hectic pace, but know your time is coming, when you'll finally crumble into exhaustion. Hint: Make sure you do everything you want during the daylight hours. Tonight: You could opt to cut it short.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Deal with an older parent or relative who could be difficult at times, especially lately. For some of you, you might need to work. Friends seek you out with plans that you just might not want to say "no" to. Tonight: Nap and then go out.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Take off on a day trip, be it to the mall, an art museum or to visit a friend. The change in vistas will make all the difference in how you feel. Follow the moment; do what comes to you. A partner or friend makes a very unique request. Tonight: Opt for a new spot, with new people.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Spend time with a dear friend, family member or loved one. Quality time together needs to be scheduled frequently if you want to maintain the quality in your relationship. Stop and buy tickets to a sports event, concert or play. Tonight: Go off and do something very different.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Many options lie before you. What would suit your fancy? Make decisions that revolve around others, allowing cheerfulness to be the theme. Allow others to let you know what they want. Go along with another's desires rather than being dominant. Tonight: Follow the leader.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ Complete a task or two. Head for the gym or perhaps get into a favorite hobby — which could even be napping! Use the daylight hours productively, as later on in the weekend you might want some frivolous time. Catch up on mail. Tonight: Just don't hang by yourself.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Fulfill the true meaning of the weekend while you can, before anyone disturbs you. Make plans with only those you want, escaping responsibility for at least a day or so. Plan on some downtime as well. Tonight: Kick up your heels.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Opt to stay close to home and catch up on neighbors' and friends' news, be it on the phone or in person. You'll like what you hear. Catch up on needed sleep, as the pace will quicken before you know it. A family member has a lot to share. Tonight: Allow your libido to speak.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Keep conversations rolling and stay on top of work. Listen well to news or what might not be said. Your playfulness comes out when dealing with others. Head out for the day and meet a loved one or friend. You enjoy socializing. Tonight: Head on home early.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Don't juggle finances unnecessarily. Pay bills before you make a major expenditure. Do some price comparison before making a major purchase. Make plans only after you complete your must-dos. Tonight: Join your pals at a favorite spot.

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LOCAL



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Rick Fox, celebrities on hand at pier

By Daily Press staff

It will be a star-studded afternoon on the Santa Monica Pier Sunday.

The fourth annual "Party on the Pier" will honor the Lakers' Rick Fox, benefiting Mattel Children's Hospital.

It's the major annual fundraising event for Mattel Children's Hospital at UCLA. Funds raised help care for young patients, advance research on childhood diseases and teach the new generation of pediatricians.

The event, which will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Pacific Park on the pier, will be highlighted with a presentation to Fox at 12:30 p.m. honoring his involvement with the hospital.

Celebrities like Sharon Stone will be working game booths at the amusement park. There will be a silent auction, a live Mattel Barbie and unlimited rides in Pacific Park. Pediatric patients, families, hospital staff and other supporters also will attend.

Other celebrities include Frankie Muniz, Katie Holmes, Chris Klein, Topher Grace, John Leguizamo, Harry Hamlin, Lisa Rinna, Ginnifer Goodwin ("Ed"), Allison Hannigan, Mandy Moore, Penn Badgely ("Do Over"), Natalia Baron ("Boston Public"), Steve Howy ("Reba"), Disney's Steven Lawrence of "Even Stevens" and Nickelodeon's "All That" cast members.

The Mattel Children's Hospital at UCLA is a 120-bed, child-friendly inpatient facility that offers a full spectrum of primary and specialized medical care for infants, children and adolescents.

City to build new skatepark

By Daily Press staff

It's time to help design Santa Monica's new skatepark.

City Hall is asking citizens to help design the new park, which will be at Memorial Park, located at Olympic Boulevard and 14th Street. A skatepark design workshop will be held on Sept. 29 at 6 p.m. The workshop is a follow-up to the first workshop that was held on July 14.

Wally Holliday, who has designed some of the country's best skateparks, including those in Fontana, Calif. and Lakewood, Calif., will present the latest version of the skatepark design, which is the result of an extensive skatepark survey, and input from skaters and BMX riders.

The 30,000-square-foot skatepark will be constructed this spring and will open next fall. The Santa Monica City Council in July 2002 approved to replace the playground area in Memorial Park with the skatepark. The playground will be relocated.

The meeting will be held at the Ken Edwards Center, 1527 Fourth St. in Santa Monica. The center is served by Big Blue Bus Lines 2, 3, and 9 and is wheelchair accessible.

Sex education reform on the horizon

By Daily Press staff

A bill designed to reform sex education and written by Sen. Sheila Kuehl (D-Santa Monica), passed the Senate floor Thursday and is headed to Gov. Gray Davis for him to sign.

The bill addresses the patchwork of sex education laws enacted over the last 35 years and scattered throughout the education code by replacing them with one single statute governing comprehensive sex education and HIV/AIDS prevention. According to a study, 85 percent of school districts are out of compliance with at least one component of California's current requirements.

"The magnitude of this non-compliance does not stem from California school districts willfully ignoring statutory requirements; it's because the scattered statutory requirements are conflicting, confusing and contradictory," Kuehl said. "This is

surf report

The WSW peaked Friday evening and should hold today before starting to fade on Sunday, meaning playful little surf in the bay. In the meantime, the NW wind swell will hang on in the background.

OUTLOOK: There are plenty of SW swells setting up right now. One hits us today, another on the 19th and yet another on the 22nd. They're not huge but they are bringing us some surf.

Get stoked on an epic sesh? Get burned by a bad report? Write us at wood@smdp.com and tell us what the surf is doing today at your local break.

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HIGH TIDE

	Morning	Height	Evening	Height	Morning	Height	Evening	Height
SATURDAY	5:11	1.0	5:39	1.2	11:25	5.2	11:39	4.5
SUNDAY	5:32	1.5	6:22	1.3	11:49	5.1	N/A	N/A
MONDAY	5:51	2.0	7:14	1.5	12:22	3.9	12:15	5.0
TUESDAY	6:04	2.5	8:29	1.6	1:19	3.4	12:47	4.8
WEDNESDAY	5:55	2.9	10:18	1.5	3:18	3.0	1:33	4.6
THURSDAY	N/A	N/A	11:50	1.2	N/A	N/A	2:55	4.5
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The bill eliminates contradictions in current law by establishing a definition of comprehensive sexual health education, setting age-appropriate grade floors for required topics, creating a uniform parental consent policy and ensuring that instruction is age appropriate, scientifically current and bias free. The bill continues to mandate HIV/AIDS prevention education and gives schools the discretion as to whether to teach sex education. The measure also stresses the importance of students talking to their parents about the issues.

"Students need this instruction and parents are overwhelming supportive of schools providing comprehensive sex education in the classroom," Kuehl said. "We owe it to parents, students, and educators to provide coherent sex education and HIV/AIDS prevention guidelines that ensure students receive the information they need to maintain their health and safety."

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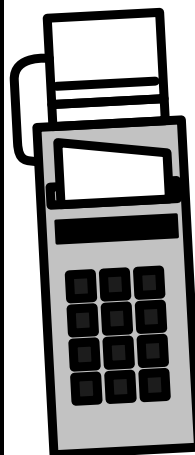
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LETTERS

9-11 attacks painful for all, not just some

Editor:

I had a series of reactions to the guest commentary by Harriet Pike Epstein (SMDP, Sept. 11, page 5). First, let me just say to her that I am so very sorry that she had to experience first hand the horror of those tragic events of 9-11-01. Having said that, however, let me add that I am extremely offended by her claim to be more authentic in her experience of the pain and suffering of that day than the rest of the country who did not witness first hand the events. This isn't just her nation that this happened to. It is our nation that this happened to and it will never be forgotten. It was probably one of the blackest days in the history of this country, if not the blackest.

I was born and raised in New York, worked for a time in Manhattan, and visited the World Trade Center on one of my return visits to New York. I have family and friends who live in New York. I have one relative who lives just across the river and could see it all happening. I lived the horror of that day in my own heart and I suffered along with the victims of those atrocities. For Ms. Epstein to presume to say "How can you presume to write about your 9-11 memory?" is a searing attack against my body and soul. Although I cannot speak for anyone else, I would dare to venture a guess that other Americans might be equally offended by her refusal to acknowledge the degree and depth of our pain and suffering.

To compare the television coverage on that day to be "like viewing a painting of a picnic" is ludicrous. What does she know about the emotions of other people, no matter how near or far away on that day? She is the one who is being presumptuous and jealously guarding her own pain, and suffering and disavowing everyone else's. This is extremely hurtful and painful to me because I have suffered a great deal along with, no doubt, countless other Americans, from those hateful crimes against humanity that were carried out that day by those 19 murderous hijackers.

Her experience was very traumatic, to say the least, but, it was traumatic for the rest of the country also, and for her to minimize what other people felt is an outrage and arrogant. I wish I could have more empathy for her, but, sadly I don't feel any more sadness for her than I do for myself and all other Americans. Don't ever underestimate the power of the connectedness between all Americans, and the depths of our despair. Perhaps she is working through the trauma of it all, and can't see beyond the end of her nose.

Julia Reeves
Santa Monica

Some questions for NASA

Editor:

Why is it when you go through the vast NASA Web site that there is no contact page or e-mail addresses? As much as I respect the history of NASA, this lack of willingness to interact with the American people is just incredibly shameful. Has NASA forgotten who pays the bills? I can e-mail Congress and the President, but not NASA, and I don't mean some web master link. There are a lot of people outside of NASA

who could provide new ideas to the serious problems that the American space program now faces. Also it wouldn't hurt for NASA to know just how the American people feel about NASA. I agree that NASA does not have a clear objective. I also think that it is poorly administered. Hey, but who am I? Just one American who NASA would rather not hear from.

I sent this to the U.S. Senate Science Committee at: science@mail.house.gov. To be fair, there is a comment page (at human space flight) that I found later at: <http://spaceflight.nasa.gov/feedback/comments/index.html> but it is not an open e-mail address to NASA administrators, and not on the NASA HQ or main page. I sent the following comment through this link.

Recently a 11-pound modal airplane (UAV) crossed the Atlantic. Why can't NASA build a simple 10-pound Unmanned Space Vehicle (USV) with a camera and a light to inspect the space shuttle? Being radio controlled, and with the right software it could work automatically by computer, and use previous scans to find inconsistencies. It could also be used on the space station as well as stored, and serviced there. This could be built cheap with all the hardware coming off the shelf, and it would be a lot smaller than the hand launched modal airplane that crossed the Atlantic.

Franklin Smith
Santa Monica

Socialists have arrived with their lies

Editor:

The Socialists are coming — the Socialists are here.

I am the son of a first generation American, whose parents fled the reign of the Socialist terror in Western Europe merely half a century ago.

Growing up with their daily prayers of thanks to be living in America, I could almost hear their ghostly gasps (may they rest in peace) when I pulled the "Socialist For Governor" flier from my front door step.

Did you get one too? Broad-brush threats to annex corporations. Nationalization of so-called public utilities. Frightening and myopic at the same time.

Energy harnessed from natural resources should belong to the people who have a claim on those resources, and those who seek to rob others of any resources that are not rightly theirs should be stopped cold. That goes for everybody, whether it is a multi-national oil conglomerate terrorizing a distant reef of island people or our own BLM deciding that our Native Americans don't really deserve the last crappy piece of desolate land we quarantined them on since oil reserves were discovered beneath it.

Arnold has his hands full this month — but where is Steven Segal when we need him?

I was most disturbed by the deception by our own Democratic Governor — whose own culpability in the loss of billions of dollars in his own energy scam goes undressed by anyone in his party.

It is a big lie — the best kind — and has roots deep in the Socialist myth.

Joe King
Santa Monica

What's cool, what's not: Look in the mirror for an answer



MODERN TIMES

By Lloyd Garver

I just learned about a profession that I didn't know existed — there are people who get paid for predicting trends and guessing what will soon be considered "cool." They then sell this information to various businesses and advertisers. And here's the kicker — sometimes they're right and sometimes they're wrong. Where do I sign up for this job?

One method they use is to send people to malls to observe kids. The assumption is that whatever kids are doing today, all of us will be doing next Thursday. There is some logic in this. We live in a youth-oriented culture and adults often imitate kids.

Grown-up men have their ears pierced and wear baseball caps backwards. Women old enough to be grandmothers

wear shirts that expose their bellies, and older men and women drive little sports cars that they can barely get in and out of.

But I don't know if I'm ready to say that our entire society will be driven by young people. I don't think that we'll all necessarily adopt the language of some kids. Otherwise, soon the Pledge of Allegiance will begin with the words, "I, like, pledge allegiance to thee, you know, United States of America ..."

Another method the trend spotters use is to take existing trends and assume they will continue to grow. For example, it's not exactly a long shot to say that the Internet will become more and more important in people's lives in the future. I think I can make some pretty good predictions based on current trends:

■ Soon, popcorn and a Coke at your neighborhood movie theater will cost slightly more than a new car.

■ So many more foods will be found to be unhealthy that the American diet will consist of kumquats and bottled water. Despite this, Americans will continue to

be overweight.

■ CEOs of corporations will no longer be paid huge salaries or receive stock options. They will simply be allowed to print money.

The trend spotters really earn their money when they make bold predictions — the ones that not everyone else can make. But sometimes they make some big mistakes. If they didn't, nobody would have bought Beta VCRs, companies wouldn't have spent fortunes developing video telephones and Hollywood wouldn't have made "Gigli." Weren't we all supposed to be able to call up our homes, talk to our computers and tell them to start cooking dinner? Electronic books — books that you could read right on your computer — were going to replace traditional books that require you to turn pages. We were all going to be driving electric cars. "Who Wants To Be A Millionaire?" was going to continue to be a success no matter how often they shoved it down our throats.

I have a suggestion for the professional coolness predictors that should help

them raise their batting averages. They may be correct in assuming that teenagers know what's cool and what's not. But hiring kids or studying them to get their opinions is not the way to go. Being around my kids has given me a special key to predicting coolness trends. All these people have to do is study me.

I'm not saying I'm cool. Just the opposite. My kids have taught me that if I like a style of jeans, a kind of haircut, or a song, it's not cool. So the trend spotters and taste makers don't need to observe kids in malls. They can just look at themselves and their friends. Adults just have to remember one simple fact: If we think it's cool, it's not.

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LOCAL

Hollywood mogul owes up to \$50 million in debt

MOGUL, from page 1

who served as vice chairman of Time Warner from 1990 to 2000.

Earlier this summer, Aspen police charged the 73-year-old with driving under the influence of drugs, reckless driving and child abuse after he allegedly careened his SUV into a number of trees and parked cars with his 2-year-old daughter riding along as a passenger the morning of June 8. The case is still pending and his attorney has said the incident was neither intentional nor negligent, but rather the unfortunate result of Adelson's medical condition.

Adelson's bankruptcy attorney in Los Angeles could not be reached for comment this week. Adelson also could not be reached.

According to a filing in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California in Woodland Hills, Adelson's assets are currently valued at between \$50 million and \$100 million, and his debts between \$10 million and \$50 million.

The file also includes a "notice of form deficiency," stamped just six minutes after the bankruptcy filing, indicating that Adelson's Chapter 11 is incomplete and that he has until Sept. 25 to provide further information required by the court. The notice, issued by the federal court's deputy clerk, Amy Ledesma, states that if the necessary information is not submitted, the bankruptcy filing will be dismissed.

Adelson's filing lists six creditors, including the Union Bank of California, but the amount of money owed to each of them is not disclosed, except for \$1 million owed to a law firm.

The fate of Adelson's estate in Aspen hinges on the outcome of the Chapter 11 filing, and will likely require a new auction unless Adelson is able to reorganize his finances, pay his creditors and keep the home — an option made possible by Tuesday's bankruptcy declaration, even if it is unfinished.

"It's a question of what happens in bankruptcy court," said Smith, assuming the Chapter 11 filing will be completed. "It could be 90 days or nine years. As far as I know, there is no time limit."

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Attorney,
Union Bank of California N.A.

the Union Bank of California holds the second mortgage on the property and another bank has the first mortgage, meaning that creditor must be paid before Union Bank — if the property is sold.

The estate is divided into two separate lots — Wednesday's highest bidder offered \$5.8 million for one lot and \$3 million for the other — and includes an eight-bedroom, six-bathroom house, a barn rumored to have cost close to \$1 million and a separate caretaker's quarters. A listing in an Aspen Board of Realtors' publication describes the property as a "fabulous compound."

Eighteen months ago, Adelson's estate was listed for over \$25 million but it is currently offered at \$13.9 million, according to the Aspen Board of Realtors.

Adelson, who is believed to have lived in Aspen for some 30 years, was awarded the Sheba Humanitarian Award by former Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in 2001.

No charges filed yet in city's first homicide of the year

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across the street to Woodlawn Cemetery, where he was buried. The rest of the congregation walked along the short road to the burial site.

During the graveside service, Shirley Joseph, Carter's mother, remained in a limousine and was comforted by family members.

Carter is survived by father James Carter, mother and stepfather Shirley and Larry Joseph, three sisters, one brother, one stepbrother, two grandparents, six aunts and two uncles. He also leaves behind his goddaughter Taya Martin, the daughter of his best friend, Paul Martin.

Dawn Haskins, Carter's older sister

who is studying criminal law in Louisiana, wrote this message to Carter in the service program:

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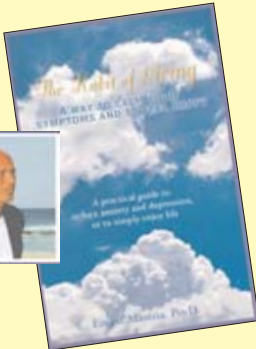
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Palm Desert is 'segwaying' from golf carts

By The Associated Press

PALM DESERT — Most residents who shed the family car tool around town in golf carts. Now, they can scoot around on those single-rider Segway human transporters.

The City Council decided Thursday to allow the operation of Segways or other motorized nonvehicle devices. California law classifies Segway devices as "electric personal assistive mobility devices," so they are considered pedestrians, not vehicles.

State law allows them to be operated on sidewalks but leaves it up to each city to regulate or prohibit their usage.

Because of their danger to pedestrians, the council prohibited use of all motorized nonvehicle devices in certain areas of the city, such as the sidewalks on El Paseo Drive, where pedestrians linger outside stores and galleries.

As they grow in popularity, Mayor Pro Tem Robert Spiegel said he'd like to see restrictions such as a helmet requirement, mandatory training, insurance and a city license. He also doesn't think anyone under age 16 should be able to operate a Segway.

Mayor Jean Benson said the suggestions seemed reasonable, and Councilman Jim Ferguson added that the city might consider Segway speed limits.

Golf cart usage is also regulated in Palm Desert, city risk manager Gary Rosenblum noted.

Carp sucked out of Lake Elsinore

By The Associated Press

LAKE ELSINORE — The year's Lake Elsinore carp harvest is a desert fertiliz-
er bonanza.

After removing 582,000 pounds of the pest this summer, carp fishermen on Thursday stowed their nets and called it quits until spring. The carp were netted and pumped live through a carp sucker hose into Dumpsters, lake director Pat Kilroy said.

"We prefer to remove them in a controlled manner live than to have the fish kills," Kilroy said, referring to the periodic stench of fish that go belly-up. Sixty tons of carp washed ashore in a die-off last summer.

Since June, the city and the Lake Elsinore and San Jacinto Watersheds Authority have shipped more than 291,000 fish to the Coachella Valley to become fertilizer.

Carp are not only the city's enemy, they're their own worst enemy. The bottom-feeders stir up water-clouding sediments and disturb phosphates and other nutrients that algae thrive on.

As the algae grows and blooms, it consumes the oxygen in the lake, suffocating the carp.

This year's carp removal effort netted about five times last year's haul.

"It's an epic fish story," Kilroy said. The city's fishing team, lead by Leo Solorzano, has eliminated 25 percent to 35 percent of the lake's carp population, he said.

Councilors mistakenly blame Muslims in vote

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Two City Council members said they made a mistake when they signed a resolution blaming Muslims for the Sept. 11 attacks and other acts of terrorism.

The resolution said "in remembering the victims of Sept. 11 we also remember and acknowledge the truth as to who the perpetrators themselves claim to be, that is, Muslims, carrying out the will of the Deity of their religion known as Islam."

The measure also called on Muslims to intensify denunciations of other Muslims who "continue to engage in acts of terror throughout the world."

The measure had been set for a vote Friday, but councilwoman Jan Perry announced Thursday she would be rescinding the motion.

"Some of the language was provocative, in retrospect," she said.

Antonio Villaraigosa also expressed regret and said he signed the motion without reading it carefully.

Maher Hathout of the Muslim Public Affairs Council said he is shocked such a "divisive and very insensitive" resolution was signed by City Council members.

"It is completely contrary to the spirit of Los Angeles. It is singling out Muslims as a suspected group. It is using language about the religion of Islam that's completely unacceptable," Hathout said.

Ted Hayes, who drafted the motion, said the Islamic leadership is oversensitive.

County health dept. finances not so healthy

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Despite severe service cuts, a state audit shows the county Health Department will have a tough time reducing a \$841 million deficit expected by 2007.

The state auditor's office released its grim report Thursday despite the health department's \$185 million surplus this year, November's voter passage of a property tax to support health services and recent state and federal financial bailouts.

"It's another way of saying the county health system is not out of the woods and will be perpetually in the woods until there is a permanent solution to the fiscal challenges it faces," Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky said, adding more federal money is needed.

"The feds are going to demand that we make our system more efficient, end duplication of services, focus on patients and not make the health department an end to itself, as an employment program."

The county has to downsize Martin Luther King/Drew Medical Center without cutting services, cut 100 beds at County-University of Southern California Medical Center and transform Downey's Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center into a nonprofit facility, he said.

STATE



John Ritter dies of heart problem at the age of 54

BY LYNN ELBER
AP Television Writer

LOS ANGELES — John Ritter, a master of sitcom silliness who ruled TV comedy with "Three's Company" and then found success again 25 years later with "8 Simple Rules ... For Dating My Teenage Daughter," has died of an undetected heart problem. He was 54.

Ritter became ill Thursday while working on his ABC series and underwent surgery at Providence St. Joseph Medical Center in Burbank for a tear in his aorta, a rare medical condition that can hit without warning.

He died shortly after 10 p.m. Thursday, publicist Lisa Kasteler said. He was accompanied by producers, co-workers, his wife and his 23-year-old son, Jason, said Susan Wilcox, his assistant of 22 years.

Ritter's youngest child, Stella, turned 5 the day he died. His 55th birthday was next Wednesday.

The son of Tex Ritter, a Western film star and country musician, Ritter was an effortless funnyman who — given the chance — could handle drama as well. Friends recalled him as loving and buoyant.

"It's like there is a big tear in the world's heart," actor Henry Winkler told "Entertainment Tonight" on Friday. "He was extraordinary in every aspect of his life, especially as a father. His children were there at every moment of his life."

No decision had been made Friday about the future of "8 Simple Rules..." which was to begin its second season Sept. 23, an ABC spokesman said. It's one of the few bright spots in the struggling network's lineup. Three new episodes had already been filmed, and Ritter was working on the fourth when he fell ill.

"He was more than a comic," Simon said in a statement. "He was a real actor with a genius for comedy. I loved his performance in 'The Dinner Party.'"

"I'm shocked and heartbroken and so sad for his family. I cannot find words to express my sorrow — such a great loss to the joy in the world," Joyce DeWitt, who co-starred with Ritter and Suzanne Somers in ABC's "Three's Company," told "Entertainment Tonight."

The sitcom, which aired from 1977-84 and brought a new level of risqué humor to TV, was the No. 1 comedy in the 1979-80 season and regularly part of the top 10.

Behind the scenes, Somers' money demands led to clashes with Ritter and DeWitt, and she was eventually written off the show. In a tearful interview Friday on Fox's "Good Day Live," Somers said she had reconciled with Ritter at the request of his wife, actress Amy Yasbeck.

She and Ritter had "this phenomenal phone call" in which they worked out all their old differences and had planned to work together again, Somers said. "I learned so much from him. ... He was the best physical comic I've ever watched."

"It's just stunning, unbelievable," said assistant Wilcox. "Everybody loved John Ritter. Everybody loved working with him. ... Whatever set he was working on, he made it a very fun place."

ABC had a rare recent success with "8 Simple Rules" and used it as the lead-off series of its Tuesday lineup. Its second season, which was to begin Sept. 23, was postponed Friday and production was halted.

"All of us at ABC, Touchstone Television and The Walt Disney Co. are shocked and heartbroken at the terrible news of John's passing," a statement read. "Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife and children at this very difficult time."

Ritter, a Southern California native who lived in Beverly Hills, had appeared in more than 25 television movies and a number of films.

The youngest son of Tex Ritter and actress Dorothy Fay, he graduated from Hollywood High School and earned a degree in drama from the University of Southern California.

"I was the class clown, but I was also student body president in high school," he told The Associated Press in a 1992 interview. "I had my serious side — I idolized Bobby Kennedy, he was my role model. But so was Jerry Lewis."

He received an Emmy, Golden Globe and other awards for his "Three's Company" role and was honored by the Los Angeles Music Center in June with a lifetime achievement award.

Ritter appeared in more than 50 plays nationwide and won critical acclaim for his recent nine-month run in Simon's production. He had a memorable turn in Billy Bob Thornton's 1996 film "Sling Blade."

"I think people recognized that although his success was in sitcoms, he had a real talent for acting," said AP contributing writer Bridget Byrne, who knew Ritter for 30 years and recently visited him on the "8 Simple Rules" set.

"He talked a lot about his real and TV families, and seemed in a good place with both," Byrne said. "He was enjoying what he felt was the perfect life."

Ritter's first steady job was his role as the minister in "The Waltons." He worried about falling into a typecasting trap after "Three's Company" ended.

"I would get scripts about 'a young swinging bachelor on the make,' and I said 'No, I've done that,'" he told the AP. "What I was looking for in my time off was something a little bit different, a little serious, or funny in a different way."

Ritter described his time on "Three's Company" as "an education" in quick-study acting.

"When the curtain went up, no matter how long you've studied or haven't studied at all, you had to answer to the audience. We didn't do retakes. If there was a (microphone) boom in the shot, so be it," he said.

Ritter later starred in the TV series "Hooperman" and the early 1990s political comedy "Hearts Afire." He received multiple Emmy nominations for his PBS role as the voice of "Clifford the Big Red Dog" on the animated series.

His TV movie appearances included "Unnatural Causes," Stephen King's "It" and "Chance of a Lifetime."

Ritter won popularity among independent film directors in recent years and, besides "Sling Blade," appeared in "Tadpole" in 2002 and the new feature "Manhood." He appears alongside Thornton in Miramax's scheduled November release of "Bad Santa."

Ritter was married from 1977 to 1996 to Nancy Morgan, the mother of his three oldest children. He married Yasbeck in 1999. In addition to son Jason and daughter Stella, he is survived by two other children: Carly and Tyler.

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NATIONAL

Country singing legend Johnny Cash dies at age 71

BY JOHN GEROME

Associated Press Writer

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Johnny Cash, "The Man in Black" who became a towering figure in American music with such hits as "Folsom Prison Blues," "I Walk the Line" and "A Boy Named Sue," died Friday. He was 71.

Cash died of complications from diabetes that resulted in respiratory failure, his manager, Lou Robin, said in a statement issued by Baptist Hospital in Nashville. Cash died at the hospital at 3 a.m. EDT.

"I hope that friends and fans of Johnny will pray for the Cash family to find comfort during this very difficult time," Robin said.

Cash had been released from the hospital Wednesday after a two-week stay for treatment of an unspecified stomach ailment. The illness caused him to miss last month's MTV Video Music Awards, where he had been nominated in seven categories. He won one award for the

video "Hurt," a reflection on mortality that showed his brittle health.

He had battled a disease of the nervous system, autonomic neuropathy, and pneumonia in recent years. His second wife, June Carter Cash, who co-wrote Cash's hit "Ring of Fire," died in May.

"More than any single person I can think of, Johnny Cash broadened interest in country music all around the world. He was just a huge star, and became a cultural icon in America," said Ed Benson, executive director of the Country Music Association. "It's extremely sad. He's certainly someone who is irreplaceable in the music business, and in the hearts and minds of many Americans."

Dozens of hit records like "Folsom Prison Blues," "I Walk the Line," and "Sunday Morning Coming Down" defined Cash's persona: a haunted, dignified, resilient spokesman for the working man and downtrodden.

Cash's deeply lined face fit well with his unsteady voice, which was limited in range but used to great effect to sing about pris-

oners, heartaches and tales of everyday life. He wrote much of his own material, and was among the first to record the songs of Bob Dylan and Kris Kristofferson.

"One Piece at a Time" was about an assembly line worker who built a car out of parts stolen from his factory. "A Boy Named Sue," a Shel Silverstein song he took to No. 1 in 1969, was a comical story of a father who gives his son a girl's name to make him tough.

Cash said in his 1997 autobiography "Cash" that he tried to speak for "voices that were ignored or even suppressed in the entertainment media, not to mention the political and educational establishments."

His career spanned generations, with each finding something of value in his simple records, many of which used his trademark rockabilly rhythm.

He was a peer of Elvis Presley when rock 'n' roll was born in Memphis in the 1950s, and he scored hits like "Cry! Cry! Cry!" during that era. He had a longtime friendship and recorded with Dylan, who has cited Cash as a major influence.

"His influence spread over many generations of different people," said Rolling Stones singer Mick Jagger. "I loved him as singer and a writer. I remember years ago a big part of our repertoire was two of my favorite Johnny Cash songs, 'I Walk the Line' and 'Ballad Of A Teenage Queen.'"

Elvis Costello, who once recorded with Cash, called him "a great, great man. ... He made me feel very welcome in his home and I will never forget that."

Country singer Barbara Mandrell recalled his star quality.

"Truly I can only think of two people in my life, where you knew it when they were in the building just by their presence. The air would just get exciting and stimulating and electric even if you couldn't see them. Those two people were Johnny Cash and Billy Graham," she said.

Cash won 11 Grammy Awards — most recently in 2003, when "Give My Love To Rose" earned him honors as best male country vocal performance — and numerous Country Music Association awards. He was elected to the Country Music Hall of Fame in 1980 and inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1992.

June Carter Cash, who partnered with him in hits such as "Jackson," and daughter Rosanne Cash also were successful singers.

"It's a sad day in Tennessee, but a great day in Heaven," said Merle Kilgore, best man at their wedding. "The 'Man in Black' is now wearing white as he joins his wife June in the angel band."

Truck driver Bobby Williams of Spokane, Wash., en route from Tennessee to Tampa, Fla., stopped and bowed his head for a moment when he heard Cash had died.

"He was the greatest man ever picked a guitar. He spoke to the American man. He did songs people could understand and relate to," said Williams, who then sang a few lyrics of his favorite Cash recording, "(Ghost) Riders in the Sky."

The late 1960s and '70s were Cash's peak commercial years, and he was host of his own ABC variety show from 1969-71. In later years, he was part of the Highwayman supergroup with Waylon Jennings, Willie Nelson and Kristofferson.

In the 1990s, Cash found a new artistic life recording with rap and hard rock producer Rick Rubin on the label American Recordings. And he was back on the charts in with the 2002 album "American IV: the Man Comes Around."

Most recently, Cash was recognized for his cover of the Nine Inch Nails song "Hurt."

He had hoped to attend the MTV Video Music Awards, where the video won for best cinematography, but he was hospitalized.

He also wrote books including two autobiographies, and acted in films and television shows.

In his 1971 hit "Man in Black," Cash said his black clothing symbolized the downtrodden people in the world. Cash had been "The Man in Black" since he joined the Grand Ole Opry at age 25.

"Everybody was wearing rhinestones, all those sparkle clothes and cowboy boots," he said in 1986. "I decided to wear a black shirt and pants and see if I could get by with it. I did and I've worn black clothes ever since."

John R. Cash was born Feb. 26, 1932, in Kingsland, Ark., one of seven children. When he was 12, his 14-year-old brother and hero, Jack, died after an accident while sawing oak trees into fence posts. The tragedy had a lasting impact on Cash, and he later pointed to it as a possible reason his music was frequently melancholy.

He worked as a custodian and enlisted in the Air Force, learning guitar while stationed in Germany, before launching his music career after his 1954 discharge.

"All through the Air Force, I was so lonely for those three years," Cash told The Associated Press during a 1996 interview. "If I couldn't have sung all those old country songs, I don't think I could have made it."

Cash launched his career in Memphis, performing on radio station KWEM. He auditioned with Sun Records, ultimately recording the single "Hey Porter," which became a hit.

"Folsom Prison Blues" went to No. 4 on the country charts in 1956 and featured Cash's most famous couplet: "I shot a man in Reno just to watch him die."

Cash recorded theme albums celebrating the railroads and the Old West, and decrying the mistreatment of American Indians. Two of his most popular albums were recorded live at prisons. Along the way he notched 14 No. 1 country music hits.

Because of Cash's frequent performances in prisons and his rowdy lifestyle early in his career, many people wrongly thought he had served prison time. He never did, though he battled addictions to pills on and off throughout his life.

He blamed fame for his vulnerability to drug addiction.

"When I was a kid, I always knew I'd sing on the radio someday. I never thought about fame until it started happening to me," he said in 1988. "Then it was hard to handle. That's why I turned to pills."

He credited June Carter Cash, whom he married in 1968, with helping him stay off drugs, though he had several relapses over the years and was treated at the Betty Ford Center in California in 1984. Together, June Carter and Cash had one child, John Carter Cash. He is a musician and producer.

Singer Rosanne Cash is Johnny Cash's daughter from his first marriage, to Vivian Liberto. Their other three children were Kathleen, Cindy and Tara. They divorced in 1966.

Cash once credited his mother, Carrie Rivers Cash, with encouraging him to pursue a singing career.

"My mother told me to keep on singing, and that kept me working through the cotton fields. She said God has his hand on you. You'll be singing for the world someday."

Cash lived in Hendersonville, Tenn., just outside of Nashville. He also had a home in Jamaica.



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SPORTS



A match for the ages lifts Americans' fortunes

BY DOUG FERGUSON
AP Golf Writer

LODDEKOPINGE, Sweden — The only stage Beth Daniel and Juli Inkster ever shared was when they were inducted into the Hall of Fame on the same night three years ago.

All they wanted was a chance to play together for the first time in the Solheim Cup.

They delivered a performance for the ages, grinding out a 1-up victory over Annika Sorenstam and Carin Koch — Europe's top tandem — in a best-ball match that turned the Americans' fortunes Friday.

"It was huge for the team," U.S. captain Patty Sheehan said. "It lifted us."

As the sun finally set over the southern coast of Sweden, the United States trailed 4 1/2-3 1/2 but carried a ton of momentum into the second day of matches.

The pivotal match was Daniel and Inkster, a combined 89 years old with 63 LPGA victories between them, who took on a European duo that never had lost and came through with clutch shots over the final seven holes.

Neither side made a bogey.

"There was a little pride for both of us," said Daniel, at 46 the oldest player in Solheim Cup history. "We're two Hall of

Famers, playing possibly their best tandem. We needed that point."

They got plenty of help along the way. Kelli Kuehne, a controversial captain's pick after going 0-4 last year in Minnesota, teamed with childhood pal Cristie Kerr for a 2-and-1 victory over Laura Davies and Catriona Matthew.

Michele Redman — whom European captain Catrin Nilsmark once said had "absolutely no talent" — finished off the rally when she and Rosie Jones made five straight birdies down the stretch in a 2-up victory over Iben Tinning and Sophie Gustafson.

The only best-ball victory for Europe came from the team of Patricia Meunier-LeBouc, who is four months' pregnant, and Suzann Pettersen, the only player from either team to win two matches Friday.

"I'm happy. We're in front," Nilsmark said. "It could have gone a little more in our favor. I felt we left a few out there."

It almost went entirely in Europe's favor. Fog delayed the alternate-shot matches for 90 minutes in the morning, and the Americans continued playing in a fog after the Solheim Cup resumed.

With a raucous gallery that clapped, chanted and sang along the tree-lined fairways of Barseback, Europe won three of

the alternate-shot matches.

The only point for the Americans came when Kelly Robbins made 12-foot putts on the final two holes — one for par, the other for bogey — that gave her and Daniel a halve when Europe three-putted the 18th for bogey.

"I don't know what it is, but we don't seem to get out of the blocks very fast," Sheehan said. "And it didn't look very good early in the afternoon round."

Inkster, who lost her alternate-shot match with Wendy Ward, got her wish when Sheehan paired her with Daniel.

Then she looked on the other side of the draw and saw Sorenstam-Koch.

The Swedish pair had never lost in three previous Solheim Cup matches. Sorenstam is the best player in women's golf, and Koch was 7-0-2 going into the afternoon round.

"I said, 'OK, this is going to be a tough point.' We knew we'd have to work hard to get it," Inkster said.

It was every bit of that.

After they halved the first seven holes, Inkster holed a 45-foot birdie putt from the fringe on the par-3 eighth for a 1-up lead, only to see Sorenstam respond with a 10-foot birdie on No. 9 and a 4-iron into 3 feet on the par-3 11th.

Europe was leading three best-ball matches at that point and threatening to grab the largest opening-day lead in Solheim Cup history.

Daniel got the match back to all square with an 18-foot birdie on No. 13, and matching pars over the next two holes set the stage for a dramatic finish.

Inkster hit a bump-and-run into 8 feet on the par-5 16th, while Sorenstam hit a pedestrian chip to about 12 feet.

Although Daniel was away, some 40 feet from the cup, she asked Inkster to putt first to put pressure on Europe.

"She said, 'You want to putt?' And I was like, 'You mean now?' It was a good move, because it worked," said Inkster, who made the birdie putt.

Sorenstam poured in her birdie putt to keep the match square, and the fairways soon were crowded by cheering players from both teams.

Daniel peered into the sun, glaring over the Straits of Oresund, as her approach descended on the flag at No. 17, stopping just 12 feet below the cup for a birdie.

That gave the United States a 1-up lead, and they closed out the match when Sorenstam failed to make a 25-foot birdie putt on the final hole.

Nike settles commercial free speech case for \$1.5 million

BY WILLIAM MCCALL
AP Business Writer

BEAVERTON, Ore. — Nike Inc. agreed to pay \$1.5 million to a worker rights group to settle the commercial free speech case that it took to the U.S. Supreme Court, the company said Friday.

Marc Kasky, a San Francisco labor activist, had sued the Beaverton-based athletic shoe and clothing giant five years ago, accusing it of false advertising for claiming the company was protecting labor rights at overseas contract factories that make footwear for Nike.

"The two parties mutually agreed that investments designed to strengthen workplace monitoring and factory worker programs are more desirable than prolonged litigation," Nike said Friday in a statement announcing the agreement.

The surprise settlement left hanging the core issue of

whether Nike lied and if it did, if its ads qualified as protected speech under the First Amendment.

The California Supreme Court had ruled that Kasky could sue Nike on the false advertising claim, prompting the company to ask for a review by the U.S. Supreme Court. But after hearing oral arguments, the high court refused to tackle the issues and dismissed the case in June, leaving the decision up to California.

Many had hoped the Supreme Court would settle the issue; the case was expected to set precedent.

Nike had garnered the support of 40 large media companies, including The Associated Press, who filed court briefs in support of the company, arguing the First Amendment right to free speech could be diminished.

As part of the settlement, Nike has agreed to pay the Fair Labor Association \$1.5 million to boost efforts to improve factory conditions and monitoring. The association, formed in 1999, promotes a code of conduct based

on international labor standards, monitors labor practices and coordinates public reports on factory conditions.

"Mr. Kasky is satisfied that this settlement reflects Nike's commitment to positive change where factory workers are concerned," lawyer Patrick Coughlin, said.

Nike spokeswoman Maria Eitel said, "We have learned a great deal in the five years since this case was first filed about the challenges we and others face in addressing issues in manufacturing environments."

Despite the long court fight, the issue of whether the advertising in question was false has never been addressed in court, said Jim Carter, Nike's chief attorney.

The case, filed in 1998, arose from Nike's vigorous defense against allegations that it used Third World sweatshops to manufacture its athletic products. Nike defended wages and conditions at Asian plants, run by subcontractors, where workers make tennis shoes and athletic wear with the distinctive Nike swoosh logo.

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Police kill 'mastermind' of bombings

By The Associated Press

BOMBAY, India — Police shot and killed a man believed to have masterminded car bombings in Bombay last month that killed 53 people, an official said Friday.

Police Commissioner Ranjit Sharma said the suspect, identified as Naseer, and another man were killed in a Friday gunfight with police officers in central Bombay.

Naseer and his aide were traveling in a car that carried explosives, guns and detonators when police intercepted it, Sharma said. The men tried to flee, prompting the gunfight, he said.

"We had information since the last four days that Naseer was in the city and that he was carrying explosives," Sharma said.

Sharma said police believe Naseer orchestrated the Bombay bombings on Aug. 25 based on photographs and sketches using information provided by four suspects arrested for the blasts, which also wounded more than 150 people.

According to Sharma, the four said Naseer provided the explosives used in the car bombings. They also told investigators that Naseer took them to the places where the bombs were to be planted.

Bush to soldiers: We will prevail

By The Associated Press

FORT STEWART, Ga. — President Bush saluted a sea of tan-clad soldiers from the division that won some of the Iraq war's main victories but also suffered stinging losses, telling them Friday they were helping America to prevail in the war on terror.

"We're rolling back the terrorist threat, not on the fringes of its influence but at the heart of its power," Bush said at the home of the Army's 3rd Infantry Division. The division launched the ground invasion that began the Iraq war and led the charge into Baghdad to oust President Saddam Hussein.

A hot sun beat down on about 15,000 soldiers and family members. The soldiers wore desert fatigues, and many of the family members carried newborns. The heat

did not wilt their enthusiasm for Bush, who spent the day traveling to Georgia, Mississippi and Texas before heading back for a weekend at Camp David, Md.

Bush's main focus was Iraq and the war on terror. He scarcely mentioned Saddam's alleged weapons of mass destruction, for months the president's primary rationale for war. Instead, he emphasized what he said was Iraq's position as the central front in the global anti-terror battle.

"We are destroying the terrorists by swift and decisive action," Bush said. "As democracy and freedom rise in Iraq, their ambitions will fall just like the statutes of Saddam Hussein."

The U.S. casualty count in Iraq continued to climb. Two U.S. soldiers were killed in a firefight during a raid, and in a separate incident, U.S. forces mistakenly killed eight uniformed Iraqi police and a Jordanian security guard and wounded nine other people.

Prisoners sue state, claiming torture

By The Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Twenty-two inmates sued the state of Florida on Friday, saying it allowed prison guards to torture them in their cells by spraying them with pepper spray and tear gas.

In their federal lawsuit filed in Fort Myers, the inmates said the use of chemical agents by prison guards has skyrocketed. They claim the practice violates the ban on cruel and unusual punishment in the Eighth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

The lawsuit seeks class-action status.

Department of Corrections Secretary James Crosby called the use of chemical agents an accepted practice that has been upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court. The department has detailed rules to ensure proper use of chemical agents, which include a medical review of inmates who are sprayed, he said.

Lisa White Shirley, an attorney with the Florida Institutional Legal Services, which is representing the inmates, said the department encouraged the use of pepper spray and tear gas. Since the inmates are sprayed in their cells, they generally don't pose a danger and spraying them is done to retaliate, punish or intimidate, she said.

Less taxes, more paperwork

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Tax cuts have costs. This year's reduction in capital gains rates may require some taxpayers to fill out 13 more lines on next year's forms — a new level of complexity sure to be a boon for professional tax preparers but a bane for people who fill out their own returns.

The Internal Revenue Service has started work on new forms that incorporate the tax cuts enacted this year. It posts the drafts on its Web site so tax preparers can review them and offer advice.

The draft of the new form for reporting capital gains and losses grows from 40 lines to 53 lines, as it walks taxpayers through new rates for capital gains and dividends.

An earlier IRS analysis estimated 15 million people will be affected by the change in capital gains rates. People will have to use the form if they sold stock, held mutual funds or received dividends in 2003.

William Cafero, senior manager at Ernst & Young, said some investors who never used the form before and don't think of themselves as stock traders will find they have to figure it out.

Weapons get past airport screeners

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Undercover federal investigators testing airport security were able to sneak weapons past screeners, the chairman of the House aviation subcommittee said Friday.

Rep. John Mica, R-Fla., asked the General Accounting Office to conduct the probe to compare the performance of government-employed screeners with those who work for private companies.

"The preliminary reports confirm our original suspicion that there's not much difference between private screeners and the federal screeners, except for great cost," Mica said. "It's not a pretty picture."

The GAO declined to comment on the report, which will be presented to Congress in a couple of weeks. Mica and others were briefed on the findings, but did not share details about what kinds of weapons were sneaked past screeners or which airports were targeted.

Transportation Security Administration spokesman Brian Turmail acknowledged screeners don't catch all prohibited items.

"No single layer of security is ever going to be 100 percent effective," Turmail said.

U.N. board sets deadline for Iran to explain nuclear activities

BY GEORGE JAHN

Associated Press Writer

VIENNA, Austria — The U.N. atomic agency told Iran on Friday to prove by the end of October that its nuclear aims are peaceful, issuing a tough resolution that Tehran's chief delegate condemned as reflecting Washington's appetite for "confrontation and war."

Iranian chief delegate Ali Akbar Salehi walked out of the meeting to protest the deadline — and the prospect of U.N. Security Council involvement — contained in a U.S.-backed resolution to a board of governors' meeting of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

"We reject the ultimatum in this draft," Salehi said, calling it a "disaster for the agency."

It the next board meeting in November rules that Iran did not meet the demands contained in the resolution, it could rule Tehran in noncompliance of a part of the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty banning the spread of nuclear weapons. The board is obligated to report noncompliance to the Security Council, whose range of action reaches from criticism to economic sanctions.

Ahead of the invasion that toppled Saddam Hussein, the Bush administration argued that Iraq had defied IAEA inspectors and hid plans to make nuclear and other weapons of mass destruction.

But diplomats in Vienna warned against seeking parallels, saying they saw no signs that any reaction to finding Iranian noncompliance would go beyond political and economic pressure.

Iranian officials have repeatedly said a deadline and other tough language in the resolution would aggravate tensions. Salehi repeated that warning Friday.

"We will have no choice but to have a deep review of our existing level and extent of engagement with the agency," he said, suggesting Tehran might reduce or even cut links — moves that would doom attempts to plumb Iran's nuclear secrets.

A decision in November by North Korea to renounce the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty has shut the world out of its nuclear activities even as the regime openly threatens to make nuclear weapons.

Salehi blamed the United States for Iran's decision to walk out.

"At present, nothing pervades their appetite for vengeance, short of confrontation and war," he said. "It is no secret that the current U.S. administration ... entertains the idea of invasion of yet another territory, as they aim to re-engineer and reshape the entire Middle East region."

The U.S.-backed resolution submitted by Australia, Canada and Japan called on Iran to "provide accelerated cooperation"

with agency efforts to clear up questions about Tehran's nuclear program.

It also urged Iran to "ensure there are no further failures," in reporting obligations and called on it to "suspend all further uranium enrichment-related activities, including the further introduction of nuclear material" into a facility where U.N. inspectors found traces of weapons-grade enriched uranium.

The United States and other Western countries accuse Iran of working on a secret nuclear weapons program. They had been pushing for a resolution at this meeting finding Iran in noncompliance, but gave up because of lack of support among board members.

Chief U.S. delegate Kenneth Brill said the threat by Iran to cut cooperation with the IAEA only "suggests they have something to hide that they do not want to come to light."

In Washington, State Department deputy spokesman Adam Ereli welcomed the board's action. He said that if Iran fails to answer agency questions by Oct. 31, "that would constitute further evidence of its ongoing activities to conceal its clandestine nuclear weapons program."

A senior U.S. government official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the Iranians had been given a "last chance."

"The Iranians have been told (they

have) until the end of October to mend their ways," he told The Associated Press in a phone call from Washington, adding the United States would push for a non-compliance resolution otherwise.

Among concerns spelled out in an IAEA report to the board were that traces of weapons-grade uranium were found at an Iranian nuclear facility. It also noted tests by Iran that experts say make little sense unless the country was pursuing nuclear weapons.

Tehran insists its nuclear programs are for generating electricity and says its equipment was contaminated with enriched uranium by a previous owner.

The resolution was passed with no vote, but without the consensus sought by many board members, diplomats said.

IAEA head Mohamed ElBaradei toured Iran's nuclear facilities in February, and was said to be dismayed by the advanced stage of a project using hundreds of centrifuges to enrich uranium.

ElBaradei expressed confidence Iran would comply with the agency before he reports to the board at its meeting in November.

"I think the board is sending a very powerful message of support to the agency's work, to my work," he said. "It's also sending a very powerful message to Iran that they need to cooperate fully and immediately and to show complete transparency."

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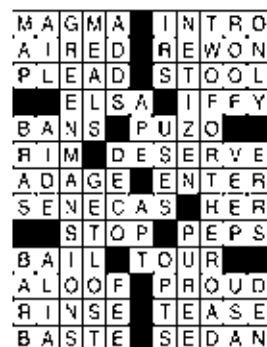


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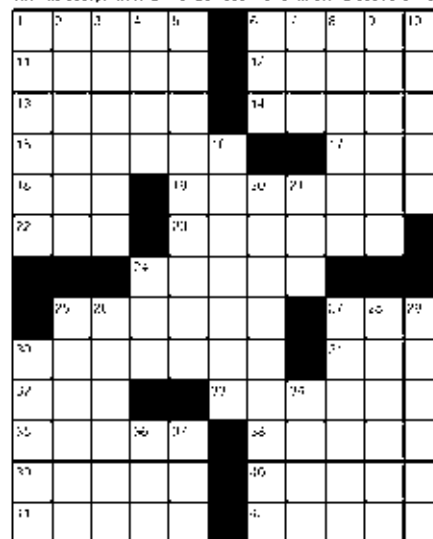
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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Elton John cleans out garage to raise money at Sotheby's

By The Associated Press

■ **LONDON** — It's a garage sale with attitude.

Elton John is doing a bit of house-clearing by putting paintings, chandeliers and leopardskin-print sofas up for sale later this month, auction house Sotheby's said Friday.

Sotheby's said more than 400 items from John's west London house were likely to raise more than \$1.3 million when they're sold Sept. 30.

Items up for sale include a double bed with matching wardrobes designed by David Linley, nephew of Queen Elizabeth II; a bronze sculpture of Alexander the Great; a gilt-bronze and marble chandelier; and two busts of Napoleon.

John also is selling sculptures and paintings from his extensive art collection, including 17th-century artist Edward Bowker's "Portrait of a Lady with her Son," valued at \$32,000-48,000.

The pop star, who also has a country home in Windsor, west of London, said he was selling the items so he could redecorate in a more modern style.

"I wanted to have the opportunity to display more contemporary work in one of my U.K. homes, but as my house in Windsor has a very traditional style, the obvious choice was to remodel my Holland Park home," he said.

■ **BEIJING** — Pop star Chen Qianqian and the electronic band New Pants were dubbed China's best new musicians Friday at the CCTV-MTV Music Awards.

Thousands of screaming fans waving green glowsticks attended the event, in its fifth year, at Beijing's Worker's Gymnasium.

Chen, known for her up-tempo tunes, won the best new artist award, while New Pants, an underground favorite, was named best new band.

Han Hong's trademark love ballads made her China's top female artist, while Lu Yi took the top male prize.

The viewer's choice awards for the mainland went to

Sha Baoliang (most popular new artist) and veteran singers Na Ying (most popular female artist) and Sun Nan (most popular male artist).

Jacky Cheung and Faye Wong, both renowned in the Asian music scene, won pan-Asia male and female artists of the year.

Croatian pianist Maksim, who performed during the three-hour show co-sponsored by state broadcaster China Central Television, took the award for international breakthrough artist of the year.

Guest performers included the Swedish boy band C21 and Zhang Nara, who won pan-Asia best artist of the year (Korea).

■ **LOS ANGELES** — A judge ordered a housekeeper convicted of stealing jewelry, cell phones and clothes from "Beverly Hills, 90210" star Ian Ziering to undergo a diagnostic exam before sentencing.

Superior Court Judge Michael M. Johnson on Thursday ordered Gloria Lopez to undergo a 90-day exam administered by the state Department of Corrections. He reset her sentencing to Dec. 15, pending results of the test.

Jurors convicted Lopez on Aug. 15 of grand theft from Ziering's home and petty theft from one of Ziering's friends.

Prosecutors asked that Lopez be sentenced to 16 months in state prison, while her defense attorney, Cathryn Shin, has recommended probation.

The 48-year-old has no criminal record and may have difficulty "understanding the gravity of her actions," Shin said, adding that two of Lopez's grandchildren wrote to the judge, asking that she not be taken away from them.

Judge Johnson said the letters were "very sincere" but said, "I have not heard anything from ... the defendant."

Lopez testified during the trial that she'd taken the

items from the trash. But Ziering said a stolen gold pendant belonged to his late mother along with a platinum wedding ring, and that he wouldn't have thrown away family heirlooms.

The 39-year-old actor played Steve Sanders on the popular teen television drama. He's also done television voice-over work for other series.

■ **NEW YORK** — Grammy winner Wyclef Jean and his wife, designer Marie Claudinette Jean, say there's a synergy between music and fashion that will come together at their Fusha runway show, part of New York Fashion Week.

Fusha is a couture collection that blends the designer's love of 18th-century fashions and her Caribbean heritage.

"The feeling of the show will be fun — especially with the music we'll be playing. 'Clef even let me pick a little bit of it,' she told The Associated Press with a laugh.

Patti LaBelle, LL Cool J and Sarah Michelle Gellar are among those invited to attend Saturday's show at the tents in Bryant Park in midtown Manhattan.

Jean — whose new album, "The Preacher's Son," is set for release next month — isn't complaining about the beautiful models who have been auditioning for the show.

"Every day I come through the door, I get the warning that models are naked!" the 30-year-old told the AP Wednesday. He's a founding member of the Fugees, and has written and produced songs for artists ranging from Santana to Whitney Houston.

"My wife got me into fashion, but I've always loved clothes," Jean said. "I love to wear clothes that are an expression of something."

New York Fashion Week, previewing spring 2004 styles for editors and retail buyers, opened Friday with Kenneth Cole. Other designers on the eight-day schedule include Carolina Herrera, Marc Jacobs, Ralph Lauren, Michael Kors and Donna Karan.

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