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Alleged murder-suicide rocks neighborhood



Carolyn Sackariason/Daily Press

(Left) Los Angeles County Coroners remove a body from apartment No. 9 at 901 Euclid Ave. Sunday afternoon. A husband and wife were found dead in the living room. (Right) Santa Monica police officers investigate the crime scene.

Husband allegedly killed wife, himself

BY CAROLYN SACKARIASON
Daily Press Staff Writer

A domestic dispute between a Santa Monica couple turned deadly over the weekend after the husband allegedly shot and killed his wife before turning the gun on himself.

Santa Monica police were called to 901 Euclid Ave. Sunday at 11:30 a.m. after the daughters of the couple found their parents dead in their apartment. Preliminary investigation indicates that it was a murder-suicide, police said. The cause of death for the man and woman is from apparent gunshot wounds, police said.

Witnesses said the daughters, one in her early 20s and the other a teen-ager, went to the apartment after becoming worried about them when they couldn't reach them over the weekend.

A man who was with the women called police after they broke into the apartment through a window and found their parents dead in the living room, witnesses said.

A woman walking her dog along Idaho Avenue and Euclid Street Sunday morning said the daughters' screams caught her attention so she stopped to talk to them.

"She was beside herself," said W. Friedman. "The older one said 'I had such a feeling. I knew it was going to happen ... I don't know why I can't cry.'"

Several neighbors said the couple, who lived in the apartment for about three months, fought incessantly. Police are investigating the motive.

Bill Bauer, who lives across the street from the couple and writes for the Daily Press, said he called the police about a month ago because of their arguing.

"The couple of months they've been

there they've definitely made their presence known," he said. "There were a lot of four letter words over there. I know she was 52 because I heard her yell it once."

Sources who spoke to the daughters said they believed their father might have shot their mother before committing suicide.

"I walked to the end of the corner and heard 'bang, bang.' I have been around guns and those were definitely gunshots."

— NEIGHBOR

A bar in Bangkok offers the overweight a nightspot

BY ALISA TANG
Associated Press Writer

BANGKOK, Thailand — It's a hefty, twice-weekly offer you don't find at other nightspots: If you and three friends together weigh more than 794 pounds, you get a free bottle of whiskey.

Welcome to the Ichub Club, Bangkok's fat-themed karaoke bar. Paintings of fleshy nudes line the walls, and pillars are plastered with pictures of a chubby comic book character. The chairs are metal, to withstand the weight of the clientele.

"We used to have wooden chairs, but the amount of money we spent on repairs was tremendous," said Ken Chan, one of the owners of Ichub, which is pronounced "I Chub."

Chan, a 35-year-old who weighs 202 pounds, and his partners are all weighty by Asian standards. They opened the club as a place where fat people would feel comfortable, "where they don't feel like freaks."

But Ichub doesn't discriminate against the slim, he added. While the club's heaviest regular customer weighs 353 pounds, the slimmest is 110 pounds.

The year-old karaoke bar relocated in June because it needed more space. Besides the sturdy chairs, the owners chose concrete instead of the parquet

floors that used to creak under the weight of customers, Chan said.

During one of its twice-weekly "chubby nights," the bar doled out about 20 free bottles of whiskey to mammoth quartets.

The patrons get a chance to relax away from a modern world seemingly obsessed with thinness.

It's not often you hear a group of four men cheer when they added up their weights for a grand total of 816 pounds. They weren't vying for the club's free whiskey, but merely seeing if they could make the 794-pound goal.

"We have a scale here," said Chan, sitting at a table chatting with his three chubby friends. The scale can weigh only up to 308 pounds. "So if they (the customers) say they are anything over 140, we trust them."

One of those at the table, Robert Biscontri, 253 pounds, added: "If it's anything beyond me, it's obvious."

Biscontri, a 33-year-old Australian who teaches in Hong Kong, comes to Thailand often. He said he prefers Ichub to the "glitz and glamour, sticky floors and crusty seats" of other clubs in Bangkok.

"In a perfect world, you don't need a place like Ichub, but we don't live in a perfect world," he said.

Redondo man reels in mako shark in Santa Monica Bay

By The Associated Press

REDONDO BEACH — Here's a story about a big one that didn't get away.

Fisherman John Miller spent nearly six hours battling an 815-pound mako off Santa Monica Bay before he hauled in the shark with the help of a friend.

Miller said he hooked the female shark alone, but placed a radio call to friend Mike McNamee for help reeling her in.

"We both held on for dear life," McNamee said.

Once they secured the over 10-foot-long shark, they tied it to the side of the boat and towed it back to a Redondo Beach yacht club.

Makos are rarely seen in West Coast waters, said Dr. Steve Strand, director of the University of California, Los Angeles, Ocean Discovery Center.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★★ Take charge in the morning. You get more done than you can imagine. A meeting adds to your resources, as you find other like minds. Brainstorm and add to your many different options. Schedule time for a friend in the late afternoon. Tonight: Just don't be alone.



TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ Reach out for those at a distance, sharing more of your caring and feelings. Find experts at work, whether through conversation or on the Internet. You need more facts, and you need them quickly. Take charge in the p.m. Tonight: Work as late as need be.



GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ Handle people individually if you want success, whether dealing with personal or professional matters. A long lunch might help you loosen up an uptight associate. Detach, do research and seek out new types of solutions. Tonight: Hop on your computer. Rent a movie.



CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★★ Others will find you; don't worry. You easily could feel overwhelmed, as so many requests come in. Schedule time with an associate this afternoon. If possible, divvy up work or delegate as much as you can. Be more open. Tonight: Togetherness works.



LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ Quickly dig into work before the social butterflies in the office find you. If possible, screen calls as you attempt to get the job done. Schedule a late lunch or meeting to network and catch up on others' news. Let others call the shots. Tonight: Say "yes."



VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★★ Your imagination takes the lead at work and at home. Use your enormous ingenuity constructively. Curb a tendency to indulge a special friend or child when you need to work. By late afternoon, you see the enormity of what lies ahead. Tonight: Go for a stress-buster.



LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ You accomplish a lot from your home if given the chance. You also discover that you have a lot to do. Dig right in. Schedule the more pleasurable parts of your work for later in the day. Screen calls, if possible. A child or loved one knocks on your door. Tonight: Enjoy a loved one.



SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ Set a precedent. Discuss what needs to happen with associates. Your sense of organization carries you quite far. Know what you want and make plans to get it. A parent or other family member needs your attention. Tonight: Relax at home.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ Move carefully when dealing with a child or a domestic matter. You aren't changing anyone anyway. Laugh and play along with loved ones, but don't forget other obligations. Use the afternoon to clear out messages and calls and to get work done. Tonight: Out and about.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★★ Put your best foot forward, and you'll get results. Do nothing halfway right now. Carefully consider options that involve finances. Others appear to be more than willing to work with you. Ask for more of what you want. Tonight: Give up being shy!



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ Don't make a statement until you're good and sure of yourself. Review a personal matter with care. Let a loved one have more of a say. Learn to work more as a team. Success will greet you as a result. You emerge this morning as a force to encounter, once you clear the decks. Tonight: Be yourself.



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★★ Use the morning to move key projects. You might not like the reaction you get. Consider what is happening with a dear friend. If you cannot get this person to talk right away, you might feel as if you failed. You didn't. Give this person space. Tonight: Do something just for yourself.



QUOTE of the DAY

"In the end, everything is a gag."

— Charlie Chaplin (1889-1977)

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LOCAL

Tax rate set for library bonds

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Santa Monica property owners may feel a pinch in their pockets when they open their tax bill.

The city council approved setting the property tax rate for paying off voter-approved bonds for fixing up the city's libraries at \$23.41 per \$100,000 value of their property.

It's an increase of \$19.47 from last year because the city issued \$25 million additional bonds in August.

"When voters approved issuance of those bonds, they also approved taxing themselves with an additional property tax to pay debt service on the bonds," said Mike Dennis, the city's director of finance. "Every year we have to determine what the appropriate tax would be that will appear on peoples' tax bill."

The city issued \$4.5 million of bonds in April 1990 to acquire property next to the Main Library on the corner of Sixth Street and Santa Monica Boulevard to meet immediate parking needs and for future library expansion.

Then on June 25, 1998, the city refund-

ed a portion of the 1990 bonds at a lower interest rate resulting in a lower tax rate assessed on property owners. This August, the city issued another \$25 million of voter approved bonds for the construction, improvement and remodeling of the Main Library and all branch libraries.

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— MIKE DENNIS
Director of finance

A conceptual plan for the nearly \$50 million new Main Library had been approved by the city council earlier this year.

"So right now we're issuing a combined tax rate on property owners to pay for the \$4 million in 1990 and the bonds approved in 1998," Dennis said. "That's why there has been an increase this year."

Vandals destroy planters



William Pattnosh/Daily Press

A city worker named Juan cleans up a broken planter at Center Court on the Promenade Friday. The new planters, which were up for less than 48 hours, were destroyed by vandals. (Inset) A message was written on one of them that indicated the persons who hang out there weren't too fond of the new additions.



Surfers observe a moment of silence today, the week's huge swell is gone. Nothing new is expected until at least Monday. Today and Sunday will look like Friday with slightly smaller size and more limited consistency.

The weekend should see mainly waist-high surf on leftover swell.

There is a minor, south-southwest swell building, but it is small enough not to seriously affect the surf.



Today's Tides:
High- 6:29 a.m. 3.51'
Low- 10:29 a.m. 3.02'
High- 4:41 p.m. 5.07'

Location	Monday	Tuesday	Water Quality
County Line	2-3'/Fair	2-3'/Fair	A
Zuma	2-3'/Fair	2-3'/Fair	A
Surfrider	1-3'/Fair	1-3'/Fair	A
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The QLine

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The housekeepers want a higher wage, more breaks, a longer lunch, less hotel rooms to clean and family health insurance, among other things.

They say many of their co-workers were let go last year and now the ones that have been spared their jobs are being asked to

work harder for the same amount of money.

So this week, Q-Line wants to know: "Is it the hotel ownership's responsibility to give their workers more money or is more work for the same amount of money just part of keeping your job given the current economic climate?"

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

By John Wood

Whirlpool burns customers

Erik Hattan and his wife May were burned in July 2001 when the thermostat on their new Whirlpool oven malfunctioned, sending temperatures to more than 700 degrees Fahrenheit.

Whirlpool must reimburse the Venice couple \$4,808 for medical expenses.

Hattan and his wife sued the appliance maker for \$5,000 each, the maximum allowable small claims amount, saying they had endured more than \$18,000 worth of corrective laser surgery in an attempt to conceal scars caused by the faulty oven.

"My scars have healed nicely, but my wife is scarred for life," said Hattan, pointing to a silver-dollar-sized patch of darkened skin on his wife's wrist. Hattan said they decided to sue after asking Whirlpool to reimburse them for medical bills and being stonewalled by company officials.

"They just ignored us, ignored us, ignored us," he said. "They never stopped ignoring us."

Santa Monica Superior Court Judge John H. Reid presided over the case because Whirlpool representatives didn't want the matter heard by a pro tem judge, who are attorneys volunteering as judges for the day.

Whirlpool's representative told the court the type of burns the Hattans sustained are usually the result of contact with a heated rack inside the oven and added that surgery was not necessarily the best remedy.

"Whirlpool's position is that surgery would exacerbate" scars of this type, the female representative said.

Judge Reid asked the plaintiffs exactly how much they have spent and still owe on medical bills, not including compensation from insurance companies. Though the Hattans did not have that information on hand, the judge called a recess to allow them to gather it before handing down his decision.

Construction sends tenant packing

A Santa Monica woman who sued her landlord for \$4,700 in excessive rent will not be reimbursed for what she called exorbitant rates.

Monica Ballard, who received \$6,390 in discounts due to inconveniences associated with remodeling to the upstairs unit of her Santa Monica duplex, told the court she deserved further compensation for living in "slum conditions."

Ballard vacated the rental on Aug. 15 as part of an unlawful detainer settlement in July which granted her two and a half months of free rent, as well as reduced rental rates for previous months. The settlement also guaranteed that she would receive her security deposit in full.

Because Ballard and landlords Sylvia Aroth and Jeff Cook had agreed to the conditions in the settlement agreement, Santa Monica Superior Court Judge Pro Tem Michael R. Graham ruled against Ballard on the new claim.

"There had already been a judgment," Judge Graham said. "And the defendants had a right to believe that that was the understanding."

Ballard will not recover her court costs.

The ruling concluded an almost year-long saga between the landlords and Ballard. At one point, Ballard became angry when workmen used her parking space and borrowed her garden hose while working on the upstairs unit. She responded by spraying water into the newly remodeled apartment, damaging cabinetry and floors, according to police reports.

Computers cost money

The owner of Santa Monica's Computer Palace won a \$689 judgment from a customer

Book sale at Main Library

BY SARA VAN DYCK

Special to the Daily Press

As the Main Library progresses toward closure, the Friends of the Library is presenting the last book sale in the current building on Sept. 27, 28 and 29. The Friday, Sept. 27 sale is open to members only, and memberships can be purchased at the door for \$10.

"Our sale is still one of the few bargains available to book lovers," said book co-chair Larry Rosen. The library will have a large selection of works in many categories: fiction, non-fiction, biography, mystery, science fiction, as well as feminist literature, religion, poetry, African-American literature and other areas, along with reference texts and many paperbacks.

In addition, October is John Steinbeck month at the library. In conjunction with the statewide reading of "The Grapes of Wrath," the Main Library is presenting a number of programs, all free to the public, about migrants and immigrants in California at the Voice in the Well Ensemble Reader's Theater, which include:

■ Saturday, Oct. 5, 2 p.m.: Keeping California's Promise: The Legacy of John Steinbeck.

■ Wednesday, Oct. 9, 6 p.m.: Film & Discussion: "The Grapes of Wrath," John Ford's classic film.

■ Wednesday, Oct. 16, 7 p.m.: Book Discussion: "The Grapes of Wrath."

■ Wednesday, Oct. 23, 6 p.m.: Film & Discussion: "El Norte," a drama follows the flight of two Guatemalan teenagers seeking refuge in America.

■ Wednesday, Oct. 30, 6 p.m.: Film & Discussion: "A.K.A. Don Bonus: A Video Diary by Sokly 'Don Bonus' Ny." It documents the struggle of a family making a new life in San Francisco after fleeing Cambodia.

■ 2D/3D Cartoon & Animation Festival — for Teens Only!

On Saturday, Oct. 19, 1 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., the Teen Advisory Council is offering local teens an amazing opportunity. The program presents continuous screenings of animated films in the auditorium, plus hands-on experience in cartooning and animation. All workshops are free and funded by the Friends of the Library. The workshops include:

■ 2D: Drawing cartoon characters; developing comic book characters; publishing Disney storybooks

■ 3D: Hands-on Animation; Animation A to Z; Game Design and Development

Call the library at 458-8600, or visit www.smpl.org, for information on all programs.

Lastly, the reconstruction of Montana and Fairview branches is well underway. Both are anticipated to open in late November or early December, before the Main Library closes.

who purchased a custom-built computer there last November but refused to pay for it.

Defendant Alan Fox, of Santa Monica, testified that salespeople at the computer shop gave him misleading promises, made appointments they didn't keep and ultimately sold him a piece of equipment that didn't work.

"To top it all off, the motherboard was defective," said Fox, who used some of his own hardware to customize the computer.

Computer store owner Navid Zolouk had a different story. He told the court Fox had been difficult from the very moment he arrived to pick up his Pentium 4, 40-gigabyte computer.

"I was 20 minutes late (to open the store) because my four-year-old daughter had an emergency," Zolouk said. "And he was yelling and screaming, wanting his money and parts back. It was very embarrassing for us."

Despite the embarrassment, Zolouk said he offered to have a technician remove parts from the computer that Fox had installed. Fox then took the computer home.

When Fox did not return to the store, Zolouk charged his credit card for the full \$918 invoice. But Fox canceled the credit card payment, saying he had removed his parts from the machine and was awaiting Zolouk's retrieval of the remaining items.

Fox further claimed the store's merchandise was defective — though he admitted he had disassembled the computer and later pieced it back together.

In court, Zolouk offered to fix Fox's computer and provide him with a new warranty, but said he was unwilling to refund cash at this point, nearly a year later. Zolouk's claim, which was for \$1,064, covered the \$918 bill for parts and labor, as well as a 2 percent monthly interest charge.

Fox did not accept the offer, saying he had since purchased a new computer.

Santa Monica Superior Court Judge Pro Tem Michael R. Graham ruled in favor of Zolouk for \$689, plus court costs. He reached the figure by taking 75 percent of the original invoice, which he estimated would cover the computer shop's costs.

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LOCAL

Plaintiff wins lawsuit against BMW dealer

BY ANDREW H. FIXMER
Daily Press Staff Writer

Santa Monica BMW was told to pay up for repairs to a Marina Del Ray man's automobile that dealership officials claimed had been taken off-roading.

Steve Aguilar sued the dealership in Santa Monica Small Claims Court last week to recoup more than \$7,800 in damages to his new, \$70,000 BMW 745i sedan.

On two separate occasions, the car's passenger side rear wheel well had collapsed. During the latest instance, a tow truck sent by the dealership to pick up the vehicle punctured one of the car's side panels. Aguilar apparently wasn't pleased.

The plaintiff also sued because the factory-installed car phone never worked, and when he sent it in to be repaired, company officials said it had water damage, which isn't covered under the warranty.

John Passom, the dealership's service manager, acknowledged the auto manufacturer had been having problems with the phones, but he said he found it strange the wheel wells would collapse if Aguilar hadn't been driving the car in rough terrain, or even taking the vehicle off paved roads entirely.

"I find it suspicious that the rear end would collapse like that," he said. "It's strange for any car to do that."

Aguilar denied the claim.

"Who in their right mind would take a \$70,000 automobile off-roading," he said. "That's crazy."

Judge Pro Tem Donald Goldstein agreed. He awarded Aguilar \$5,000 — the maximum amount allowed under small claims rules — to help off-set the repairs he has had to make out of pocket.

"Who would use a car like that off-road," Goldstein said. "I didn't find that argument credible."

"If I could have, I would have given him the full extent of his damages," he added.

The first time the rear wheel collapsed was when Aguilar was pulling out of a friend's driveway earlier this year, he said. He took the car to a nearby San Bernardino mechanic who is BMW certified, he said.

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— STEVE AGUILAR
Marina Del Ray resident

The second time the wheel collapsed occurred when he was driving the car up a steep street in Topanga Canyon. Even though Aguilar said he was driving the car 15 m.p.h., when he went over a speed bump the back end of the car crumpled.

"Both times they claimed I had been four-wheel driving," Aguilar said.

Passom said when Aguilar had the automobile fixed in San Bernardino, the warranty was no longer valid. Only dealerships should be performing work on cars under warranty, he said.

But Goldstein said Aguilar was within his right to go to the nearest BMW certified mechanic to get the car fixed, which in this case was in San Bernardino.

"(Passom) didn't offer any defense," Goldstein said after the trial. "He tried the off-roading thing and taking the car to a different mechanic, but other than that he really didn't offer anything."

Neighbors heard fighting

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"I only heard him yelling at her," the neighbor said. "I was afraid of him because of his temper. You never think it could come to this."

The husband, who is described as a muscular man in his 50s with a lot of tattoos, apparently was trying to kick a drug habit, according to sources.

"He was in good shape except mentally," said the neighbor.

The identities of the husband and

wife have not been released.

Neighbors said the couple lived there alone and their daughters, of which they have several, lived elsewhere, possibly Culver City.

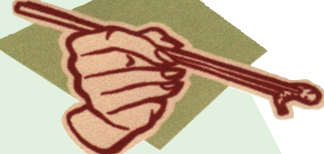
On Sunday, police guarded the crime scene throughout the afternoon. The Los Angeles Coroner removed the bodies about 4:30 p.m.

The Santa Monica Police Department's Robbery/Homicide unit is handling the investigation.

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STATE

Family, friends defend teen who was videotaped, beaten

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Family and friends describe the black teen shown being roughed up by Inglewood police on a nationally televised videotape as "the least likely kid in America" to tangle with the police.

Donovan Jackson, family members said, is a polite kid who likes to bake from scratch, play video games and dreams of becoming a rapper or a model.

"He's doing OK in school. He says it's going fine," said his aunt, Nancy Goins. "I'm sure the deep feelings are still there about what happened to him. Donovan's life has to move on."

The 16-year-old has an "auditory processing disorder" that makes it hard for him to grasp immediately what he hears, family members said.

He has been in special education classes in school, his father said.

Jackson found himself in the national spotlight after a July 6 encounter with police at an Inglewood gas station where his father had been stopped for having an expired registration.

Officers told a Los Angeles County grand jury that Jackson had not responded to their requests immediately. Jackson said he had complied.

A videotape taken by an amateur photographer showed Officer Jeremy Morse slamming Jackson onto the trunk of a police cruiser and hitting him.

A grand jury indicted Morse, who is white, for assault by a peace officer under the color of authority, and Officer Bijan

Darvish on a charge of filing a false police report.

They have pleaded innocent and are scheduled to go on trial Oct. 15.

Jackson's lawyer, Johnnie Cochran, is not letting Jackson talk to reporters, but his family has repeatedly defended him.

"I'd like people to know," said Jackson's uncle, Edward McGrew, a hotel chain executive, "that Donovan is a good-hearted, basic, all-American kid ... that has the same dreams as any other American kid; of one day making something out of himself."

Born in Inglewood, Donovan started talking normally but developed a stutter by age 4 or 5, said his father Coby Chavis, 41. The stutter worsened as he got older. In the fifth grade he was diagnosed with a hearing ailment which resulted in learning difficulties.

"The tests showed he is normal" in intelligence, Chavis said. He was placed in a special education program.

"When he talks, he sounds a little like a deaf person, but he always responded; he carries on a conversation like anyone else," said John Minor, 17, who tutored Donovan in science last school year. "He didn't stutter; it was more like ... he hesitated, especially during a long conversation."

Two months after the July 6 incident, Jackson has returned for his senior year at Leuzinger High in Lawnwood where teachers say he works hard and has never been in trouble.

"The parents should be commended for raising such a nice child," said his former teacher, Cresia Green-Davis.

Frat party booze ban lifted

BY ANGELA WATERCUTTER

Associated Press Writer

BERKELEY — An alcohol ban imposed on fraternities at the University of California, Berkeley has been lifted thanks to a new plan crafted by fraternity members, alumni and UC officials — but the partying will not resume without rules.

The plan, approved last week, uses a good-behavior rating system to determine which fraternities are allowed to serve alcohol at parties. It also allows students to bring a set amount of booze to house parties, which will be distributed through a monitored ticketing system. The alcohol ban could be lifted for some fraternities as early as next weekend.

The drinking ban was imposed following several violations of alcohol rules. Officials cited underage drinking, injuries caused by fighting and accidents, use of hard liquor and fire-code violations as reasons for prohibiting alcohol.

The detailed plan to permit drinking was forged by a large committee of fraternity members, UC officials and Greek alumni.

"I'm really pleased and proud of the work they did, especially the students who provided the leadership," Dean of Students Karen Kennedy told the San Francisco Chronicle.

The ban irked not only students but also alumni returning to their fraternity houses for barbecues and football games.

Some Cal alumni formed an ad hoc group to oppose the measure. The Cal Greek Alumni for Fairness and Respect issued a statement on its Internet discussion group last Wednesday calling the

new plan a "small victory" and announcing its own dissolution.

Under the new plan, hard liquor remains forbidden, but partygoers who are at least 21 will be permitted to bring six beers or wine coolers.

Upon arrival at a party, each person will hand over their drinks to hired security guards, who will give the drinks to a third-party vendor. Guests are then given wristbands and tickets to reclaim their drinks.

"It's worked for us, but I know some other chapters tried to put that in use and it's not always successful," said Alan Mar, president of Delta Tau Delta fraternity, a house that used a self-imposed ticket system prior to the ban.

The plan also establishes a good-behavior rating system for the 35 fraternities that belong to the Inter-Fraternity Council. Points will be issued for rules violations, and a fraternity's ability to serve alcohol at parties is determined by the number of points it has.

"At UC Berkeley we all have houses, when you have a house a lot of liability comes into play," said Greg Smith, president of the Inter-Fraternity Council.

Cal's fraternities have already been divided into risk categories, according to Tina Barnett, the campus director of Greek Life.

Fifteen low-risk fraternities could begin serving alcohol in the coming weeks, but six fraternities in the high-risk group cannot serve alcohol until spring semester. Two other great-risk fraternities are barred from alcohol use for the entire school year.

STATE



Business, law schools offer perks to recruit top students

BY MICHELLE LOCKE
Associated Press Writer

BERKELEY — Rosie Shatkin was delighted when she was accepted by Berkeley's law school, but not sure she wanted to move 400 miles north to attend or whether she could spring for airfare for a pre-commit visit.

That's when she found out the school was willing to fly her — and any other admitted student — in to check out the campus.

"Coming to this school really had a huge impact on my decision. The whole Berkeley environment is just very different and the school seems to embody the community," says Shatkin, now a first-year student at the University of California, Berkeley's Boalt Hall law school. "It's like a communitarian spirit, 'Once you're accepted, we'll do everything we can in order to make the decision and the transition easier for you.'"

Across campus, the Haas School of Business doesn't offer free airfare, but it does ditch plain-vanilla acceptance letters in favor of a personal call from an admissions director — to all 500 or so students.

It's all part, admissions officials say, of the increasingly intense campaign to sign up top law and business students.

"Every school wants to put its best foot forward on this one," says Victoria Ortiz, dean of students at Boalt. "There are more highly qualified students who have a great choice. More law schools, too."

Other schools are turning to technology for an enrollment edge.

This year, successful applicants to The Fuqua School of Business at Duke University got an e-mail innocuously titled "admissions status." A link in the text took the reader to a jazzy slide show with a shot of a jubilant crowd, the sound of cheering and the message "Congratulations! You've been admitted!" flashing across the screen.

The first round of recipients said "it was the coolest thing they'd ever seen," says Liz Riley, admissions director. "Some people said they cried. Some people had chill bumps. Some people had to close their office door to scream."

Meanwhile, Riley says, the percentage of admitted students deciding to enroll rose to 54 percent from 52 percent the year before at Duke's business school.

Berkeley's Boalt has perhaps the most eye-catching enticement with its fly-free program, now in its second year. Tickets are booked at a discount through UC's travel agency and there's a limit of \$350 for out-of-state and \$150 for in-state travel, which Ortiz says is usually more than adequate.

Boalt, which gets about 7,000 applicants a year and accepts 800 or so for 270 spaces, spent about \$31,000 on the program this year with 123 students accepting the offer.

The percentage of admitted students who enroll has increased from 31 percent in 1999 to 35 percent, and officials think the visits have a lot to do with that.

"There are other things that one might spend money on that wouldn't be as effective," says Ortiz. "We strongly believe that if people are going to spend three years of their life in a community, they really ought to know the community."

It doesn't hurt that Berkeley overlooks sparkling San Francisco Bay.

At the Haas School of Business, which

admits fewer than 11 percent of applicants, "We still put a tremendous amount of effort into enticing admitted students to join the community, because many top schools are competing for the same exceptional young people," says Jett Pihakis, director of domestic admissions for the full-time MBA program.

Pihakis is one of the admission callers, sometimes staying up late to call across time zones.

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— JETT PIHAKIS
MBA program director

Priya Haji, a second-year MBA student at Haas, got the call in the summer of 2001. She was impressed by the extra effort and by the fact that Pihakis knew enough about her file to carry on a conversation about her work running a non-profit drug treatment program.

"Not only did I get one phone call, but I had several, and also came in and met with him personally. He was really welcoming. That really influenced my choice to come here," she says.

When an applicant accepts, "There's a real visceral reaction," says Pihakis. "We'll either be high-fiving, 'Yes! She's coming.' Or, 'Ah, he's going somewhere else.' We really feel the excitement."

At the University of Southern California's law school, associate dean Robert M. Saltzman agrees the graduate student market is tighter.

"Like many things, it is more competitive. It is more aggressive and we all, individually and institutionally, make decisions about what we think will work and what we think is appropriate," he says.

USC has considered flying out applicants but decided on quieter methods, such as receptions and putting prospective students in touch with alumni practicing in their area.

"The underlying question, and I don't know if anybody knows the answer to this ... is how effective that kind of thing is," he says.

Boalt officials are happy with their program, but Ortiz agrees the bedrock of recruiting is treating applicants courteously and making them feel welcome.

"You need to be able to show them as much as possible what the reality will be for them when they're students, so they don't just get tricked into thinking, 'Oh, well, I'll go to that school because it's in the top 10.'"

"You want them to attend," says Ortiz, "but you want them to be happy."

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STATE

Confusion, conflict stall spread of alternative cars

BY ANDREW BRIDGES
AP Science Writer

WEST SACRAMENTO — In the parking lot of a building squeezed between Interstate 80 and the Sacramento River, Kota Manabe did something at once as elemental as it was revolutionary: he topped off the tank of a sport utility vehicle.

The only suggestions that anything was out of the ordinary were the flame-retardant suit the Toyota engineer wore and the fuel he pumped into the Highlander: pure hydrogen.

"Basically, it's just like refueling at a normal station," fellow engineer Kyo Hattori said.

Almost. While hydrogen is the most abundant element in the universe, as an automotive fuel it's about as commonplace as moon travel. There are only two hydrogen filling stations in the entire state.

The futuristic SUV being tested at the California Fuel Cell Partnership is part of an international push to create cars and trucks that run more cleanly and efficiently than any in history. Fuel cells combine hydrogen and oxygen to produce electricity and emit only water vapor and heat.

But the hydrogen-powered Highlander also exemplifies a critical problem faced by such alternative vehicles: They may be extremely friendly to the environment but they're mostly a mystery to consumers.

That disconnect is the result of several factors, including consumer uncertainty about performance and resistance to change by major automakers. As a result, the spread of alternative fuel vehicles has been slow.

"The Big Three have often used future vehicles as an excuse not to produce current innovations — it's the Wimpy approach, the 'I will gladly pay you Tuesday, but don't make us do anything today to increase fuel efficiency and in 10 to 20 years we will produce a much more efficient car,'" said Daniel Becker, director of the Sierra Club's global warming and energy program.

For decades, California has been at the forefront of the clean vehicle movement aimed at fighting smog and global warming while cutting dependence on imported oil. The innovations have been driven by California's Air Resources Board, which can set air quality standards independent of the federal government.

"The push for hydrogen fuel cells, hybrid cars and gasoline cars that have lower emissions than automakers ever claimed would be possible are all the result of air board regulations," said agency spokesman Richard Varenchik.

Today, the state is teeming with enterprises like the California Fuel Cell Partnership aimed at helping meet the state's zero emission mandate. The rule requires that an increasing percentage of new cars and trucks emit no pollution from their tailpipes.

The mandate was to have taken effect next year, but auto manufacturers won a preliminary injunction in June that delays implementation for two years and requires the Air Resources Board to review the rule in 2003.

Vehicles powered by alternative fuels are a big part of meeting that mandate, but

thus far the movement has failed to gain much speed. As of 2001, there were about 456,000 alternative-fuel powered vehicles licensed in the United States, including those that run on batteries, natural gas and ethanol, according to the U.S. Department of Energy.

Another 40,000 are hybrids, in which a gasoline engine is paired with an electric motor to boost fuel efficiency and reduce tailpipe emissions. Together, the numbers are dwarfed by the 210 million gasoline and diesel cars and trucks on the nation's roads.

Automakers argue that consumers won't buy cars simply because they are environmentally friendly.

"There can be no sacrifices. This vehicle has to be a better car," said Anthony Eggert, an engineer with Ford's Think Technologies, which is developing a hydrogen fuel-cell car.

Nor will anyone buy the newfangled technology unless it's appealing, said Leonard Stobar, a professor at Art Center College of Design, the Pasadena school that turns out roughly half of the world's car designers.

"You got to make them desirable. You got to make them attractive. You can make any vehicle that is good to the environment, but if I don't want to be seen in it, you won't sell it," said Stobar, who is helping develop a three-wheeled vehicle capable of driving coast-to-coast on a single tank of gas.

Automakers say hydrogen fuel cell vehicles come closest to fitting the bill because their power sources can be packaged in a way that allows more radical body designs. They can also pack a punch, as Eggert demonstrated on a recent test drive by gunning a Ford prototype.

They're also the cleanest thing going, since they spew only warm water vapor clean enough to inhale. Honda and Toyota plan to introduce the first hydrogen-powered vehicles in very limited numbers by year's end but claim they need another decade to perfect the technology.

For the time being, that leaves battery-powered vehicles as the only pure zero emission offerings. But their cost, limited range and the time they take to recharge have hampered their popularity.

A number of models have come and gone in recent years. The latest are Ford's Think electric vehicles, which the automaker intends to stop selling in the United States because of lack of demand.

One way to lower emissions is to boost fuel economy. But nationally, the Bush administration has been loath to boost efficiency requirements and has instead thrown its support behind hydrogen research.

Less than 6 percent of the 2002 models of U.S. cars and trucks get better than 30 miles per gallon, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. In 2001, the weighted average of all new passenger cars and trucks was 20.4 mpg — a 21-year low.

Auto manufacturers say they would offer more fuel-efficient vehicles — if consumers wanted them.

"The fuel economy of our cars will be decided by consumers. They will choose the vehicles that suit them best," said Charles Territo, spokesman for the Alliance of Auto Manufacturers, an industry group.

NATIONAL



Critics say INS rejecting valid asylum applications

BY TINA MOORE

Associated Press Writer

POTTSTOWN, Pa. — Bernard Lukwago says he was forced to serve as a human shield for rebel forces in his native Uganda when he was 15, and all he wanted at the time was to return home.

Now, that's the last place he wants to go. "I'm very scared for my life," Lukwago said.

Lukwago, 20, is one of thousands of people trying to win asylum with an Immigration and Naturalization Service made more cautious by the Sept. 11 attacks.

His supporters say the terror attacks have created a climate of fear that has caused immigration officials to reject asylum-seekers with legitimate claims.

"Everybody is kind of generally afraid. So as a result they're taking that fear, concern for safety, out on immigrants," said Michele Pistone, who advised Lukwago at her legal clinic for asylum seekers at Villanova University.

For the first nine months of fiscal 2002,

asylum rejections jumped 24 percent from 9,318 to 11,509 compared with the same period the previous year, according to the INS. Approvals were down 3 percent from 15,213 to 14,701. Total asylum applications rose 3 percent from 49,346 to 51,060.

"Asylum seekers were very vulnerable even prior to Sept. 11. They've become even more so in the post-9-11 enforcement climate of the INS," said Eleanor Acer, director of the Asylum Program at the Lawyers Committee for Human Rights. She is not involved in the Lukwago case.

Lukwago arrived at New York's Kennedy Airport on Nov. 22, 2000, carrying a passport given to him by a friend in Holland. He immediately applied for asylum.

He spent 21 months in illegal immigrant detention wards at Pennsylvania prisons as the INS considered his bid. An immigration judge denied his request in August. He was released and is awaiting a federal appeals court decision.

Lukwago, who is being given shelter by a humanitarian group called the

Fellowship Farm, said soldiers of the Lord's Resistance Army came to his family's farm in 1997, kicked in the door and gunned down his parents.

"They shoot my mother, she fell on the floor; she never wake up. And then, my father was on the floor, but he wasn't dead," Lukwago said. "I run to my father and he tell me, 'Bernard, run, run, go, go.' I don't know where to go, and then these rebels they just got me from there."

The rebels took him to their camp and threatened to kill him if he didn't follow their orders, he said.

"When we see the government soldiers, we shoot. And the children who don't follow their orders, they kill the children," he said.

After four months, Lukwago said he escaped.

U.S. Immigration Judge Walter Durling decided in August that Lukwago's testimony wasn't credible, based on allegedly inconsistent statements and his demeanor in the courtroom, which included a lack of eye contact.

Lukwago's lawyers say the inconsistencies were the result of communication problems and that lack of eye contact is a sign of respect for authority in Uganda.

When the judge asked Lukwago how he felt when his parents were shot, the answer, repeated several times, was: "Nervous." Durling found that suspicious.

But he wrote in his opinion that credibility judgments are subjective.

"In many cases all it comes down to is the judge's opinion of whether credibility has been established, or not," Durling wrote.

Durling ruled that Lukwago should be deported, but not to Uganda. His lawyers fear a federal court may send him back home, where they say he would be killed as a traitor.

The Board of Immigration Appeals has since found that credibility should not have been an issue. But it upheld the denial of asylum. The U.S. 3rd Circuit Court of Appeals is now hearing the case.

"If he doesn't get asylum, I don't see who in post-9/11 will," said Jennifer Kramer, a lawyer for Lukwago.

Columnist resigns after sex scandal involving teen-ager

BY DON BABWIN

Associated Press Writer

CHICAGO — Nationally syndicated Chicago Tribune columnist Bob Greene resigned after acknowledging he engaged in inappropriate sexual conduct with a teenage girl, the newspaper said Sunday.

In a note on the paper's front page, editor Ann Marie Lipinski said Greene acknowledged the sexual conduct with a girl in her late teens whom he met in connection with his column.

Greene, 55, told The Associated Press in an email Sunday, there have been "indiscretions in my life that I am not proud of." He did not address the conduct that led to his resignation.

"I don't have the words to express the sadness I feel,"

Greene wrote. "I am very sorry for anyone I have let down, including the readers who have for so long meant so much to me."

In a phone call, Greene declined to further discuss the matter.

"Today I need to be with my family and loved ones," he wrote.

Greene has written extensively on social issues and American life in columns that appeared in the Tribune four times a week and were syndicated for newspapers around the country. In 1998, he was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize for columns on local children whose lives were mishandled by the judicial and welfare systems. He also has written several books and provided commentary on Tribune-owned WGN TV.

"Greene's behavior was a serious violation of Tribune

ethics and standards for its journalists," Lipinski wrote in Sunday's editions. "We deeply regret the conduct, its effect on the young woman and the impact the disclosure has on the trust our readers placed in Greene and this newspaper."

The Tribune first heard of the allegation after receiving an anonymous complaint last week, prompting an inquiry by editors and other Tribune officials, Lipinski wrote. The conduct occurred "some years ago," she said.

Greene was suspended by the paper, which then sought his resignation. He submitted it Saturday night.

Gary Weitman, a spokesman for Tribune Co., said the newspaper would have no further comment.

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Copies of the Proposed FY 2002-03 One-Year Action Plan are now available to the public for a 30-day community review period ending June 25, 2002. To obtain a copy of the Proposed FY 2002-03 One-Year Action Plan, please contact the Human Services Division, 1685 Main Street, Room 212, Santa Monica, CA 90401, telephone (310) 458-8701. Please send your written comments to the above address by June 25, 2002.

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NATIONAL

Poor training, last-minute glitches in election fiasco

BY ALLEN G. BREED
Associated Press Writer

MIAMI — Eleven other Florida counties had the same kind of touch-screen voting machines used in Miami-Dade County, where voting irregularities have tied up another major election.

They were operated by similar crews of mainly elderly volunteers who had worked low-tech elections for years.

So why did Tuesday's primary go so well in those places and so miserably here?

For starters, those other counties trained their poll workers up to three times longer than Miami-Dade. Some made sure volunteers could read the English instructions. Most had their machines longer than Miami-Dade did, and they didn't experience the same cascade of last-minute technical glitches that faced the state's most populous county.

"We kept modifying procedures," Miami-Dade Elections Supervisor David Leahy said Sunday as workers continued going through machines to retrieve uncounted votes. "We had to train and retrain. But going into the election, we thought we had it covered."

Results of Florida's Democratic gubernatorial race are on hold until final totals can be tabulated Tuesday. The state's certification deadline is Wednesday. Based on unofficial results, Tampa lawyer Bill McBride leads former U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno by about 8,000 votes.

In the 2000 presidential election, it was Palm Beach's confusing butterfly ballot that drew ridicule. Other counties had punch card ballots plagued by hanging and dimpled chads.

This time, it's Miami-Dade's touch-screen terminals and overwhelmed poll workers.

Retiree Jack Wile said he trained with some 40 others on the new iVotronic machines for about four hours. He has a computer and understood the instructions but says only about four people in the class who seemed to grasp the nuances of the system.

"The rest of the people who were in the class were in a fog," said Wile, an assistant precinct clerk.

"Some of them couldn't even figure out where to sign the sheet to show that they took the class."

Precinct clerk Dorothy Walton, who has been working polls since 1973, said she came away from training without knowing exactly how to close out the machines at day's end. She said she didn't ask questions because she was supposed to have a helper who did know.

The helper didn't show up Tuesday.

Workers in Pasco and Sarasota counties got 12 hours of training, and Sarasota County required them to pass a written test. But in Miami-Dade, where the ballots were in English, Spanish and Creole, workers weren't even required to prove basic literacy.

And there were other problems:

■ A lengthy bidding process meant Miami-Dade didn't get all of its 7,250 machines until June. They had to be tinkered with right up to the eve of the election, and instruction manuals still were being updated a month after workers completed their training.

■ Wording was changed on ballots for the Democratic gubernatorial

race, requiring the replacement of thousands of data-storage cards — a process that wasn't finished until Sept. 9.

■ Software required for the trilingual ballot increased the machines' boot-up time from six minutes to about 10. And because an antifraud feature prevented workers from booting the machines up before 6 a.m., Wile said, it was impossible to get all 17 of his precinct's machines ready by the 7 a.m. start time.

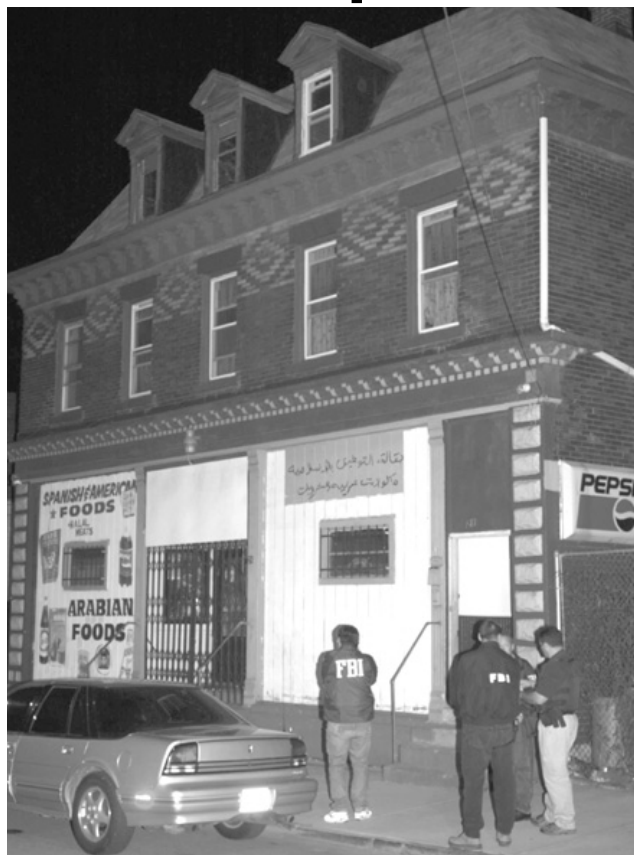
Clerks were told they could open with just a few machines, but some sites waited for hours until all of their machines were ready. Wile opened on time with six machines.

■ Poll workers were told to call a help desk if necessary, but when Walton tried that she got no answer. "I called and called and called," she said.

Elections Supervisor David Leahy, who is facing cries for his removal, described it all as akin to shoveling sand against the tide.

"We had almost 100 people in the field, which is far more than we had before," he said. "Before election day it sounded like a reasonable plan."

Terrorist suspects



David Duprey/Associated Press

FBI officers gather at a residence in Lackawanna, N.Y., Friday after officials said five men of Yemeni descent, most believed to be American citizens, were arrested on suspicions they were operating as a terrorist cell on U.S. soil.

INTERNATIONAL



Arabs work to avert Mideast war, press U.N. action on Palestinians

BY SAM F. GHATTAS
Associated Press Writer

UNITED NATIONS — Arabs sought on Sunday to head off a war between Iraq and the United States, but also pressed the United Nations for action on another destabilizing dispute in their region, the Palestinian-Israeli conflict.

Arab countries joined other nations that have called on Iraq to comply with U.N. resolutions to avert a showdown with Washington. And Saudi Arabia, the richest Arab state, signaled a policy shift likely to put more pressure on the Iraqi government.

Saudi Arabian leaders previously had ruled out any use of Saudi bases by U.S. forces to attack Iraq. But Foreign Minister Saud al-Faisal said Sunday on CNN that if the U.N. Security Council authorizes military action against Iraq, "Everybody is obliged to follow through."

In another interview, with the London-based newspaper Al Hayat, Saud urged Saddam Hussein's regime to quickly allow U.N. weapons inspectors back into Iraq to head off a new Security Council resolution that could open the way for military action.

President Bush demanded last week that the United Nations force Iraq to comply with resolutions requiring U.N. supervision of the destruction of Iraqi weapons of mass destruction. He warned that America will act, alone if necessary, if the Security Council doesn't.

Jordan, a neighbor of Iraq that faced an influx of refugees during the 1991 Gulf War and worries about the repercussions of another war, also called on Iraq to implement Security Council resolutions, including the return of U.N. weapons inspectors. Compliance would spare the region "the dire consequences" of war, Jordanian Foreign Minister Marwan Muasher told the U.N. General Assembly on Sunday.

Iraq's foreign minister, Naji Sabri, said late Saturday he hoped the crisis could be resolved without new action by the council.

Although the Iraq crisis has taken center stage at the current session of the General Assembly, Arabs said the conflict with Israel continues to dominate their lives, as it has since the establishment of the Jewish state in 1948.

Syria's foreign minister accused the world of "blind bias" in dealing with Iraq while ignoring what he said was Israel's refusal to abide by similar international demands.

"Is it reasonable for the world to request Iraq implement Security Council resolutions while some assist Israel in being above international law?" Farouk al-Sharaa asked in a speech Sunday to the General Assembly, clearly referring to the United States, which Arabs consider Israel's main protector.

Arab countries maintain a war in Iraq could destabilize a region already tense over Palestinian-Israeli violence.

The United States is pushing for a Security Council resolution that would set a quick deadline for Iraq to allow the return of weapons inspectors and comply with all previous resolutions. If Iraq did not comply, the Bush administration wants the council's authorization to take military action.

Secretary of State Colin Powell met with council members last week to garner support for a tough resolution.

U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan on Saturday joined a meeting of the 22-member Arab League at the United Nations to urge them to individually pressure Iraq.

Arab diplomats later said Iraq's Sabri told them his country was ready to let inspectors return, but after certain conditions were met. Washington has rejected any conditions.

Weapons inspectors who were seeking

Off to late start



Thanassis Stavrakis/Associated Press

Workers dig at an excavation site at the Olympic rowing center in Schinias, northeast of Athens, on Thursday, where they have uncovered two foundations of 4,000-year-old dwellings. Even though the International Olympic Committee has repeatedly warned Athens Olympic organizers that there is no time for interruptions in building the long-delayed facilities, antiquities buried underground for thousands of years are posing delicate problems with meeting tight deadlines.

out the elements of Iraq's projects on nuclear, chemical and biological weapons left the country before U.S. and British airstrikes in 1998 and have not been allowed to return.

Saddam's regime maintains it has fulfilled all U.N. obligations and wants an end to U.N. sanctions imposed after the Iraqi army invaded Kuwait in 1990.

Syria, like other Arab countries, has frequently complained that Israel is not held to account for refusing to implement U.N. resolutions calling for Israeli withdrawal from Arab territories captured in the 1967 Middle East war.

In his speech Thursday, Bush reaffirmed Washington's support for creation of a Palestinian state side by side with Israel and said America will continue to encourage efforts to reach a "just and comprehensive settlement" to that conflict.

At the General Assembly on Sunday, Sharaa repeated Syria's opposition to an

attack on Iraq and then took aim at Israel.

"Making Israel abide by Security Council resolutions amounting to 28 resolutions" is the only way out of the Middle East crisis, Sharaa said.

Bahrain's foreign minister also urged U.N. action to end the Palestinian-Israeli conflict.

"The oppression to which the Palestinian people are subjected to ... requires the immediate intervention of the Security Council and the international community to stop Israeli practices against the Palestinian people," Sheik Mohammed bin Mubarak told the General Assembly.

Jordan's Muasher called for Israeli withdrawal from occupied Palestinian cities and for the resumption of peace negotiations.

Senior officials from the United States, the United Nations, the European Union and Russia are scheduled to meet Tuesday to discuss the Israel-Palestinian situation.

Shariah's death row: Stoning sentences surge in Nigeria

BY D'ARCY DORAN
Associated Press Writer

LAGOS, Nigeria — When her time to die comes, convicted adulteress Amina Lawal will be buried up to her neck in sand. When only her head remains exposed, those watching will be invited to throw stones until the 30-year-old single mother is dead.

"As they throw, they will be calling 'God is great,'" court official Ibrahim Abdullahi says, outlining procedure for the first in a sudden string of executions by stoning in Nigeria's Islamic northern states.

Lawal and others of a growing number of men and women on Nigeria's Shariah death row have emerged as pawns in a political battle for power in Nigeria — one that high-ranking civil and religious figures feel has gotten out of control.

The rush in Nigeria's north to impose the harshest possible sentences under Islamic law — newly adopted by a dozen states — has laid bare the split between Nigeria's predominantly Muslim north and predominantly Christian south.

The death sentences have become an act of defiance by northern leaders against President Olusegun Obasanjo, whom they accuse of neglect, and against the south as a whole, where Nigeria's economic power lies.

Southerners accuse the rulers of the mainly Muslim

north of manipulating Islam to divide voters along religious lines — and to distract the people from their state governments' poor performance since military rule ended in Nigeria three years ago.

On Aug. 22, a Shariah appeal court upheld Lawal's death by stoning sentence for having sex outside of marriage. She gave birth more than nine months after divorcing. The father was dismissed for lack of evidence.

The court postponed her execution to 2004 so she can wean her daughter. But with each day Wasila grows older, Lawal's life grows shorter.

Clutching Wasila, Lawal broke down in tears as a judge announced to a cheering courtroom that the death sentence stood. Outside the court, she clung to her lawyer — terrified under the misapprehension that the sentence was to be carried out on the spot.

"She knew if she stayed close to me they wouldn't stone her," her lawyer, Hauwa Ibrahim, explained.

Lawal remains in hiding, out of her lawyers' fear that someone might try to execute the judgment before her next appeal is considered Sept. 25.

Abdullahi said if Lawal is stoned, authorities will make sure it is a spectacle. "They will find a place that is open. So people can come and see it done. So others can see what she has done," he said.

In the past month, four people in northern Nigeria have filed appeals against stoning death sentences:

Lawal, a man convicted of raping a 9-year-old girl and a couple sentenced for adultery. But no one has been stoned to death yet in Nigeria.

Lawal's case provoked an international outcry. Government and human rights groups around the world have urged Obasanjo's government to intercede. The president has said he doesn't believe the sentence will be carried out — but will weep for Lawal if it is.

Attorney General Kanu Agabi says government lawyers will assist with Lawal's appeal, but less than two weeks before her next court date, her lawyers say they have not been contacted by his ministry. Obasanjo's government has made no open move to block the sentence.

The European Parliament's women's rights committee has called for a boycott of the Miss World pageant set for Nov. 30 in Nigeria's capital, Abuja. France and Belgium have already said they are withdrawing their pageant contestants.

But northern state governments say international protests will not make them overturn the death sentences — because they are only accountable to God.

"The Muslim has the Quran as his first constitution," said Usman Zakari Dutse, the government spokesman for Jigawa state, where the child rapist has been sentenced to death by stoning. "We don't care what international organizations say."



SPORTS

Los Angeles Dodgers lose, still searching for wild-card

BY JOHN MOSSMAN
AP Sports Writer

DENVER — It didn't take the Los Angeles Dodgers long to shrug off their disappointing performance against Colorado.

Not with a four-game series at home coming up against their main competition in the NL wild-card race, the San Francisco Giants.

Todd Zeile hit a three-run homer and Brent Butler a two-run shot as the Rockies edged the Dodgers 5-4 Sunday.

The Rockies took three of four in the series from the Dodgers, who began the day one game behind San Francisco. Los Angeles has lost seven of its last nine.

"This is no one else's fault," Dodgers catcher Paul Lo Duca said. "We put ourselves in this situation. We felt we should have won three of the four games here, and we only won once. We're just going to have to beat the Giants."

Shortstop Mark Grudzielanek said the Dodgers "definitely have put ourselves in a little hole. But now we've got the Giants head-to-head, so we have to take care of business."

Manager Jim Tracy said the Dodgers "didn't beat ourselves. They beat us. We can't dwell on that. It's over. If we had played really poorly, it would be one thing. But we lost 5-4 on Friday

and 5-4 today. What matters is the next four games."

Rockies starter Denny Neagle departed in the third inning with tightness in his left forearm. He is day to day.

His quick departure put added stress on an already overworked Rockies bullpen. They responded admirably.

Justin Speier (5-0) earned the win with 2 1-3 scoreless innings of relief. Jose Jimenez got six straight outs for his 40th save in 45 opportunities.

"That was awesome," Rockies manager Clint Hurdle said. "Bailing wire and duct tape. You guys can do the math. We were taxed. We were stretched out as far as we could go. I still had (Brian) Fuentes out there, but he threw 34 pitches yesterday. We were playing with a hand grenade from the fourth inning on."

"Everybody who came into the game after Neagle left showed up big-time."

Speier thinks the Rockies are playing with the intensity of a contending team.

"To take three of four from the Dodgers when they're contending, that's a huge thing for us," he said.

Andy Ashby (9-12) went 4 1-3 innings, yielding seven hits and five runs. Lo Duca and Marquis Grissom homered for the Dodgers.

Lo Duca hit a solo homer in the first, his ninth.

The Rockies countered with two runs in the second. One inning after Rockies center fielder Juan Pierre lost a flyball in the sun for a double, Dodgers center fielder Marquis Grissom also lost a fly, allowing Zeile to reach second. Butler followed with his eighth homer.

Each team loaded the bases in the third but failed to score.

Neagle got two outs in the third before issuing two walks and an infield single. He then left the game, and Speier retired Eric Karros on a grounder.

With two outs in the Rockies' half, Ashby issued three straight walks, but Zeile grounded out.

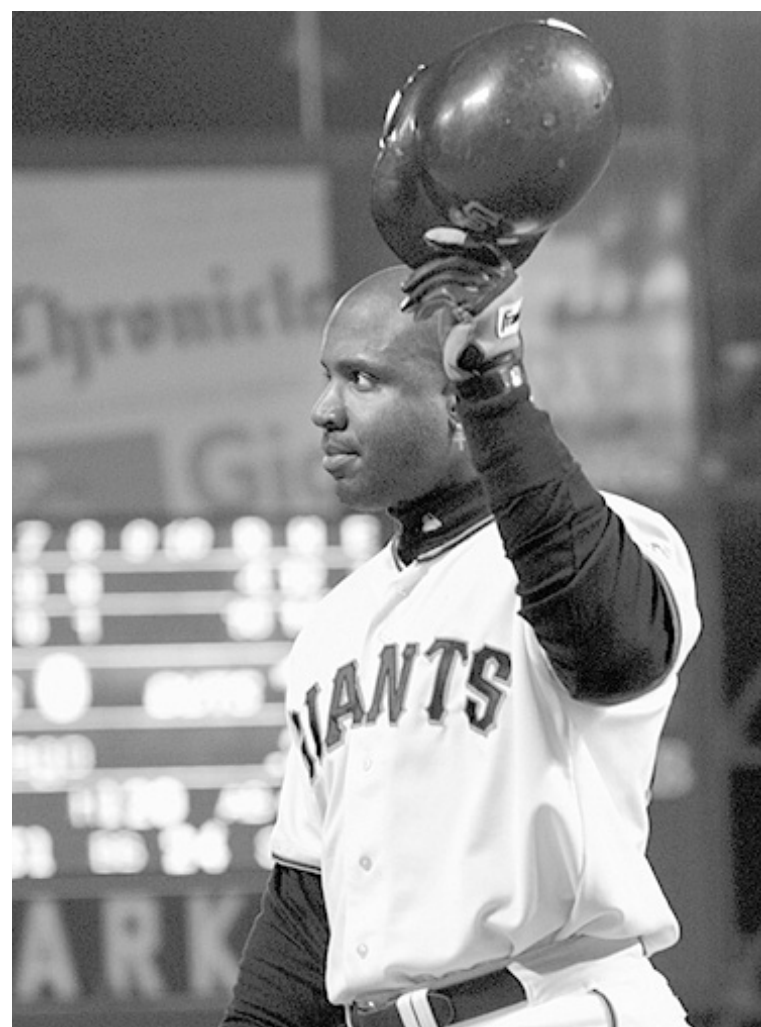
Zeile hit his 17th homer in the fifth, chasing Ashby. With one out, Todd Helton walked, Larry Walker singled and Zeile homered to the opposite field.

Los Angeles cut the deficit to 5-3 in the sixth on RBI singles by Adrian Beltre and Mark Grudzielanek off Todd Jones.

Grissom led off the seventh with his 15th homer, making it 5-4.

Notes: Since returning to the starting rotation on Aug. 3 after a stint in the bullpen, Neagle has a 2.95 ERA. ... Ashby is winless in his last four outings. ... The Dodgers dropped their third straight series. ... The Rockies are 2-5-2 in four-game series this year. ... Speier stranded all three inherited runners and has stranded a major league-best 33 of 35 (.943) this season.

This one's for the record



Dave Kennedy/Associated Press

San Francisco Giants' Barry Bonds acknowledges the applause of the crowd as he is taken out of the game in the eighth inning after getting a single against the San Diego Padres in San Francisco, Saturday. The Giants won 12-4. Bonds reached 100 RBIs in a season for the 11th time in his career, tying the NL record set by Hank Aaron.

Denver Broncos defeat 49ers in SF

BY GREG BEACHAM
AP Sports Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — With a defense that's too much for the NFL's most potent offenses, the Denver Broncos have knocked off two Super Bowl hopefuls — though the San Francisco 49ers certainly didn't look like contenders for anything.

Mike Anderson rushed for 95 yards and caught a touchdown pass, and Brian Griese threw two TD passes as the Broncos beat the punchless 49ers 24-14 Sunday.

Olandis Gary rushed for 61 yards and a TD as Denver (2-0) followed up a surprising 23-16 win over St. Louis in its opener with a dominant defensive performance against San Francisco (1-1), which boasts Pro Bowlers at three skill positions.

The Broncos, who have missed the playoffs in two of the past three seasons, appear ready to reclaim their spot among the NFL's elite after an impressive victory at Candlestick Point, where the 49ers lost for just the second time in 10 home games.

Fans booed the Niners heartily in the second half, and thousands headed for the exits early.

Griese, almost benched for Steve Beuerlein last week, was unimaginative but efficient in completing 14 of 19 passes for 119 yards. He threw a 1-yard scoring pass to Anderson in the third as Denver overcame a slow start on offense with 24 straight points over the final three quarters.

The Broncos even overcame the loss of their radio headsets during the first half. Denver, which hadn't played in San Francisco since 1997, apparently was using the same radio frequency as the 49ers, and the Broncos were forced to call plays with a shuttle system from coach Mike Shanahan until the problem was fixed.

Though San Francisco's defense played well in the first half, the game could be a significant step back in the rebuilding plans of the 49ers, who hadn't looked this bad since returning to the playoffs last season.

While the Broncos were victimized by equipment, the 49ers caused their own problems. Starting with consecutive false-start penalties on Terrell Owens during their first drive, the Niners committed 10 penalties

for 114 yards.

Owens caught an 8-yard TD pass from Jeff Garcia in the second quarter, but the 49ers' vaunted offense was dismal for the second straight week. San Francisco managed just 261 total yards — 67 on a meaningless final drive — with a game plan that didn't seem to fool the Broncos' defense even once.

Owens caught just one pass in the first three quarters, finishing with five for 38 yards. Garcia was 27-of-36 for 205 yards, fumbling once and throwing a key interception in the fourth.

Ronnie Heard committed a 39-yard pass interference penalty when he wrapped up Rod Smith in the end zone on the final play of the third quarter, leading to Gary's 1-yard TD run and a 17-7 lead for Denver.

San Francisco finally mounted a drive in the fourth, but Deltha O'Neal intercepted Garcia's underthrown pass to Tai Streets at the 1. Denver then made a 13-play, 99-yard scoring drive, with Scottie Montgomery catching an 11-yard TD pass from Griese with 2:58 left.

Garcia had a 1-yard TD dive with 1:23 left.

BY TIM DAHLBERG
AP Boxing Writer

LAS VEGAS — Just when it seemed Oscar De La Hoya might be nearing the end of his career, he came up with the fight of his life. In doing so, he also answered a lot of questions about his heart.

Criticized for running against Felix Trinidad, De La Hoya stood and punched it out with Fernando Vargas, scoring a knockout win Saturday night that may have done as much for his career and reputation as winning the gold medal in the 1992 Olympics.

"Boxing's a tough sport. Sometimes you have to let your fists do the talking," De La Hoya said. "I let my fists do the talking this time."

De La Hoya survived a barrage of right hands from a fighter who was younger and supposed to be stronger only to come back and dominate the middle rounds before finally stopping a bloodied and battered Vargas in the 11th round.

Vargas had said he would rather die than lose, and there were some who questioned whether De La Hoya had the heart to match him.

It turned out he did, and more, in a fight that had the sellout crowd at the Mandalay Bay hotel-

casino screaming in delight.

"That was the signature fight for Oscar," promoter Bob Arum said. "This was his best performance ever."

Arum is prone to overstatement, but it was hard to argue with the results. De La Hoya overcame questions both about his left hand and his ability to punch at 154 pounds to finally take apart a Los Angeles-area rival who did everything he could to irritate him.

He earned \$14 million, added the WBA 154-pound title to the WBC belt he already held, and established himself once again as boxing's premier non-heavyweight attraction.

De La Hoya also promised there would be more to come.

"I'm hungry, hungrier than ever," he said. "I feel fresh."

De La Hoya needed to win what had become a neighborhood feud to set up two more fights he really wants — rematches against Felix Trinidad and Shane Mosley, the only two fighters to beat him.

Trinidad insists he's retired, but Mosley was at ringside Saturday night and says he's game. De La Hoya is likely to fight a lesser fighter in January and then possibly fight Mosley in May.

De La Hoya's hungrier than ever, still has heart

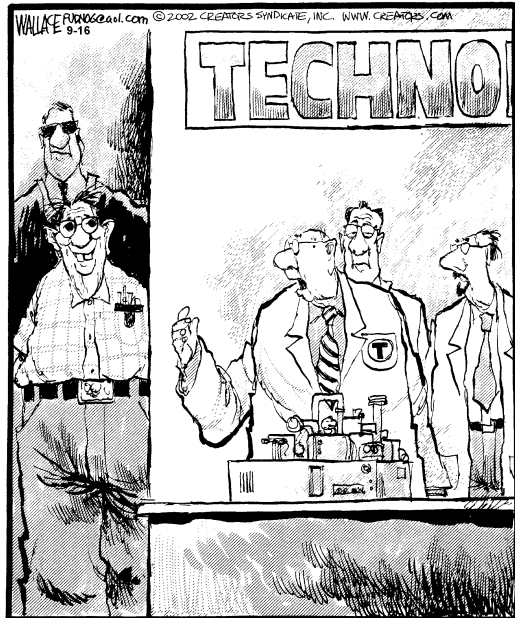
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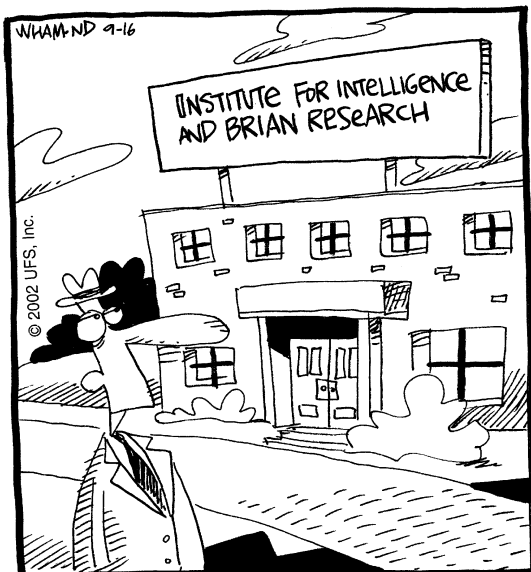
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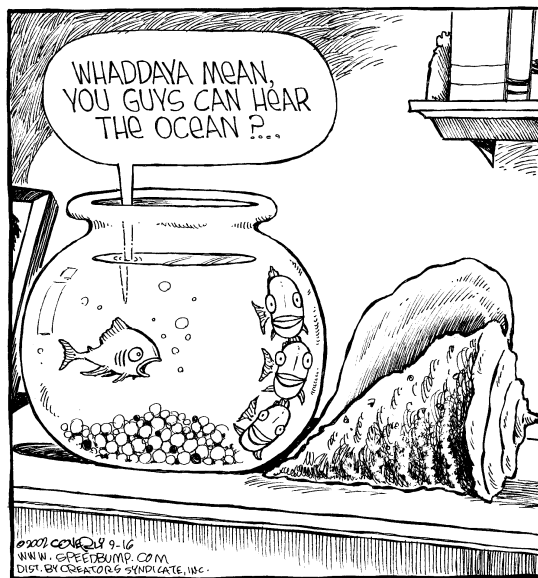
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD by Chuck Shepard

Six-year-old plays high school football

Football player Dennis Johnson, now an Arizona Cardinals rookie defensive end, began his high school football career at age 6 as a 5-foot-7, 170-pound second-grader playing for Harrodsburg (Ky.) High School, according to an April Los Angeles Times profile. (Nowadays, only ninth-graders and up can play, by national rule.) Johnson appeared in several games that year (after Harrodsburg had built up big leads), apparently holding his own against 18-year-olds.

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Calendar

Monday, September 16, 2002

movies

Loews Broadway Cinema
1441 Third St. at Broadway
City by the Sea (R) 12:20, 1:40, 3:00, 4:20, 5:40, 7:00, 8:20, 9:40, 11:00. Igby Goes Down (R) 12:00, 1:25, 2:30, 3:45, 5:00, 6:15, 7:30, 8:45, 10:00, 11:15.

Mann Criterion
1313 Third St.
Spider Man (PG-13) 1:50, 7:15. Men In Black II (PG-13) 11:30, 4:40, 10:00. Austin Powers in Goldmember (PG-13) 11:50, 2:20, 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, 12:00. XXX (PG-13) 12:00, 3:30, 7:00, 10:10. Stealing Harvard (PG-13) 11:45, 2:00, 4:30, 7:10, 9:40, 12:00.

AMC Theatre SM 7
1310 3rd Street
Signs (PG-13) 1:30, 4:20, 7:20, 9:55. FearDotcom (R) 9:40. Road to Perdition (R) 1:15, 4:00, 7:10, 9:50. Barbershop (PG-13) 12:30, 2:55, 5:25, 8:00, 10:30. Blue Crush (PG-13) 2:00, 4:30, 7:05. Spy Kids 2 (PG) 1:45, 4:10, 7:00, 9:30. Blood Work (R) 4:45, 10:00. Swimfan (PG-13) 12:50, 3:10, 5:30, 7:45, 10:10. Serving Sara (PG-13) 2:15, 7:30.

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

Laemmle Monica
1332 2nd St.
Possession (PG-13) 1:45, 4:25, 7:05, 9:50. The Good Girl (R) 1:00, 3:15, 5:30, 7:50, 10:10.

Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave.
Tadpole (PG-13) 5:00, 7:30, 10:00.

Today

Community

Toddler Time, 10 a.m. Barnes & Noble at the Promenade and Wilshire. (310)260-9110.

Santa Monica Strutters, a FREE program sponsored by UCLA Healthcare's 50-Plus Program! Walking programs for adults 50 or older looking for safe, low-impact exercise in a comfortable environment. The Santa Monica Strutters meet Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, from 8 a.m. To 10 a.m., at Santa Monica Place, Fourth St. and Broadway Ave. in Santa Monica.

Senior Suppers - Discounted meals for people AGE 55 or older are served daily, from 3:30 p.m. To 7 p.m., in the cafeteria at Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center, 1250 16th Street in Santa Monica. \$3.69 Info only: (310)319-4837.

Theater & Arts

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