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Lee Johnson (left) explains to a Santa Monica police officer Friday afternoon that she was hit by a Winnebago while riding her bike on Colorado Avenue and Fifth Street. The driver, unaware that she hit Lee, returned to the scene after a couple of city employees, who witnessed the incident, flagged the driver down in their electric cart.

Student enrollment swells throughout school district

BY ANDREW H. FIXMER
Daily Press Staff Writer

Despite efforts to lower class sizes throughout the Santa Monica-Malibu School District, class rooms are likely to remain overcrowded this year.

Preliminary enrollment figures released by the school district show total enrollment swelled by more than 100 students from last year with the total student body increasing from 12,688 to 12,712.

Much of the growth in the student body occurred at Santa Monica High School and at John Adams and Lincoln middle schools.

The number of high school students rose by 70 — the equivalent of roughly two and a half classes. At John Adams and Lincoln, the student body increased by 31 and 35, respectively.

“We tend to have an attrition that happens from eighth grade to ninth grade, but that didn’t happen this year.”

— JOHN DEASY
Superintendent of schools

The number of families living in the district that opted to enroll their children in the public school system accounted for much of the student body increase, school administrators said.

“We had new resident enrollment well beyond our predicted numbers,” said Superintendent John Deasy.

“Families are growing obviously pleased with

Santa Monica Unified School District Enrollment Comparison
2002/2003 School Year — September 13, 2002-revised

School	2001/02 Enrollment	2002/03 As of Sept. 19	Student Body Difference
Cabrillo	319	307	-12
Edison	436	433	-3
Franklin	784	789	+5
Grant	649	650	+1
McKinley	443	410	-33
Muir	327	336	+9
Pt. Dume	304	320	+16
Rogers	666	664	-2
Roosevelt	743	745	+2
Smash	127	125	-2
Webster	440	415	-25
Total	5,238	5,194	
Adams	1137	1168	+31
Lincoln	1273	1308	+35
Malibu	528	538	+6
Smash	53	53	
Total	2,991	3,063	
Malibu	637	677	+40
Samohi	3233	3303	+70
Total	3,870	3,980	
Olympic	107	104	+3
Independent study	41	14	-27
SDC	390	357	-31
District Total	12,637	12,712	

the school district,” he said. “Families are making choices, some of which include switching from private to public schools.”

To deal with the influx of students, the school district earlier this year adopted a series of stringent policies intended to reduce class sizes throughout the district. The school board placed a moratorium on issuing any new permits to children who live outside of the school district, while allowing all non-resident children currently enrolled to stay.

Under the system, elementary schools —

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L.A. must improve SM Bay or prepare to pay

BY LAURA WIDES
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES — Local governments would be required to improve water quality in the Santa Monica Bay during the dry months or face fines under a regulation approved Thursday by state officials.

The State Water Resources Control Board voted to uphold a requirement severely limiting bacterial pollution in the waters from the Ventura County line to Palos Verdes by 2005.

Los Angeles County and area cities that do not comply with the regulation could be fined up to \$10,000 a day.

The regulation, which was first

approved by the Los Angeles Regional Water Board, awaits final approval from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Throughout the state, local governments must post warning signs at polluted beaches and inform the public about beach water quality problems, but in many cases they have not been required to fix the problems.

The new regulation seeks to hold Los Angeles County and local cities accountable for their water quality.

“This is the strongest regulation to protect beachgoers in the country,” said Mark Gold, executive director of Heal the Bay, which works to protect the Santa

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Get trashy today on the beach

By Daily Press staff

The largest beach clean-up effort of the year happens this morning in Santa Monica.

Thousands of people along the state’s coastline will spend today picking up cigarette butts, plastic bottles and food wrappers from the beaches and waterways that has collected over the busy summer season.

But the trash that litters the streets also eventually ends up in the ocean by storm water drains.

“We try to reach as far inland as possible on Coastal Cleanup Day in order to stop trash where

it starts,” said Eben Schwartz, a spokesperson for the California Coastal Commission. “When you walk along our city streets much of the trash you see lying in the gutter is actually marine debris waiting to happen. All those cigarette butts and plastic wrappers that get casually tossed on the ground may one day wind up in some poor bird or marine mammal’s stomach.”

Each year more than 40,000 volunteers turn out to over 400 cleanup sites statewide to conduct what has been hailed by the Guinness Book of World Records as the “largest garbage

collection.” It’s officially called California Coastal Cleanup Day. Since it started in 1985, more than 506,000 Californians have removed more than 7.5 million pounds of debris from the shorelines and coast.

The event, from 9 a.m. to noon, serves as the state’s contribution to the International Coastal Cleanup, organized by the Ocean Conservancy. All 50 states and more than 100 countries take part, making it the largest marine-related volunteer event in the world.

Last year, about 688,000

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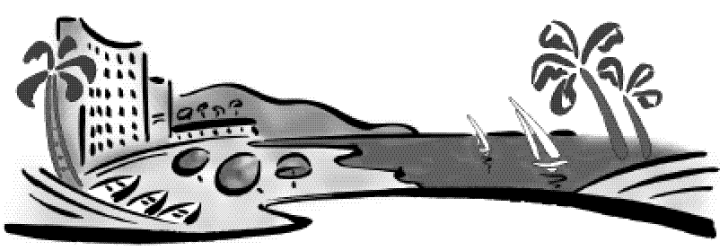
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★★-So-so ★-Difficult



ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★ The Full Moon only adds to your discomfort. Sleep in if you can. Don't let others' moods affect you. By the afternoon, you get a new lease on life. What was difficult now becomes easy, especially with a loved one or partner. Tonight: Understand the possibilities.



TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★ A money issue could bother you. Perhaps a risk was out of line or too wild. You could feel the ramifications when you least expect it. Resolutions made later in the day stick. Make an extra effort at home or in the garden. Tonight: Allow yourself to relax.



GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ You get much more done than you thought possible, even if it means doing something you don't want to do this morning. Put yourself on cruise control by the afternoon. Be spontaneous with friends. A pal lets you know how much he or she cares. Tonight: Where the gang is.



CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ You might decide to head in another direction. Creativity demands a change in plans. What might seem like an additional responsibility turns into a delightful happening. Greet a family member warmly. Tonight: Out on the town.



LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ You could be unhappy about a partner's pressure, which might cause you to reverse plans. Still, you'll like the outcome if you just hang in there. An important conversation puts you on cloud nine in the afternoon. Don't allow anyone to rain on your parade. Tonight: Out enjoying yourself.



VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Use care when dealing with those around you. Your instincts guide you when evaluating a money matter. Discussions with a close associate or loved one help both of you see the big picture. Take in the view. Act on what you discover together. Tonight: Close to home.



LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ You might be entrenched in a project, but stop and clear the air. Your perspective changes considerably as a result. Join friends for a fun get-together. Stay in the present with your friends, not worrying too much about the past or future. Tonight: And the party goes on ...



SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Friends drive a hard bargain. You try to meet everyone's requests but still go on overload. Schedule some quality time just for yourself. What will help you relax? Do just that this afternoon. It is time to chill out and do your thing. Tonight: Don't be responsible for anyone but yourself.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ You juggle way too many demands in an attempt to complete a project. Visit with loved ones and maintain domestic responsibilities. Step out of the pressure cooker. Now, isn't that more like it? Find a pal and go fishing! Tonight: Enjoy yourself.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Understand a relative or in-law better and you'll solve what could ultimately be a difficult situation. You feel as if you don't have the energy to follow through on certain details. Treat yourself to a lazy afternoon and put your feet up. Tonight: Don't feel like you have to do anything.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ You realize that a change in how you deal with your funds is overdue. Although you see the logic in a change, you still might be tempted to explore yet another option. Make calls and hop on the Net. Figure out what works for you. Tonight: Out and about.



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ You know what you're doing, even if others question you. Take charge of a particular matter that no one seems at ease with. Still, difficulties arise when a family member doesn't appreciate your efforts. Avoid the War of the Roses for now. Tonight: Treat another to dinner.



QUOTE of the DAY

“If it weren't for pickpockets,
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— Rodney Dangerfield

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LOCAL

Blowin' the living wage message at City Hall

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Daily Press Staff Writer

The group famous for singing "Puff the Magic Dragon" is coming to town in support of the city's living wage law.

Folk-trio Peter, Paul and Mary will play a 30-minute free concert on the steps of City Hall on Sunday to kick off the campaign to enact the city's living wage ordinance.

The group's members have long been politically active on anti-apartheid, homelessness and workers' rights causes. Recently members of the group have joined in the campaign to bring better working conditions to California's strawberry pickers.

"We've always been involved with issues that deal with the fundamental human rights of people, whether that means the right to political freedom or the right to breathe air that's clean," said Mary Travers in a prepared statement.

Peter, Paul and Mary began their political performances with an appearance in 1962 to support social programs proposed by John F. Kennedy. They also marched in civil rights demonstrations in Frankfurt, Ky. in 1964 and a year later with Martin Luther King, Jr. from Selma-Montgomery, Ala.

"We live in more pragmatic times than when we originally recorded (our) songs, but many of the dreamers of the '60s have been elected to governmental office or taken on a leadership role in their communities," said Paul Stookey. "They are now in the position to make a difference."

The group will be joined by State Sen. Sheila Keuhl (D-Santa Monica), Mayor Pro Tem Kevin McKeown and former city councilman Tony Vasquez, among others, in advocating voters enact the living wage referendum on this November's ballot.

For the most part, the campaign for the living wage is being paid for by the Hotel Employee & Restaurant Employees

Union, which represents workers at two Santa Monica hotels and is actively attempting to recruit workers at two more.

Most of the businesses that would be forced to pay higher salaries because of the living wage ordinance are large restaurants and luxury hotels located near the beach.

"It just seemed like a great way to kick this off. So we held off until (Peter, Paul and Mary) could be here."

— VIVIAN ROTHSTEIN
Living wage advocate leader

The living wage law would raise the minimum wage for low-income workers at coastal Santa Monica businesses with revenue of more than \$5 million a year from \$6.75 to \$10.50 with health benefits or \$12.25 without benefits. The wage for workers without benefits would increase to \$13 after one year.

Organizers of the event said they were pleasantly surprised the group would take time out of its busy schedule to kick off their campaign. On average, the group plays 40 concerts a year, according to the group's management.

"It was sort of serendipitous," said Vivian Rothstein, leader of a group advocating for the living wage.

According to Rothstein, the Campaign to Enact a Living Wage met with an anonymous donor from Warner Bros. Music — the same label Peter, Paul and Mary record on — who wanted to know if

surf report Information compiled by Jesse Haley

Be prepared for mediocre surf this weekend as fading northwest and southwest swells leave breaks in small wind swell waves. Spots with good exposure to the northwest will see knee to waist-high surf, while shadowed breaks are smaller.

Conditions Saturday and Sunday should prove similar to today.

Forecasts don't show any new activity is until Monday when a southern hemisphere swell is predicted to give surf a nice bump into the chest-high range again.

Water remains cool, low sixties, and relatively clean.

Today's Tides:		
Low-	3:36 a.m.	0.08'
High-	9:49 a.m.	4.84'
Low-	3:31 p.m.	1.42'
High-	9:29 p.m.	5.53'

Location	Saturday	Sunday	Water Quality
County	2-3'/Fair	2-3'/Fair	A
Zuma	2-3'/Fair	2-3'/Fair	A
Surfrider	1-2'/Fair	1-2'/Fair	A
Topanga	1-2'/Fair	1-2'/Fair	A
Breakwater	2-3'/Poor	2-3'/Fair	A
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there were any ways the music community could get involved.

The manager for the folk group, Martha Hertzberg, was present at the meeting and suggested Peter, Paul and Mary play a set in support of the cause.

After checking the group's schedule, Hertzberg found they would be in Los Angeles this weekend and would be

happy to play at the campaign's kick-off event, Rothstein said.

"It just seemed like a great way to kick this off," Rothstein said. "So we held off until they could be here."

Peter, Paul and Mary are best known for their songs, "Puff, The Magic Dragon," "If I Had A Hammer," "Leaving On A Jet Plane" and "Blowin' In The Wind."



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OPINION

There is nothing magic about the 'Tragic Kingdom'



TWISTED

By Dan Dunn

As I discovered on a recent trip to Disneyland, it IS a small world after all ... filled with huge lines, bratty kids, overpriced baubles, chocolate-covered frozen bananas and high-tech devices of torture the Disney brass deviously dubbed "attractions."

They call it the Magic Kingdom, but I'm convinced I plunked down \$45 to spend a day in Hell.

Granted, I visited the theme park over Labor Day weekend. And being an unmarried, childless male whose idea of Fantasyland is the decidedly kidless environs of a Vegas casino or an Inland Empire strip joint, it might have been poor judgment to drop into the center of the juvenile universe on the busiest weekend of the year.

Still, I never expected the obscenely large throng of rabid Mouseketeers hell-bent on consuming everything and anything

Disney, running amok like wild anteaters at an insect-infested log convention.

Enveloped by a dark cloud of ram-bunctious tykes while waiting in line for more than an hour to board the *Indiana Jones Adventure* "attraction," it occurred to me that Disneyland embodies everything that is wrong with modern youth.

Take, for instance, the 8-year-old scamp in the matching TeleTubbies ensemble who spent the majority of his time in the queue attempting to deposit the messy remains of a chocolate-covered banana into the back pocket of my khakis.

"Ben," his mother whimpered with all the authority of a freshman high school hall monitor. "That's not very nice now, is it?"

And little Ben, who bore an eerie resemblance to that Damian kid from *The Omen*, cracked a wicked smile and momentarily withdrew the banana from the general vicinity of my ass.

"Sorry mommy," he hissed.

Of course, the mother's placid admonition was about as effective as placing a crossing guard on the 405 freeway, and within minutes Ben had managed to smear a chocolate mess on my favorite pair of trousers, not to mention my already cantankerous disposition.

"Now look what you've done, young

man!" the demon's mother cried, as I did the math on a prison sentence for whacking an 8-year-old upside his head.

"I'm very sorry, sir. I have no idea why he'd do such a thing."

Have you checked his scalp for the mark of the beast lately?

"You know what this means, Ben," she asked the little fiend, who didn't appear the least bit concerned over what I assumed would be the serious consequences of his actions.

"Young man, do you know what this means?"

I figured a spanking was in order. Perhaps a bitter tongue-lashing. Some sort of humiliating public castigation.

"DO YOU KNOW WHAT THIS MEANS?!!!"

Oh boy, was she ever serious. Looked like Ben was going to be riding Space Mountain without the safety harness.

"Time out!"

Huh?

"That's right, Ben — time out! For the next five minutes, you are not allowed to speak OR attack innocent bystanders with chocolate treats. Do I make myself clear, young man?"

No, damn it! You make yourself and your offspring a blight on society. A cold

sore on the lip of the universe. Dandruff on the collar of humanity.

This timid, ineffective brand of child-rearing that so many of today's parents have adopted is creating a generation of undisciplined monsters who will surely wreak havoc throughout the 21st Century.

On top of that, I paid good money for those khakis, and I expected not-so-gentle Ben to pay as well.

Ahh, but Revenge wears many hats. Turns out, *The Indiana Jones Adventure* is akin to riding cross-country with Hunter S. Thompson: fast, furious and extremely jarring. While I revel in that sort of frenzied madness, Ben the future felon didn't fare so well.

The khaki-loving Roller Coaster Gods had rattled the pint-sized hooligan's cage. He emerged shaken and stirred, with tears streaming down his color-depleted cheeks.

I had to smile, seeing his TeleTubbies shirt stained with what appeared to be the second coming of a chocolate-covered banana.

It's a small world, Bennie, and what comes around, goes around ... quickly.

(Dan Dunn is a freelance writer living in Santa Monica.)

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LOCAL



Class sizes remain high across the school district

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which are required under state law to maintain lower student-to-teacher ratios — would see their class sizes reduced before those in the higher grade levels.

"It went as predicted, though not the order of magnitude that we hoped," Deasy said.

While the school district has received high marks from the state — both in awards and high test scores — many Santa Monica families are reeling from the current recession and market downturn.

Those individuals may be choosing to put their kids in public schools until the market recovers, Deasy said.

Some regional private school officials anecdotally said they haven't noticed a decrease in their numbers.

"Overall, the number of kids coming from Santa Monica has increased over the past couple of years," said Mary Beth Carosello, an admissions representative at St. Monica's High School. However, as of Friday, none of the private school officials were able to provide enrollment figures.

Deasy said the district typically notices fewer students enrolling in higher grade levels. Many of them switch to private schools, he said.

"We tend to have an attrition that happens from eighth grade to ninth grade, but that didn't happen this year," he said.

Most elementary schools saw either

minor increases or remained about the same size. Franklin Elementary increased the most with nine students and Webster Elementary decreased the most with 33 students fewer students.

Those numbers could change as administrators shift students between schools, some students leave and new students arrive, officials said. Administrators said a complete tally will not be complete until next month.

Many principals said they believed full classrooms were a good sign of the school district's health.

"I love having this school full because that means everybody who needs to be here is enrolled and there will be less coming and going of students throughout the year," said John Muir Elementary School Principal Patty Flynn.

But sometimes students can get squeezed out of a school because its classrooms are too full.

At Grant Elementary School, four students had to be sent to other schools because every seat at the school is already filled.

While classrooms in the lower grades remain low, classes in the fourth grade can average 32 students per class, said Grant Elementary School Principal Alan Friedenberg.

"Enrollment is a tricky thing," Friedenberg said. "It's sort of a numbers game. We hit our targets right on this year, but some times you don't."

Santa Monica cleans up

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pounds of debris was collected by 37,000 volunteers statewide. An estimated 297,000 cigarette butts were collected statewide last year. LA County's contribution was 50,000 pounds of trash with about 7,000 volunteers.

In Santa Monica, a team of scuba divers and kayakers will go to the bottom of the ocean and pick up water debris they find.

"A lot of people throw stuff off the pier," said Haley Jones, an organizer with Heal the Bay, a non-profit organization dedicated to cleaning up Santa Monica Bay.

The following is a list of cleanup areas and meeting places in the area:

- Malibu Beach/Surfrider Park in Malibu State Pier parking lot south of the pier
- Topanga Beach PCH at Topanga Canyon Blvd.
- Will Rogers State Beach PCH at Temescal Canyon A. North of parking kiosk B. South of parking kiosk
- Santa Monica A. Tower 4 - 445 PCH, Lot 10 B. Tower 8, Chet Beach - 810 PCH, Lot 8

- C. Tower 1550, North of pier, Lot 4, 2030 Barnard Way
- D. Tower 18 - Lot 4 S., 2030 Barnard Way
- E. Tower 22 - Lot 4 S., 2030 Barnard Way
- F. Tower 27 - Lot 5 S., 2600 Barnard Way
- Venice Beach Boardwalk At Ocean Front Walk and Rose Ave.
- Venice Beach Pier South side of Venice Pier at Washington Blvd.
- South Venice Beach Via Marina at Pacific Ave.

Pier water quality an 'F'

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Monica Bay and on coastal water quality issues throughout the state.

Due to improvements in waste treatment, most of the Santa Monica Bay regularly receives high ratings for water quality.

But a few of the areas' most famous beaches, including the area around the Santa Monica Pier and Malibu's Surfrider Beach, repeatedly receive grades of "D" and "F" from Heal the Bay for their levels of fecal bacteria.

"It's a great victory for water quality and

Southern California Beaches," said Regional Water Board supervisor Melinda Becker, whose staff drew up the regulations.

But Gold said the new regulation is only the first step in a two-part battle.

Most health standard violations occur during the winter, when heavy rains overload storm drain and sewage systems, washing waste directly into the sea, he said.

The Los Angeles Regional Water Board will discuss whether to limit bacteria pollution levels during the rainy season next week.

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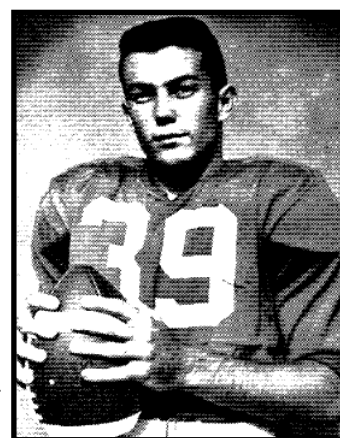
By Daily Press staff

Santa Monica College will hold a tribute at its Sunday football game to honor a SMC coach and alumnus who, as a student, steered the Corsairs to victory in the 1958 Junior Rose Bowl.

The tribute to Pat Young will be held at the Corsair football game against El Camino College. Kickoff is at 7 p.m. at Corsair Field, located on 16th Street between Pico Boulevard and Pearl Street.

It will include a moment of silence before the game and a brief ceremony at half-time featuring current football coach Robert Taylor and others.

Young, who had taught



Pat Young

physical education at SMC for 36 years, died June 13 at the age of 62. A gifted athlete who played football at Santa Monica High School and was a standout at SMC, he led the team in 1958 as quarterback to its

only undefeated season and a victory in the Junior Rose Bowl.

After attending SMC for two years, he transferred to the University of Colorado, where he earned both bachelor's and master's degrees. He returned to California and was hired to teach physical education and be the assistant football coach at SMC in 1966. In 1972, he was named head football coach and served in that capacity for many years, leading the team to several championships, including the 1983 Santa Ana Bowl.

Young is survived by his wife Susie Young of Hermosa Beach; two children and four step-children; and three grandchildren.

Over two million people have ridden Ferris wheel

By Daily Press staff

YOU may have been the two millionth rider on Santa Monica Pier's Ferris wheel this summer.

Officials have announced that Pacific Park has surpassed its two millionth rider mark, amidst no fanfare. They didn't even stop to get the name of the rider.

"It was a very low key thing," said Pacific Park spokesman Cameron Andrews. "We didn't want to disrupt everyone and those things can be an inconvenience for the visitors. It was more about it being a milestone for the park."

In 1998, Pacific Park converted its signature attraction to the world's first solar powered Ferris wheel. Edison Technology Solutions' decision, along with Pacific Park, to make the conversion was influenced because the pier is highly visible throughout the world, officials say.

The project is part of an on-going effort to turn Santa Monica into the nation's first "solar city," according to amusement park officials.

The conversion was made with more than 650 photovoltaic panels placed strategically throughout the park to generate the 71,00000 kilowatt hours of renewable power from the sun's rays. The panels are enough to keep the 160 riders revolving and more than 6,000 lights illuminated during a 24-hour period.

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Get a taste of Santa Monica

By Daily Press staff

Sunday is all about eating and drinking in Santa Monica.

From 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., the Taste of Santa Monica will be in full swing at the Santa Monica Pier. For \$30, people can sample cuisine from dozens of area and regional restaurants. There will be live cooking demonstrations and live music throughout the day.

Culinary demonstrations range from Locanda Del Lago's Tartara di Tonno to exotic bread pudding. Santa Monica restaurants that will be demonstrating a few of their dishes are Bucca di Beppo, Locanda Del Lago, The Lobster and Benihana. Art Institute of California chef Kurt Struwe and a team of culinary students are featured presenters.

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STATE



Father of 401(k) takes pride despite account's flaws

BY MICHAEL LIEDTKE
AP Business Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — Like any proud father, Ted Benna takes pride in the accomplishments of his brainchild, the 401(k) account.

But that doesn't mean he ignores his progeny's shortcomings — flaws facing more scrutiny as the nation's once-ballooning 401(k) savings deflate under the weight of a bearish stock market and corrupt companies.

Yes, Benna says, it was a bad idea to let so many 401(k) investors buy the stocks of their employers. The employees at scandal-ridden Enron Corp. hammered this point home when they loaded up on company stock and lost a collective \$1.3 billion after the energy trader collapsed late last year.

And Benna knows that many of the nation's 48 million 401(k) participants might not have lost so much money during the past two years had they been given more guidance and choices by their employers.

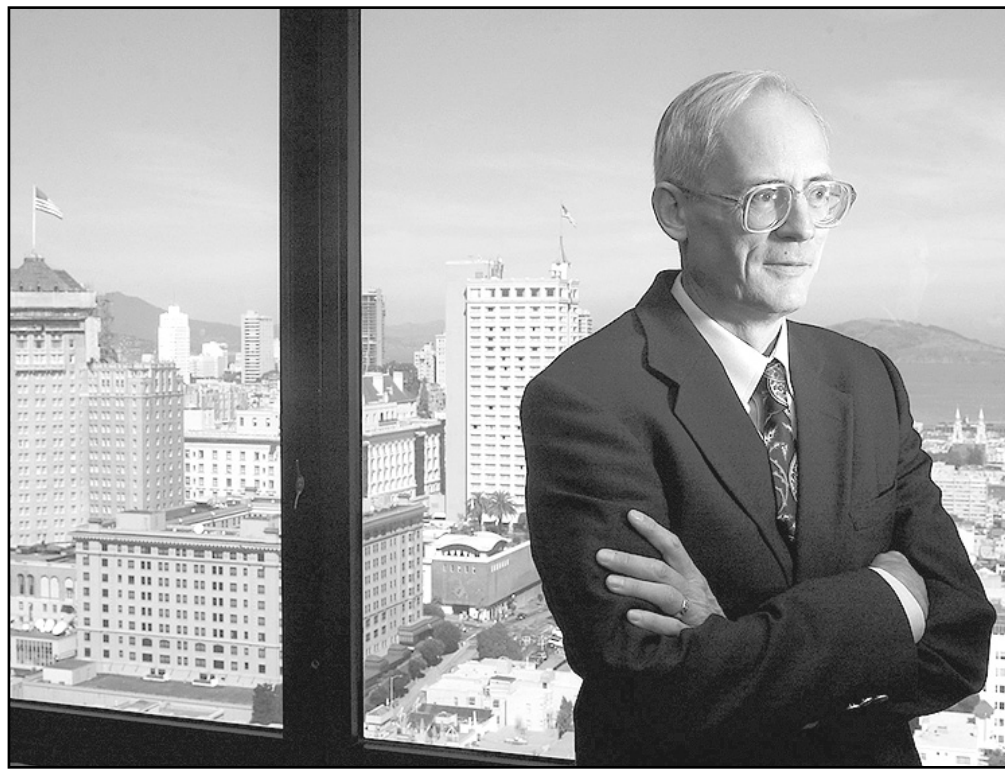
He will even bluntly admit that 401(k) accounts "stink" when it comes to helping financially struggling workers making less than \$10 per hour.

What you won't hear Benna say is that the country would have been better off if he hadn't unveiled the first 401(k) plan nearly 22 years ago.

"People can beat up the 401(k) all they want, but this is the only retirement plan a lot of employees are ever going to have," Benna said in an interview after a recent financial seminar in San Francisco.

"I've had people come up to me to complain they only have \$70,000 in a 401(k) account that had \$100,000 a couple of years ago and I say, 'Well, how much would you have saved now without the account?' That usually makes them stop and think."

A closer look at 401(k) plans is long overdue, said Karen Friedman, director of policy strategy for the Pension Rights Center, a Washington, D.C. watchdog



Marcio Jose Sanchez/Associated Press

Ted Benna, head of the 401(k) Association, poses for a portrait in a San Francisco hotel. Like any proud father, Benna takes pride in the accomplishments of his brainchild, the 401(k) account. But that doesn't mean he doesn't recognize his progeny's shortcomings and flaws. The association is under more scrutiny as the nation's once-ballooning 401(k) savings deflate under the weight of a bearish stock market and corrupt companies.

group. She thinks the stock market's recent troubles have proven that most people aren't ready to manage their own retirement accounts, a skill that 401(k) plans require.

"There really has never been a policy debate about this because no one really criticized 401(k)s during the 1990s when the stock market was raging and everyone thought their accounts would just keep rising with the tide," Friedman said. "Now, a lot of people are discovering that 401(k)s might not be quite what they are cracked up to be."

Benna, 60, is doing his part to help people learn more. His latest book, "401(k) for Dummies" will be released next month by Wiley Publishing. In the

meantime, Benna continues to give financial seminars throughout the country while heading up the 401(k) Association, a Jersey Shore, Pa., group dedicated to improving plan benefits.

While he supports efforts to better educate 401(k) investors, Benna believes most employers sponsoring the plans aren't up to the challenge and probably never will be.

About 97 percent of the nation's 400,000 401(k) plans are offered by small and medium-sized businesses with fewer than 500 employees, Benna said, leaving them "no better equipped for making investment decisions than the participants are."

Congress is considering a variety of 401(k) changes, including limits on the

amount of employer stock that can be held in the plans and reforms in the way the plans are run.

Benna agrees some changes may be in order, but prefers a free-market approach to government mandates.

Friedman believes the government should play a greater role because 401(k) accounts provide one of the nation's biggest tax breaks — about \$60 billion annually. That figure likely will rise over the next few years as the maximum annual 401(k) contribution per investor rises from \$11,000 this year to \$15,000 in 2006.

"We should make sure the benefits are worth the tax breaks we are doling out," Friedman said.

Although it's been a while, this isn't the first time Benna has heard second guessing about the 401(k) — a concept he developed in 1980 while working as a disillusioned retirement plan adviser grappling with the nuances of recently passed tax reforms.

After realizing paragraph (k) of Section 401 in the Internal Revenue Code had unintentionally opened the door for tax-deferred retirement accounts, Benna unsuccessfully tried to get several large employers to embrace the plan.

Even after he introduced a 401(k) at his own 75-employee firm in January 1981, Benna faced resistance from attorneys and personnel managers convinced his idea was an illegal tax dodge. Other skeptics doubted rank-and-file workers would ever contribute to the plans.

Those notions seem inconceivable today with 401(k) plans entrenched as a major source of individual wealth. An estimated \$1.5 trillion is held in 401(k) accounts, down from \$1.65 trillion in 2000.

Benna has shared in the recent losses. He says his own 401(k) account — fully invested in the stock market — has dropped by more than 10 percent so far this year, marking his first significant setback since the 1980s. He isn't cashing out of his positions, nor is he blaming his invention.

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Company putting the spring back in your step

BY JULIE ANN STEPHENS
Associated Press Writer

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Alvaro Gallegos' feet slammed into the pavement mile after mile in the pre-dawn darkness. With each stride, he could feel the hard earth and his own energy colliding in his sneakers — and boy, did it hurt.

Gallegos figured there was a better way. Now he's president of Z-Coil Footwear Inc. — a New Mexico company experiencing enormous growth.

Z-Coils have reportedly curbed leg, back and foot pain using an idea that's been around for a hundred years: Put a little spring in your step.

Gallegos' shoe has a spring built into the heel and a supportive insole. It may look odd, but throngs of customers-turned-stockholders say it's a life-changing shoe.

"We don't even like to use the word shoe, really," said Jean-Paul de Jager, Z-Coil's promotions director. "It's footwear. It's really more of an orthopedic device that deals with injuries and problems."

But don't confuse Z-Coil with the mass-marketed Nike Shox, de Jager said.

"Nike uses a spring sound on the commercial, but we've cut them up," he said. "No spring."

Z-Coils are built with an actual steel spring mounted at the heel with its own platform sole, he said.

On an obstacle course outside the company headquarters in Albuquerque, customers walk over mismatched planks and cobblestones with ease.

The springs are designed to absorb the impact of walking and running, but also work to balance the wearer on uneven surfaces, preventing twisted ankles, Gallegos said.

The shoes have come a long way since the first time he took a band saw to a conventional sneaker and glued in a spring.

Last year, the company reported \$2.5 million in sales from its network of more than 150 distributors in the United States — a growth of about 270 percent over the previous year.

Gallegos' son Andres Gallegos, company vice president, returned to New Mexico from a corporate marketing job in New Jersey to support his father's creativity with some business know-how. Two of Gallegos' seven other children also work for the company.

Andres Gallegos, 35, and his 71-year-old father launched a grassroots fund-raising effort that boosted the company from an entrepreneur's dream to a possible commercial competitor.

The kicker is that the business's success continues to come mostly from word of mouth. No advertising gimmick, no snappy sales pitch, just satisfaction.

Andres Gallegos said he is often asked how the company can survive on word-of-mouth.

"It's easy when you've got someone crying in your showroom and they go around and tell every single friend and family member, 'You have to get Z-Coil shoes,'" he said. "... It's like, who would tell you 150 times that you've got to get a product? It is unheard of."

Most of the investors who put money into the company during three stock offerings were already customers, the younger Gallegos said. Some stockholders are podiatrists, chiropractors and surgeons, he said.

Gallegos — who designed the shoes to help him run faster and farther with less pain as he aged — believes Z-Coils could find a place in the athletic market.

He holds five patents for spring shoes and secured another this summer for a basketball shoe with a built-in ankle support, a revolving plate in the sole and of course, a spring coil in the heel.

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— **JEAN-PAUL DE JAGER**
Z-Coil's promotions director

But for now the company is focusing on the issue that brought it this far — pain relief.

"The athletic market is a very big sandbox in which we would be a very small player," said de Jager. "Right now, we basically have our own sandbox."

One retail strategist said de Jager is on the right track.

Arnold Aronson, a director of retail strategy for Kurt Salmon Associates, a retail consulting firm, said he doesn't envision Z-Coil "wanting to overly commercialize something that has a very respectful function that it is fulfilling."

Products like Z-Coil that have functional appeal are more likely to become commercial competitors if they also find a place in the world of fashion, he said.

The first commercial-grade product Z-Coil put on the market had a sneaker-type upper. That's still the best seller, Andres Gallegos said.

The company also sells sandal, clog, hiking-boot, work-boot and street styles. Several designs hide the spring, making the shoe more popular among the fashion-conscious.

The elder Gallegos owned an Espanola department store for decades and said he'd never had a letter of testimonial before he invented the spring-loaded sneaker.

Z-Coil has received thousands of e-mails and letters from people who've discovered the solution for impact pain, he said.

The shoes are worn by nurses, mechanics, postmen, doctors, heavy equipment operators, deliverywomen and Red Cross volunteers, among others.

According to letters to Z-Coil, the U.S. Army has experimented with the shoes and a Denver-based medical company is testing a version designed to help diabetic patients.

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NATIONAL



Steve Young's game plan: Software, inventory, sales

BY BOB MIMS
The Salt Lake Tribune

SALT LAKE CITY — Three years ago, Steve Young retired as the quintessential NFL quarterback, his career enshrined with the record-setting six touchdown passes he threw in leading the San Francisco 49ers to victory in the 1995 Super Bowl.

But during 15 seasons of professional football, few figured the 6-foot-2, former Brigham Young University star harbored a secret: He is a full-blown, helplessly hooked technology geek.

"Yep," he chuckled. "When it came to tech, I started young and early. I was the same way in high school (in Greenwich, Conn.). I was very proud I could hang out with the geeks and play football at the same time."

In 1985, as he entered his first pro football campaign, Young snatched up one of the first personal computers, the venerable Apple SE. Three years later, he had one of the first cellular phones, an unwieldy analog model he carried around in a pack.

"I was one of the first to sign up for ADSL (high-speed Internet)," Young said. "I've been screaming along at 11 megabits a second for like 12 years. When people tell me how slow the Internet is, I'm saying, 'What are you talkin' about?'"

So when he hung up his helmet, pads and cleats in 1999, it was no surprise to close friends that he soon was quarterbacking a retail software services start-up, Found Inc., based in Salt Lake City. Along with his technological enthusiasm, Young brought to the enterprise some initial cash, fame and people skills honed in a career of huddles and post-game news conferences.

Some things, Young says, are constants: Whether on the gridiron or in the office, success comes from teamwork. He credits former chief executive Rich Lawson for helping identify the retail industry as Found's target, and Glen Mella, who became president and CEO in August 2001, for getting the business moving.

"Found came along about the time in the marketplace when the whole idea of e-commerce and e-retailing on the Internet really started to crescendo," said Mella, who joined Found with nearly two decades of management experience with such Utah high-tech companies as TenFold, Novell and WordPerfect.

As the dot.coms rocketed into the late '90s, so did giddy expectations that consumers would abandon brick-and-mortar shopping for the new malls of cyberspace. That was the dream; reality consisted of goofed-up online orders, long delays in shipping and cutthroat competition.

Into this e-commerce malaise, Found launched ICaM, its "Integrated Clicks and Mortar" software suite. The promise was to help clients keep sales instantly up to date with other stores and their warehouses, whether purchases were made off a store's physical shelves or by Internet portals.

"Our motto became, 'Save the Sale.' If you're out of stock in one store, don't have that customer walk out empty-handed — find it instantly in another store, do the transaction," Mella said. "Have it

shipped next-day, or if they want, let them pick it up at another store."

Venture capitalists liked the idea, pouring \$46 million into the company. Though yet to record a profit, Mella said Found is getting close. He could not provide financial details for the privately held Found, but was firm in predicting his 35-employee company will see black ink within a year.

That optimism comes in the wake of recent ICaM milestones. First was The Finish Line Inc., a nationwide sports apparel chain that agreed to test ICaM in 54 of its stores late last year.

The program suite allows employees to scan or key a product's SKU, or Stock Keeping Unit code, into the ICaM point-of-sale system and receive immediate confirmation of availability at other stores or warehouses. ICaM also processes sales orders, product routing and inventory updating.

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— STEVE YOUNG
Ex NFL quarterback

Roger Underwood, Finish Line's senior vice president for information systems, said employees were quickly won over. By July, the company had implemented ICaM in all 454 stores in 43 states.

"Our store managers involved in the (pilot) program shared their experiences with their colleagues across the country, creating a groundswell of demand," Underwood said, noting significant (though unspecified) increases in sales and improved customer satisfaction.

In May, Found had won over Chico's FAS Inc., and its 324 women's clothing stores in the United States. Chico's Ajit Patel said the company had aborted its own technological effort to address sales lost to so-called "stockouts" in favor of deploying ICaM.

More such deals are in the works, Mella and Young said, but cited confidentiality agreements in declining to offer further details.

For Young, whose primary role is to fly to such locales as New York, Los Angeles or San Francisco to help close deals with customers and recruit new clients, Found has given him both a new lease on life — and appreciation for the business world.

"When I was still playing and met a business leader, in my heart I said, 'You really don't know what it takes. Go out there on the field with 80,000 people screaming and see what you can do,'" Young said.

"Now, a few years removed from that, I'm seeing this is a little harder than playing quarterback; I have a lot of respect for how hard it is to run a business."

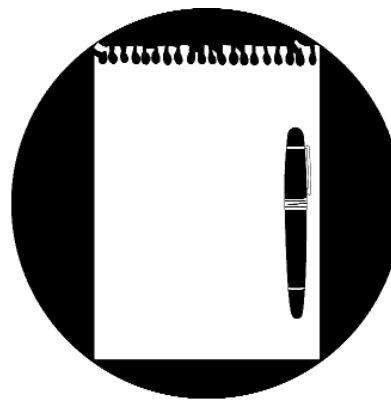
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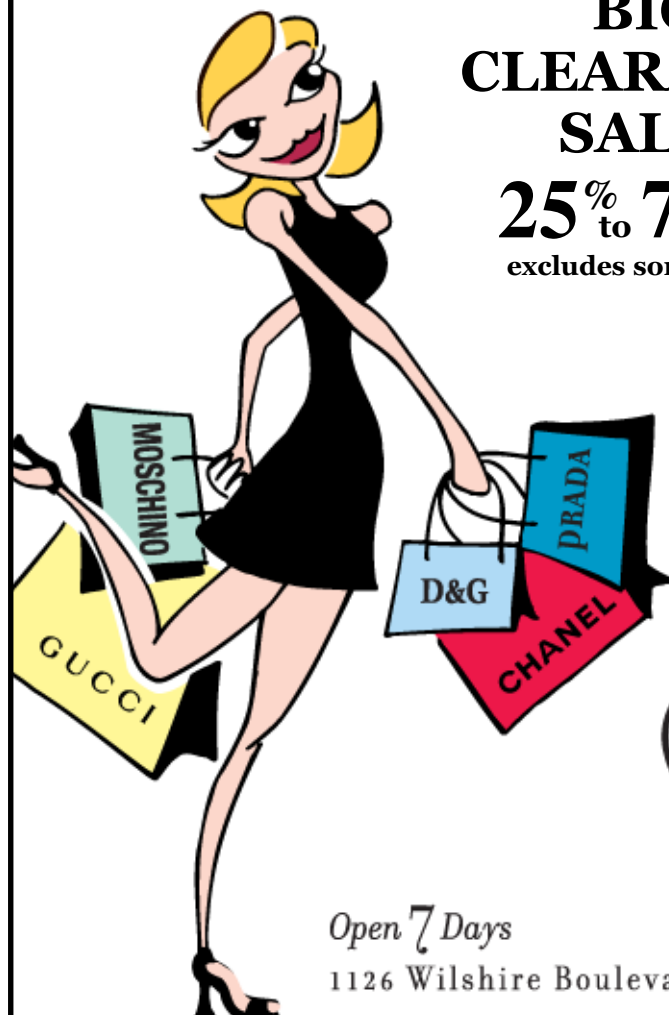
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NATIONAL

Bush urges Putin to swing Russia behind U.S. on Iraq

BY BARRY SCHWEID

AP Diplomatic Writer

WASHINGTON — President Bush appealed Friday to a reluctant Russian President Vladimir Putin to back a new U.N. Security Council resolution threatening Iraq with war if it does not destroy its weapons stockpiles.

But despite a basically warm relationship and cooperation against terrorism, Russia held to its view that threats should be deferred at least until U.N. weapons inspectors take up President Saddam Hussein's offer to allow a resumption of searches after nearly four years.

Bush gave no sign of giving ground in the diplomatic skirmish, while Russian ministers who called on him at the White House hinted there may be room for compromise.

Defense Minister Sergei Ivanov said he was willing to explore any evidence that Saddam was pursuing a dangerous weapons program. "Moscow's position regarding a military operation against Iraq will depend on the information given us by the American side," he said.

Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov, speaking at the National Press Club, said after some 7,000 U.N. inspections it was determined that Iraq's nuclear and chemical weapons programs had been dismantled. "Only the question of biological weapons remains open," the foreign minister said.

After two rounds of talks at the State Department, interspersed by the Bush meeting, the Russian defense and foreign ministers departed without an agreement except one to keep talking.

As Iraq's biggest trading partner, Russia fears a war not only would intensify instability in the Middle East but also jeopardize its economic interests in Iraq,



Ron Edmonds/Associated Press

Russian Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov, left, Secretary of State Colin Powell, center, and Russian Defense Minister Sergei Ivanov, walk to their meeting on Friday, at the State Department in Washington. The U.S. is hoping to win Russian backing for a U.N. resolution on Iraq and is aggressively courting Russia's foreign and defense ministers at intimate meetings with top aides and some personal face time with President Bush in the Oval Office.

which owes Moscow \$7 billion in Soviet-era debt. Russian oil companies are helping rebuild Iraq's oil infrastructure and are positioned to reap significant benefits in the future.

Secretary of State Colin Powell said the U.S. and Russian ambassadors to the United Nations would resume their discussions. "We are going to try to move forward

together," he said at a news conference.

Powell said the two sides recommitted themselves to finding a way to get Iraq to comply with more than a decade of Security Council resolutions. They call for international inspection of suspect sites and disarmament.

The Bush administration is adding to these demands that Iraq cease support for

terrorists, halt mistreatment of its citizens and stop illicit trade practices.

Top Bush administration officials have raised the specter of a pre-emptive attack against Iraq — before it can use nuclear and other weapons.

Similarly, Ivanov on Thursday warned Russia may launch pre-emptive strikes against Chechen rebels in Georgia.

"If we see the bands are headed in our direction ... should we wait for them to cross the border, kill someone and disperse?" he asked.

Powell said the Russians provided the United States with information that would be examined.

Whether Russia's struggle with the Chechens is judged comparable to the U.S. campaign against Iraq could hold the key to whether the two countries will agree on a U.N. resolution.

The account White House spokesman Ari Fleischer gave of Bush's meeting with the two Russian ministers indicated the president was reluctant to back cross-border attacks by Russian troops.

On Capitol Hill, meanwhile, Bush's request for a Congressional resolution authorizing the use of force against Iraq was still drawing a mixed reception from Democrats.

Sen. Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., said there was now broad support among Democrats. And, Lieberman said, "We feel that the president should be authorized to take military action (without) the U.N. if the U.N. will not do it."

Russia, along with France, is a veto-wielding permanent member of the U.N. Security Council. French President Jacques Chirac has proposed two resolutions — one to get inspectors back to Iraq and the other to consider consequences if Saddam reneged again.

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INTERNATIONAL



Arafat under siege again after Tel Aviv suicide bombing

BY JAMIE TARABAY

Associated Press Writer

RAMALLAH, West Bank — Yasser Arafat, caught in the tightest Israeli chokehold yet, pleaded for the world's help after troops blew up buildings in his compound Friday and started digging a deep trench and running coils of barbed wire around his office.

The White House urged Israel to show restraint, suggesting that too harsh a reprisal for a suicide bombing claimed by Arafat's Islamic militant rivals would upset efforts to reform the Palestinian Authority and secure a truce.

However, it appeared the siege would not end quickly.

Israel said troops would withdraw only after the surrender of 20 wanted men holed up in the compound, including West Bank intelligence chief Tawfik Tirawi, who is accused of involvement in shooting attacks against Israelis. Arafat's aides said he would not hand over anyone from his entourage.

Late Friday, Israeli bulldozers began demolishing a second-floor walkway linking the two parts of Arafat's office building, effectively cutting him off from most of his security forces, Arafat aide Nabil Abu Rdenah said.

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon reportedly raised the idea of expelling Arafat at a Cabinet meeting Thursday, just hours after the Tel Aviv blast. Defense Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer said the plan — for now — was to isolate, not oust the Palestinian leader.

However, TV reports said the ultimate goal of the current assault is to make Arafat seek exile voluntarily, by confining him to a tiny area and making life in the compound unbearable. Ben-Eliezer, arguing that an outright expulsion is counterproductive and would only boost Arafat's standing, proposed that plan to Sharon in the Cabinet meeting, TV's Channel Two said.

Arafat has said he would never again leave the Palestinian lands.

The Palestinians said Arafat was in grave danger. The office where Arafat is staying shook badly with one of the explosions Friday, Abu Rdenah said. "They (soldiers) continue blowing up buildings around us," he said. Large clouds of smoke wafted across the compound after each blast.

Israeli bulldozers also started digging a deep trench around Arafat's office building. Palestinian security sources said troops later ran barbed wire around the building.

In other developments Friday, four Palestinians were killed by army fire, including an Arafat bodyguard shot by snipers in the Ramallah compound and three civilians killed in Israeli incursions and clashes in the Gaza Strip.

The Israeli strikes were triggered by Thursday's attack, in which a suicide bomber set off nail-studded explosives on a crowded bus, killing himself, five Israelis and a 19-year-old Jewish seminary student from Scotland.

The Islamic militant group Hamas claimed responsibility in a leaflet sent to the Arabic satellite TV station Al-Jazeera.

Arafat's sprawling compound was heavily damaged in Israeli raids earlier. During a major offensive in March and April, Israeli troops confined Arafat to a few rooms for 34 days.

In June, troops reoccupied Ramallah and most other West Bank towns, and Arafat has not ventured from his compound since then, even on days when a military curfew was lifted.

Arafat was in relatively good spirits Friday, those around him said. He was kept awake at night by the shooting and bulldozers toppling walls, but performed Friday prayers — the highlight of the Muslim week — in his office before taking an afternoon nap. Water and electricity had not been cut, unlike in earlier raids.



Heidi Levine/Associated Press

Israeli bulldozers, tanks and army military vehicles operate at Yasser Arafat's headquarters in the West Bank town of Ramallah Friday. Israeli troops blew up three buildings in Yasser Arafat's city-block-sized headquarters Friday — part of a major assault with tanks and bulldozers meant to isolate the Palestinian leader in response to a Tel Aviv suicide bombing that killed six people.

Palestinian Finance Minister Salam Fayad, who said he got a few hours of sleep rolled up in a blanket on the floor, said the mood around Arafat was defiant. "We are confident of our ability to overcome this crisis," he said by telephone.

Throughout the day, Arafat spoke to several European officials and Arab leaders, including Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, Crown Prince Abdullah of Saudi Arabia and Jordan's King Abdullah. Arafat asked them to pressure Israel to lift the siege. Arab leaders told Arafat they would seek an emergency session of the U.N. Security Council to discuss a demand for an immediate Israeli withdrawal, said Abu Rdenah.

Washington cautioned Israel to show restraint, while also urging the

Palestinians to try to prevent attacks on Israeli civilians. "Israel has the right to defend itself and to deal with security, but Israel also has a need to bear in mind the consequences of action and Israel's stake in development of reforms in the Palestinian institutions," said White House spokesman Ari Fleischer.

The flare-up comes at a time when the United States, because of its showdown with Iraq, is particularly in need of Arab good will. Harsh Israeli action against Arafat could spoil that.

The army has not released a complete list of names of wanted men, but detailed allegations against four, including Tirawi, the intelligence chief, and Mahmoud Damra, head of Force 17, Arafat's elite bodyguard unit, in Ramallah.

Soldiers hold cities after loyalist forces quell coup attempt

BY ANGE ABOA

Associated Press Writer

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast — Rebel troops held two Ivory Coast cities, where residents said mutineers were shooting and handing out guns and uniforms to new recruits Friday — a day after the government said it quelled a bloody coup attempt.

State-run radio broadcast a statement by hostage Sports Minister Francois Albert Amichia, who was captured Thursday by the renegades in Bouake.

Amichia identified his captors as soldiers whom the government had dismissed in a bid to streamline the army. He said the renegades were asking only to be reintegrated in the armed forces and were ready to negotiate with the government.

Defense Minister Lida Moise Kouassi, speaking on state-run radio and television, said authorities would not talk to the rebels until they put down their arms.

He said loyalist forces were already gathering in the capital, Yamoussoukro, and would clear out the attackers from the cities they still held if they resisted. The capital was quiet Thursday and Friday.

Paramilitary police said a column of military trucks left the commercial capital, Abidjan, on Friday morning to put down what Kouassi called the "last pockets of resistance" to the north.

"As I told you yesterday, security and tranquility have been totally restored," Kouassi said.

Prime Minister Affi N'Guessan was holding an emergency cabinet meeting to discuss further measures, Kouassi said.

Paramilitary police set fire to dozens of houses around the base in Abidjan where the uprising began, saying they needed to secure the area. Residents fled in panic. Most

of them come from neighboring, Muslim countries and are viewed with suspicion by government supporters in the predominantly Christian south.

Fearing he would be blamed for the uprising, opposition leader Alassane Dramane Ouattara sought refuge at the German and later the French Embassy.

"We are afraid for our security," said a senior party official, also in hiding. "They want to implicate us in the coup d'etat."

Kouassi said late Thursday the government put down the uprising in which the deposed junta leader and his family were killed after what the government called his attempt to grab power again.

After hours of heavy gunfire and explosions that also left a Cabinet minister and a number of senior military officers dead, the government said Thursday it had regained control over most of the country.

Residents of the central city of Bouake, however, cowered in their homes after the renegades took over police and military bases in the uprising that began before dawn Thursday in at least five cities and towns.

Witnesses said Friday mutineers had disarmed loyalist troops inside the bases and seized their uniforms, which they were handing out to new civilian recruits.

In the northern city of Korhogo, an opposition stronghold, renegade soldiers handed out guns to civilians and cruised the city in commandeered vehicles, firing into the air. Loyalist troops were tied up inside their captured bases, according to wives and children, who were released by the renegades.

President Laurent Gbagbo was in Rome when the insurrection erupted and cut short his state visit, canceling a papal audience, to return home.

"Loyalist forces have come out on top," Gbagbo said

Thursday in a statement from Rome.

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Sporadic gunfire was heard overnight in Abidjan, but the city was calm Friday. Authorities reopened the international airport and urged residents to return to work. But the streets remained largely deserted, and many businesses stayed closed. Bullet-torn bodies lay before the city's largest paramilitary police camp, strewn in front of a destroyed tank and other damage from the fighting.

A 6 p.m. to 8 a.m. curfew remained in effect across the country.

Gbagbo's government has been struggling to calm lingering ethnic and political tension and a restive military since the once-stable country's first-ever coup in 1999.

The insurgents struck the homes of the president and two Cabinet ministers, military barracks and other sites across Abidjan. Interior Minister Emile Boga Doudou was killed, presidential aide Toussaint Alain said in Rome.

Gen. Robert Guei, the former junta chief accused of a role in the uprising, was gunned down when loyalist paramilitary police opened fire on his vehicle in downtown Abidjan after the driver refused to stop, paramilitary police Sgt. Ahoissi Aime said.

Paramilitary police also attacked Guei's home, killing his wife, son and grandchildren, two other officers said on condition of anonymity.

Kouassi later accused Guei of instigating a coup attempt. The ex-junta leader's body lay in a morgue after the uprising, with a single bullet hole in the head.

At least 10 rebels and seven paramilitary police were also killed in the fighting.



SPORTS

U.S. stumbles to 0-2 against France in Davis Cup semis

BY MICHAEL MCDONOUGH

Associated Press Writer

PARIS — The United States fell flat in the Davis Cup semifinals on Friday, as Andy Roddick and James Blake each lost their matches to Frenchmen on the red clay of Roland Garros.

Arnaud Clement sealed the 4-6, 7-6 (6), 7-6 (5), 6-1 victory when Roddick, coated in clay from a third-set fall, sent his last backhand into the net.

"I'm extremely disappointed that I lost," Roddick said. "Grand Slams, it's for yourself; it's almost selfish. Here, I'm playing for a whole team and a whole country. It goes a lot deeper."

Blake was beaten by Sebastien Grosjean, 6-4, 6-1, 6-7 (7), 7-5.

Russia also took a 2-0 lead in its semifinal against Argentina, as Marat Safin and Yevgeny Kafelnikov won their matches in Moscow.

The United States must win the next three matches to reach its first Davis Cup final since 1997. The Americans have won the Cup a record 31 times, but their last title was in 1995.

"It's going to be tough, but the last three matches are winnable matches," said Roddick, who had never before lost in a Davis Cup tie. "We're definitely going to be down, but not out."

France could clinch a spot in the final with a victory in Saturday's doubles match. Fabrice Santoro and Mickael Llodra of are scheduled to play Americans Todd Martin and Mardy Fish, who have never played together in competition. The reverse singles matches will be played Sunday.

Roddick, who made the quarterfinals at the U.S. Open the past two years, had been 7-0 in Davis Cup play before his loss.

"We saw a little bit of Andy's inexperience today," U.S. team captain Patrick

McEnroe said. "He's going to learn from this and become a better player."

Hundreds of U.S. fans, many dressed in red, white and blue, screamed in delight at Roland Garros, the home of the French Open. Roddick obliged by taking an early lead.

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— **ANDY RODDICK**
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The Nebraskan overwhelmed Clement with his powerful serve, firing 20 total aces to Clement's 13. In the second set, he had nine aces and got 81 percent of his first serves in.

But Clement held serve throughout the second set, and took advantage of Roddick's increasingly error-strewn game to take a lead in the tiebreaker. He converted on his third set point with a drop shot that caught Roddick off-guard at the baseline.

"He has a really great backhand, but I was surprised at how well he volleyed," Roddick said. "I didn't play bad points. He went for it and came up with the goods."

Roddick recovered in the third set, and had five set points. But Clement saved them all, including four in the 12th game.

On Roddick's last set point, Clement hit a backhand volley that caught him off-balance. Roddick fell on his back and got up covered in red dirt. He conceded the set in the next game with a wide forehand, and



Michel Euler/Associated Press

James Blake of the United States returns a forehand to France's Sebastien Grosjean during a Davis Cup semifinal at Roland Garros stadium in Paris Friday.

stumbled through the rest of the match.

"As far as enjoyment goes, that was my No. 1 match," Clement said. "As far as quality of play goes, it was in the top two."

In Moscow, Safin defeated Juan Ignacio Chela 6-7 (1), 7-5, 7-5, 6-1, while

Kafelnikov rallied from a 5-2 deficit in the fifth set to beat Gaston Gaudio, 3-6, 7-5, 6-3, 2-6, 8-6 in a match that lasted more than four hours. Kafelnikov has said winning the Cup is the only goal he has left, and that he will retire if Russia wins the title.

On-field success of Anaheim Angels could hasten sale of team

BY GARY GENTILE

AP Business Writer

LOS ANGELES — Fans are thrilled by the Anaheim Angels' winning season, but the baseball team's success could hasten a breakup with its corporate parent, The Walt Disney Co.

Disney, which first bought a share of the Angels in 1996, has been trying to sell the team for several years, even as it poured \$100 million into renovating Edison Field and ponied up millions more to pay star players.

The investment is finally paying off. The team is contending for its first playoff spot since 1986 after setting a record for victories for the 41-year-old franchise.

Success has made the team a hotter commodity, although the weak economy is making it a hard sell.

"It's more likely they will be sold," said Harold Vogel, an analyst with Vogel Capital Management in New York. "This is not a critical asset to Disney by any means, and that's not going to change much even if there's a big success. It will help get them a better price, and I think they'll be happy to be out of it."

Owning the Angels has amounted to a failed attempt at corporate synergy for Disney and an expensive political gesture designed to make Anaheim the kind of tourist destination Disney successfully created in Orlando, Fla.

Disney spent nearly \$100 million to refurbish the team's stadium, renaming it Edison Field. It also signed a 33-year lease with Anaheim with a clause that keeps the Angels in the city until at least 2017, even if Disney sells the team.

Last season, the Angels lost \$9.6 million before revenue sharing, according to figures reported to Major League Baseball. Disney has lost as much as \$16 million a year on the baseball team and another \$8 million on its

professional hockey franchise, the Anaheim Mighty Ducks, according to David Miller, an analyst with Sander Morris Harris.

Disney took the plunge into sports teams after deciding to expand Disneyland into a resort similar to Walt Disney World.

As part of its overall plan, the entertainment giant wanted the city to make substantial improvements to roadways and to bury ugly overhead utility wires. Anaheim made the improvements and, partly as a political move, Disney landed an expansion NHL team to fill an empty arena known as The Pond that the city had built for more than \$100 million.

"Having a professional hockey team and programs related to it was good for Anaheim, and therefore also good for Disneyland," Disney chief executive Michael Eisner wrote in his 1998 autobiography, "Work in Progress."

Disney bought a minority interest in the then-California Angels in 1996 from Gene Autry to keep the team from moving out of town. It acquired the rest of the team after Autry's death in 1998.

The idea was that Disney could promote its teams at its theme parks and tout those parks and other products at games. The cross-promotion was designed to keep tourists in Anaheim.

It hasn't worked.

"The Angels don't command a national following the way the Yankees do," Miller said. "If you're coming to visit from out of town, you're probably not going to go to an Angels game."

The Ducks were formed a year after Disney's movie "The Mighty Ducks" hit theaters. Two sequels, released in 1994 and 1996 and promoted heavily through the team, did not score with audiences. The third film earned

less than half of the original at the box office.

The Disney movie "Angels in the Outfield" was released two years before Disney acquired its stake in the team. No sequels have been made.

Disney has always said it would sell both teams if the right deals came along.

"Out of a fiduciary responsibility to our shareholders, we would have to consider any legitimate offer," said Leslie Goodman, a spokeswoman for Walt Disney Parks and Resorts.

In recent years, the escalating cost of player payrolls discouraged prospective suitors. Meanwhile, the number of buyers who could afford to pay the \$250 million to \$400 million the team is estimated to be worth has also shrunk along with the economy.

Publicized talks over the last few years, including discussions with Henry Nicholas, co-founder of Broadcom Corp., and others, have led nowhere.

Still, while no ongoing negotiations have been made public, analysts say a sale could happen now that the Angels are winners.

The team's success comes after years of fans blaming Disney for not investing in the team and trying to turn it into a promotional tool instead of a contender.

"There was a learning curve with the Disney company and a sports franchise," said Tim Mead, vice president of communications for Anaheim Sports Inc., the Disney unit that owns the Angels and Mighty Ducks.

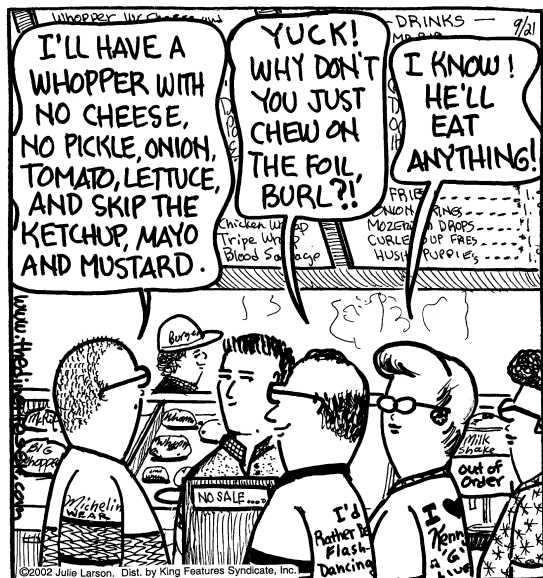
Among other things, the team has shown its willingness to pay for star players in recent years, Mead said. A payroll that totaled \$25 million in 1996 is now \$61 million.

"Between that, the losses they have absorbed, their commitment to the ballpark and long-term contracts, I'm not sure they could do much more," he said.

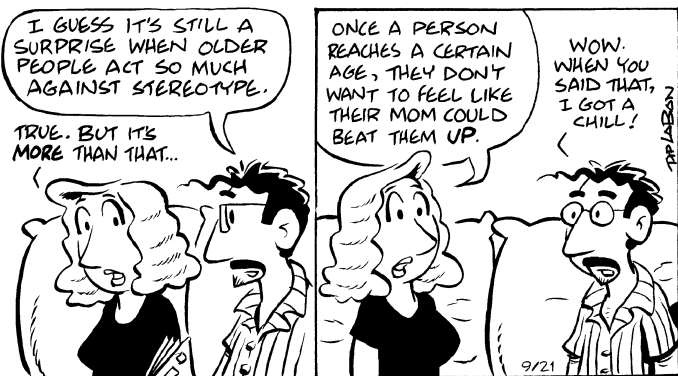
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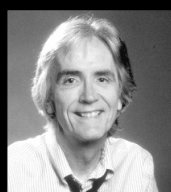
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Calendar

Saturday, September 21, 2002

movies

Loews Broadway Cinema
1441 Third St. at Broadway
 City by the Sea (R) 11:30, 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30. Igby Goes Down (R) 11:00, 12:20, 1:10, 1:35, 3:50, 3:40, 4:10, 5:20, 6:10, 6:45, 7:50, 8:40, 9:20, 10:20, 11:10.

Mann Criterion
1313 Third St.
 Austin Powers in Goldmember (PG-13) 2:00, 7:30. My Big Fat Greek Wedding (PG) 11:40, 2:10, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50, 12:15. Stealing Harvard (PG-13) 12:00, 2:20, 4:40, 7:10, 9:30. XXX (PG-13) 11:10, 4:20, 10:00.

AMC Theatre SM 7
1310 3rd Street
 Amy's Orgasm (NR) 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:35, 9:55. Ballistic: Ecks vs. Sever (R) 12:50, 3:10, 4:15, 5:30, 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 10:30. Barbershop (PG-13) 12:30, 2:50, 5:10, 7:40, 10:15. Signs (PG-13) 1:00, 4:30, 7:15, 9:50. Swimfan (PG-13) 1:45, 4:40, 7:05, 9:25. Trapped (R) 1:15, 4:00, 7:10, 9:45.

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.
 The Good Girl (R) 1:00, 3:15, 5:30, 7:50, 10:10. The Mesmerist (NR) 1:15, 3:25, 5:35, 7:45, 9:55. Possession (PG-13) 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 9:55. Secretary (R) 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:35, 10:05.

Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave.
 24 Hour Party People (R) 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00.

Today

Community

Meet the Author! Author and Screen writer "Murder She Wrote" Tom Sawyer discusses his latest novel "The Sixteenth Man". This program is for adults. Ocean Park Library, 2601 Main Street. 3 p.m. To 4:30 p.m. (310)392-3804.

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

Theater / Arts

Santa Monica Children's Theatre Co. presents a newly forming musical theatre company for children. Every Saturday from 10:15 a.m. - 2:15 p.m., Quest Studios, 19th & Broadway in Santa Monica. Tuition is \$325 per month - covers cost of all classes and productions. Contact Janet Stegman at (310)995-9636.

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Music / Entertainment

LUSH 2020 Wilshire Blvd., Santa Monica. Three bars, plenty of booths, sofas, leopard-print carpet and a sunken dance floor. Mexican grill serves dinner after 5 p.m. Full bar. Over 21. Cover \$5 - Free. (310)829-1933.

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Music Showcase. UnUrban Coffeehouse. 3301 Pico Blvd., Santa Monica, (310)315-0056.

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BACK PAGE



Two-year students offended by TV ad

By The Associated Press

COEUR d'ALENE, Idaho — Community colleges had it their way. Burger King has decided to pull a television commercial that poked fun at students in two-year schools.

In the ad, two students are shown chatting with a talking menu, which decides they probably don't have a lot of money and likely never will because they attend a junior college.

A Burger King spokeswoman confirmed Thursday that the spot is being pulled because of complaints from numerous junior colleges and community college officials.

Michael Burke, president of North Idaho College, said he recognized when he saw the ad Wednesday that it was supposed to be funny, but it didn't work for him.

"It implies that community college students don't receive a quality education," he said. "Our students leave here and are very successful at university work. Those who leave our professional-technical program enter the work force making an excellent salary. It certainly doesn't reflect reality."

He shot off an e-mail to Norma Kent, vice president of communications for the American Association of Community Colleges, who wrote back that she registered the complaint with Burger King in Miami.

"They are pulling the disgusting 'junior college' spot. Will take a couple days to get it out of the pipeline, and then it goes into the trash heap of ad history where it

belongs," Kent wrote.

Burger King spokeswoman Michelle Miguelez said the students didn't know they were being filmed, then were asked if they'd be willing to be in an ad and were shown the film.

"They found the ad to be funny," Miguelez said. "They were not offended in the least."

The ad was also tested in focus groups, she said.

Nonetheless, "we understand some people are offended," Miguelez said.

From now on, she said, the talking menu will choose its words more carefully.

Fredbird jailed

By The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — From Fredbird to jailbird.

Donny Chilton, who worked in 2000 as a backup to the feathered St. Louis Cardinals' mascot known as Fredbird, was found guilty Wednesday of first-degree burglary and misdemeanor stealing. Circuit Judge Robert Dierker Jr. revoked Chilton's bond and ordered him jailed pending sentencing Oct. 11.

Chilton, 21, and two others entered Busch Stadium in the early hours of May 9, 2000, got into a storage area near the Cardinals' clubhouse and took a player's set of golf clubs, one yellow baseball used in batting practice and a batting helmet. Court records do not identify the player whose clubs were taken.

A team employee spotted the three leaving the ballpark, followed them across the street and questioned them — and they dropped the loot, authorities said.

Cardinals officials plucked Chilton after they matched his employee identification photo with a videotape image from a surveillance camera, assistant circuit attorney Amy Fite said. Authorities were unable to identify the two others.

Jurors recommended Chilton get a five-year prison term — the minimum — on the felony burglary charge and a fine for stealing.

A spokesman for the Cardinals did not return a phone call seeking comment.

Company refers customers to porn

By The Associated Press

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. — Alice Morrison was looking for a better way to seal her pickles. What she heard made her want to seal her ears.

The 71-year-old Sunday school teacher was unhappy with the canning lids on her sweet pickle jars. So she reached for her box of Kerr mason lids and called the consumer help number printed on the side.

Instead of advice for her lids, she was greeted by a recorded, raspy voice that she was about to hear "sexy introductions from callers" and that for \$1.99 a minute she could "join the fun."

"I assure you, I wasn't looking for any hotline," Morrison said.

It isn't the first time people seeking information about canning have discovered themselves hooked up to a phone sex line.

Officials with the company that makes the lids have fielded plenty of confused and sometimes angry calls from across the country, said Judy Harrold, manager of consumer affairs for Alltrista Consumer Products Co.

Harrold said that about a year and a half ago, Alltrista decided to consolidate two canning companies, Ball and Kerr, under one helpline. Kerr's old 800 number was returned to the phone company, she said, and the phone company assigned it to a phone sex company.

"We attempted all we could to get that number back," Harrold said. "But once it was released, there was nothing we could do."

Kerr's new packaging is printed with the consolidated 800 number. Morrison wasn't sure she would try the other number.

"I might just put everything in the refrigerator and eat it now rather than messing with another number," she said.

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