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Folk trio Peter, Paul & Mary sing in front of City Hall Sunday to show their support for the living wage ordinance.

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Living wage campaign off to a folksy start

BY ANDREW H. FIXMER
Daily Press Staff Writer

It was a campaign kick-off with a headliner act.

Peter, Paul & Mary amplified the message of the living wage movement Sunday on the front lawn of City Hall to a large crowd of more than 250 supporters.

"Our purpose today is not to entertain," said Peter Yarrow, of the politically active folk trio. "But to give voice to economic justice."

The group, which played roughly a half dozen songs for more than 30 minutes, spoke strongly and passionately for the passage of the city's living wage ordinance, Measure JJ, which will be decided by voters on the November ballot.

Interspersed between verses, Yarrow and fellow musician Paul Stookey chimed in supportive living wage phrases.

During a rendition of Woody Guthrie's "This Land is Your Land," and after the group sang "this land is made for you and me," Stookey added, "And it still is if we pass JJ."

If enacted, the living wage law would raise the minimum wage for low-income workers at coastal Santa Monica business-

es that earn more than \$5 million a year from \$6.75 to \$10.50 with health benefits or \$12.25 without benefits. The wage for workers without benefits would increase to \$13.00 after one year.

"Our purpose today is not to entertain. But to give voice to economic justice."

— PETER YARROW
Singer, Peter, Paul & Mary

The measure has attracted national attention because it would be the first living wage ordinance in the country that would attempt to dictate wages and demand health insurance from private businesses with no financial ties to local government.

Supporters and opponents of the measure are expected to wage a multi-million dollar campaign over the next month and a

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Santa Monica drops lawsuit against local landlord

BY ANDREW H. FIXMER
Daily Press Staff Writer

The Santa Monica Rent Control Board dropped a lawsuit against local landlord Sunnie Han for allegedly violating terms of a voluntary low-income housing program.

Doris Ganga, the board's general counsel, said Han avoided being served long enough for the contract she signed to participate in the city's Incentive Housing Program to expire.

"She knew we were trying to serve her," Ganga said. "She managed to evade process of service until the terms of the program expired, so we gave up."

Henry T. Heuer, an attorney representing Han, denied Ganga's statements and Sunnie Han dismissed Ganga's assertions of evading being served with the lawsuit as a matter of racial bias.

"They target me because I am an Asian female," she said. "But I try to bend over backwards with them and to cooperate fully. Then they come around with this lawsuit anyway."

Heuer said attorneys with the rent board had repeatedly been in touch with him and knew how to contact him and how to reach Han.

In fact, Heuer said he had successfully filed a motion to move the lawsuit out of Los Angeles County, where he said Santa Monica had an advantage.

Heuer also said he thought once the case had been re-

assigned outside the county, the board no longer wanted to proceed with the litigation.

"They know they shouldn't be filing a case in Santa Monica when the city is a party," Heuer said. "It's an improper venue, and they know it."

Heuer also threatened to sue The Daily Press if the accusations were repeated in this article.

"You publish anything personally defamatory about

my client, and you personally and your paper will be sued," he said. "Saying someone is trying to avoid being served is a horrible thing to say and is an attack on a person's character."

"If you are interviewing me for another story, certainly I think you're making a mistake," he added.

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Faults found in quake prediction model

BY ANGELA WATERCUTTER
Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — A new study by two Stanford University scientists could shake up a long-held theory that helps geologists forecast earthquakes.

The theory holds that earthquakes are "time-predictable," meaning the energy buildup that causes them happens on a somewhat regular basis. But the scientists found that wasn't the case in a rather geologically simple area of the San Andreas

fault near Parkfield.

Stanford geophysicists Jessica Murray and Paul Segall say in the Sept. 12 issue of *Nature* that their research in Parkfield shows the time prediction model failed in what should have been an ideal locale for its application.

"I think we've really shown that quantitatively this model doesn't work at this location," Murray said. "I think that this will lead people to realize how uncertain this model is."

The Stanford team's findings

make the successful application of the theory even harder in complex fault regions such as the San Francisco Bay area.

Scientists in Parkfield have been waiting for a substantial earthquake since 1988, when time prediction said the area was due for a quake. Midsize earthquakes have hit the area roughly every 22 years since 1857.

The Stanford researchers used a long history of data from the

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★★★★★ Reach out for others. Unexpected developments punctuate your long-term desires. Speak to others. Make an effort to follow through on what is important. Creativity will point you in a new direction if you just follow an associate's suggestion. Tonight: Celebrate the Fall Equinox.



TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ Focus on what you can do, not what you can't. A boss could be outrageous. You might want to throw in the towel; don't. Relax and luxuriate in the realm of ideas. Good solutions come forward as a result. Just because it's "work" doesn't mean you can't enjoy it. Tonight: Relax. Clear. Center.



GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ Keep your focus, and you won't go wrong. Allow more creativity to enter your work and day-to-day life. Be thankful for an opportunity that comes in from left field. What sounds like an off-the-wall suggestion actually could work. Tonight: Dance the Fall Solstice in.



CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★★ Understand what might not be working with someone's budget. A change in pace could take you in a totally different direction, if you allow it to. Your sense of well-being helps you drive a hard bargain. You're coming from a place of anchoring. Tonight: Work as late as need be.



LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ Share your vision with those who don't see situations as clearly as you do. Humor plays directly into a decision that impacts a partner or friend. Though a close associate could do the unexpected, later on, you will find that he or she could be most appreciative. Tonight: Rent a movie.



VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★★ You might disagree with what someone else believes will work. Allow your imagination to enter your relationships as well as your work. Find solutions to move a difficult associate. You know what is happening here. Tonight: A must appearance.



LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ Not everyone sees clearly. You can try to wedge in your opinions, but you'll get nowhere. Step back and note the revival of your energy and direction. Make an inquiry about a trip. Recognize what might be going on here. Tonight: Follow someone's lead, and you can't go wrong.



SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ Defer to those around you in the workplace. You're best off in the next few months keeping your own council. Not everyone will agree. Listen, evaluate and make your decision. You might need to do some double-checking of facts and figures. Tonight: A partner tries to loosen up. Be nice.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ You sometimes can't stop once you get the ball rolling. Your energy can trigger a reaction. As a result, calming down others could take a lot of valuable time. Friends chime in, full of good ideas. A meeting proves to be fruitful. Tonight: Don't think in terms of the "work" week — OK?



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ Don't lose your focus. Right now you do your best work centering and prioritizing. Deal with unexpected developments on the money scene. A friend presents what he or she feels is an unbeatable deal. Tonight: Order in.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ You know how to delight others. Don't hesitate to do so. Laughter helps associates understand your true message. Detach and express your love in a way others can and will hear. Open up to new possibilities. Tonight: Join a pal at a favorite haunt.



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ Take a strong stand if need be. Don't allow someone else to push you too hard. Know when you need to establish stronger boundaries on the home front. Be honest about a difficult situation. Ask for help from an older woman. Tonight: Pay bills.



QUOTE of the DAY

"One murder makes a villian, millions a hero."
— Bilby Porteus (1731-1808)

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LOCAL



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Santa Monica residents honored for 9/11 memorial

By Daily Press staff

On Wednesday, September 11, Santa Monica firefighters honored three local residents, Dennis and Melissa Eagleson and Anne Grosso, for maintaining a 9/11 memorial.

The area surrounding the Fire department sign at fire station #3 became a spot where local people left items commemorating the lives lost in the terrorist attacks. Within a few days of the attacks last year, three neighbors began caring for the display, which includes items such as flowers, cards, artwork, candles and stuffed animals. Not only did the Eaglesons and Grosso maintain the display, they also talked with people who stopped by and helped the community to heal.

Captain Mark Bridges and the firefighters of station #3 invited the residents for dinner, and personally prepared a meal of prime rib and chicken picatta. Fire Chief Ettore Berardinelli welcomed and thanked the guests, who were also presented with a plaque recognizing their efforts.

Fire department offers free disaster training

By Daily Press staff

The Santa Monica Fire Department will offer Disaster Assistance Response Team training to the Santa Monica community. This one-day course is designed to provide citizens with the skills to save themselves, their loved ones, neighbors or co-workers in the event of an emergency. Because emergency preparedness is such an important issue in the event of a disaster, this fire department-sponsored course is free of charge. The training will be offered on October 26 and will run from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The course includes hands-on training in light search-and-rescue techniques, shutting off utility connections, rescuer safety and disaster first aid. Participants will also practice putting out fires with extinguishers. The training is open to all adults who live or work in the city of Santa Monica. To enroll in the DART program, please call (310) 458-2221.

Informational meeting on Measure EE

By Daily Press staff

A community meeting will take place at Malibu High School at 30215 Morningview Dr. to share information about the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Parcel Tax, Measure EE, which will be placed on this November's election ballot. The event will start at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 16.

This parcel tax will provide approximately \$9.6 million per year over 12 years to support the education of Santa Monica and Malibu children. Among related topics, superintendent John Deasy will address the issues of what programs will be continued and/or enhanced by this additional funding and how accountability for expenditures will be managed.



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.

Forecasts show new activities today 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.



Low-	3:39 a.m.	0.08'
High-	9:52 a.m.	4.84'
Low-	3:34 p.m.	1.42'
High-	9:32 p.m.	5.53'

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County	2-3'/Fair	2-3'/Fair	A
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Over the past few weeks, President George Bush has let it be known that he's no admirer of Saddam Hussein, who Bush charges is a world threat. Bush, as a result, wants to invade Iraq and, after hopeful victory, install a new regime.

On the other hand, there are critics who say such an invasion is one more example of American military power run amok. Critics also contend that al-Qaeda actually poses a more serious threat to the United States, and Bush is letting old grudges sidetrack the original task at hand, which is

bringing about justice for September 11.

So this week's Q-line wants to know:
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OPINION

Don't blame the homeless; look at the rich fat cats



As I am sitting here and writing this column, I am watching images play on the television screen in remembrance of 9/11. My memories of that tragic day differ from most others who watch around the country. One year ago while watching TV, thinking that I was secure in my life, I was unaware of the events that would result from this wanton act of destruction. Little did I know that four days later I, too, would become a victim of 9/11. How you may wonder? Well, a victim that nobody notices, one that will never have a plaque or have people march in a parade in remembrance of. You see, as a direct result of actions beyond my control, I became homeless and unemployed in one fell swoop.

Secure in my job as a hotel auditor, many miles away from the scene of horror, my world crumbled. \$100,00 in cancellations, I was told. Sorry, I was told. We have to let you go, I was told. Unfortunately, I also lived where I worked, so not only was I unemployed and upset, but also, now, I was homeless and scared. What do I do? Where do I go? How do I live? Why me?

These same questions have probably been asked thousands of times by people just like me. Ones who have suddenly

found themselves in this exact same situation. Not knowing what is going to happen in the future or even if I will have a future is a fear unlike any I have ever experienced before. Many others in Santa Monica and elsewhere understand this feeling, but many who have never been in this situation do not.

The choices we face daily are not the same as most others. When we feel hunger, we can't just open the refrigerator or go to McDonalds. We have to find a place to eat. This is usually a long and drawn out process of first walking to wherever the food is, then standing in line to get a ticket with a number on it, then standing in line for a plate, then getting in line to eat. This can sometimes take hours, and then it is on to the next line, and so on, day in and day out.

While this may seem a small price to pay for free food, it is a rather big price to pay when you factor in other things. People staring at you, reporters wanting to take your picture. Even when you ask them not to, they seem to think that you have no rights and take it anyway. When printed the next day, it always seems to read that you are displaying "anti-social behavior." Knowing that everyone who walks by is thinking something bad about you, wondering if you are a criminal or just a dirty bum.

I would like to believe that nobody would ever choose to live like this. I am not that naive. Unfortunately, some do choose this type of life. I've heard a few reasons, none of them make much sense to me. 'Nobody tells me what to do' is about the most common reason I've

heard. I don't get that at all.

Someone was always trying to tell me what to do, where to go, where not to sleep, eat or just sit. Day in and day out we were always getting roused by the police, property owners or just plain nosy people with nothing better to do at the time. Yes, believe it. There are people who like nothing better than to spend the day telling homeless folks how evil they are and how they are the cause of all that's wrong in Santa Monica.

Recently there have been any number of articles published in the many daily and weekly papers here in Santa Monica that blame the homeless for just about everything that is wrong with our city. This is so ridiculous that I must mention it here.

In a few complaints, mainly made by the quasi-political (but, of course, they say they're not ... just read the latest newsletter and they'll tell you so) Bayside District. While many of their complaints are valid, many of them are just using the homeless issue as a scapegoat reason for just plain bad business. I am not a math or business genius, but even I can count.

When air travel is off, tourism is down. \$500 a night hotel rooms aren't being gobbled up as frequently as in the past, \$150 jeans made for five bucks in a downtown sweatshop aren't selling like hot cakes, so who do you blame it on? Why the homeless, of course.

You see, it's extremely easy to blame a part of society that has no voice, political or otherwise, for all your ills and woes. We usually can't defend ourselves, and it still amazes me that some individuals actually believe that a guy on the corner of

Third and Arizona asking for spare change is responsible for the downfall of Third Street Promenade business. Has anyone shopped there lately? The prices are absolutely outrageous. But, of course, gouging the tourists who aren't flocking there in droves has absolutely nothing to do with it at all. It's those people, you know them, the bums!

Are we really that selfish to think that the poor people of Santa Monica are the ones to cause all our problems? Do we really need someone to blame that badly? Do we really feel that much guilt for our own actions that we need to lash out at people that can't fight back? In a society where white collar criminals steal millions of dollars from investors and retirees without a second thought? Where they will suffer little or no consequences for the deliberate, premeditated loss of tens of thousands of jobs due to their criminal behavior? In a time and place where this is excepted and they are basically above the law?

We complain about people eating food in the park, and the only way we can deal with it is to make more ineffective laws to make it criminal to eat or serve food to hungry people. Unfortunately, I do not think that we will ever see one of these rich criminals get the justice they deserve in a society that sends more people to jail for stealing a candy bar at the local store than a fat cat that ruins the lives of more people than he or she will ever know or care about. What's Really Going On?!

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LOCAL

Folk group appearance attracts large crowd

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half to rally voters to each group's side. Sunday's event illustrated just how high profile the campaign for the living wage has become. Proponents working in the music recording industry helped coordinate with Peter, Paul & Mary, who also donated \$2,000 to pay for Sunday's event.

"(The living wage) barely gets people up to the federal poverty level."

— SHEILA KEUHL
State senator

"How can we lose with people like this in our corner?" said former city councilman Tony Vazquez to the crowd.

Joining the folk group on stage were state Senator Sheila Keuhl (D-Santa Monica), Mayor Pro Tem Kevin McKeown and organizers for the Hotel Employees & Restaurant Employees Union, which has been a leading proponent of the living wage ordinance.

Keuhl told supporters the living wage is necessary so employees who work hard can have the ability to provide food and shelter to their families.

She said without the living wage ordinance there would be no way for low-wage workers to afford living in Los Angeles County, which has some of the highest home prices in the country.

"(The living wage) barely gets people up to the federal poverty level," Keuhl said. "If you work full-time, you should

be able to support your family."

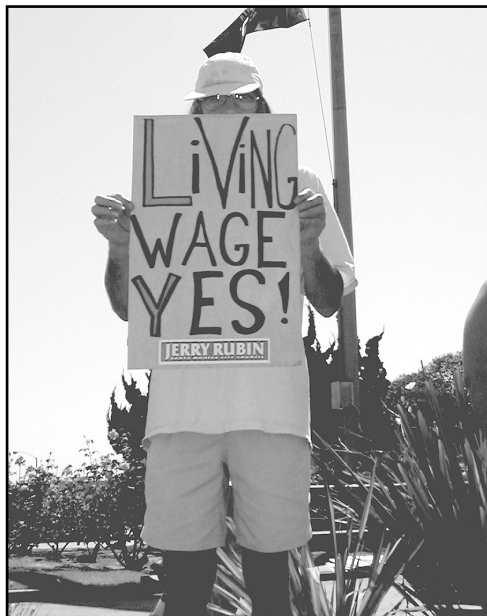
While the crowd was overwhelmingly supportive of the living wage, some said having Peter, Paul & Mary at the campaign event got them out of their beds Sunday morning.

Santa Monica resident Jerry Beckman said though he is "aware" of the living wage issue, he brought his two young children to see the group.

"I haven't seen Peter, Paul & Mary since my days at Berkeley back in '63," he said. "The songs are the same, but man are we all a lot older."

Beckman said he was skeptical of the living wage ordinance.

"The question is, who can afford to live here anyway?" he asked. "But somehow we all do."



Andrew H Fixmer/Daily Press
Bruce Campbell of West L.A. holds a sign in favor of the living wage.

Landlord says she wasn't evading rent control board

LAWSUIT, from page 1

Although the rent control board does not file many lawsuits, the vast majority of them are heard by judges in Santa Monica Superior Court, Ganga said.

The lawsuit was the first time in the board's 28-year existence it had attempted to sue a landlord for violating terms of the voluntary agreement, rent control board officials said.

Han, who owns rent-controlled apartment complexes at 1322 and 1328 Euclid St., was charged with not renting some units to low or very low-income tenants.

As a participant in a city program called the Incentive Housing Program, Han was required to rent at least two of her apartments under affordable guidelines, city officials said.

However, the 1995 Costa Hawkins Act — which allowed all vacated apartments to go to market-rate rents — ended the incentive for landlords to continue partic-

ipating in the program.

But the board's attorneys couldn't find Han for almost a year. They tried serving her with the lawsuit at her apartment complex, her home, her office in Los Angeles and finally at the office of an attorney that works for Han. All were unsuccessful.

Han said she thought maybe the rent control board had the wrong address for her Century City office.

"If they send it to that address, I will get it," she said.

And Han said she always returns calls from the rent control board, though probably not as quickly as officials would like.

While Ganga said "it's too bad" how the failed lawsuit turned out, Han said there were no hard feelings.

"I appreciate the rent control board," she said. "They are very nice, and they are trying to do good for the public."

"Personally, I like everyone in there — I go all the time," she added.

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STATE

Biotech companies race to develop needle alternative

BY PAUL ELIAS

AP Biotechnology Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — Everybody hates needles.

Millions of diabetics aggravate their disease by skipping insulin injections. Countless Americans would rather risk the flu than get inoculated against the virus each year.

Seeing financial promise in this fear of the needle, several biotechnology companies are scrambling to develop alternative delivery systems, including inhaled versions of injectable drugs.

Gaithersburg, Md.-based MedImmune Inc. is hoping the Food and Drug Administration will approve its nasal spray flu vaccine in time for the upcoming flu season.

Many doctors have eagerly awaited the spray vaccine, saying the pain-free method would encourage more vaccinations.

Each year, about 70 million get today's flu vaccine, a shot in the arm. Yet influenza still kills 20,000 Americans and hospitalizes about 100,000 annually, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Young children in particular are the primary transmitters of flu to parents, grandparents and caregivers, yet they rarely receive annual shots.

In the San Francisco area, Inhale Therapeutics Systems Inc. and Aradigm Corp., along with their respective pharmaceutical partners, are racing to get their versions of inhaled insulin approved by the government.

If one or both companies succeed, analysts and biotech executives believe drug makers will try to convert other injectable drugs, including cancer therapies.

Such a breakthrough would not only make patients' lives easier, it could prove to be a big boon for the biotechnology industry itself.

Most biotechnology drugs on the market or near approval must be injected.

One reason: The nascent industry devoted most of its resources to developing novel therapies and paid little attention to drug delivery. Also, most biotechnology drugs involve bigger molecules than traditional medicines, so they require injections.

"This has kept in check a lot of growth in the biotechnology industry," said San Carlos-based Inhale chairman Robert Chess. "There aren't very many big-selling drugs that are injectable."

One exception is insulin.

An estimated 17 million Americans suffer from diabetes, though up to six million are undiagnosed. Not all diabetics require insulin injections, but the drug rang up \$3.6 billion in sales last year. Needle-free insulin could double annual sales by 2006, some optimistic analysts predict.

Most of the growth will come from the estimated four million diabetics who should inject insulin but don't because of aversions to needles, Chess said.

Furthermore, diabetes is growing faster than the general population, with almost 800,000 new cases diagnosed each year in the United States.

Inhale, Aradigm and several other companies developing similar products believe they can grab a big share of that market — while encouraging more diabetics to stick to their insulin regimen.

"If proven safe, they will be very broadly adopted," said analyst Ian Sanderson at S.G. Cowen Securities Inc. "A lot of diabetics are going to adopt this very quickly."

Still, convincing the FDA that inhaled insulin is safe and effective has proven tougher than expected.

Inhale's partner, Pfizer Inc., announced in July it would delay filing for FDA approval this year as planned. The pharmaceutical company said it would conduct additional safety tests.

Aradigm and its Danish partner, Novo Nordisk, earlier this month launched a planned two-year human trial. They hope the results will persuade the FDA to approve their product.

The delays have spooked the biotechnology companies' investors. Inhale's stock trades in the \$6-a-share range, far off its 52-week high of \$20.25. Aradigm's stock price hovers around \$2.25 a share, less than a third of its 52-week high of \$7.42.

One major concern is the long-term effect inhaled insulin will have on the lungs.

The companies insist their products are safe and will ultimately win approval, but they'll still have to convince the public.

New earthquake data may scrap old prediction theory

EARTHQUAKE, from page 1

Parkfield site, as well as data on how much the earth had moved. They found there was enough energy for an average-sized quake, and showed that effects from nearby temblors had passed.

No quake came, leading them to believe the time prediction theory didn't work. And the current lapse of time between earthquakes is one of the longest in recorded history, according to Murray.

However, it could just be that Parkfield isn't as timely as scientists had originally thought, and now the site is showing it can be as irregular as anything else in nature, according to Ross Stein, of the U.S. Geological Survey in Menlo Park.

"On the one hand it's almost one complete cycle late, yet we have to acknowledge we see that kind of variability every-

where," Stein said.

Earthquakes are caused by the constant scraping of the North American and Pacific continental plates. When the ground gets stuck it jerks loose in sudden bursts that shake the ground. What scientists still hope to determine is how to predict when they'll occur.

Even if the Stanford team's findings lead to dismissal of the time-prediction theory, there are still other theories scientists can investigate and use. Some attempt to predict the size of the shake, but not when it will happen. Others look at how earthquakes interact to anticipate where the next section will break.

"It's an important study, and every time we can test something we assume we're ahead of the game no matter what the consequences," Stein said.

STATE



Governor Davis signs stem cell research legislation

BY JENNIFER COLEMAN
Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO — California opened its doors Sunday to stem cell researchers whose research has been restricted by a federal limits on the cells that come from fetal and embryonic tissue.

Gov. Gray Davis was joined by actor Christopher Reeve, a stem cell research activist since an accident left him paralyzed from the neck down, in announcing a new law that expressly permits the research.

Davis, Reeve and other supporters said the legislation is necessary to keep California at the forefront of medical research.

The bill was opposed by the Catholic Church and anti-abortion groups, and it contradicts President Bush's efforts to limit stem cell research.

Stem cells, which are found in human embryos, umbilical cords and placentas, can divide and become any kind of cell in the body. Opponents contend that the research is tantamount to murder because it starts with the destruction of a human embryo.

Last year, Bush restricted federal funding for human embryonic stem cell research to a select number of existing cell lines. Critics say many of those stem cells are in poor condition and are useless for research.

There was no comment Sunday afternoon from Bush.

Sen. Deborah Ortiz, D-Sacramento, authored the bill that states California will explicitly allow embryonic stem cell research, and allows for both the destruction and donation of embryos.

The bill requires fertility clinics that do in-vitro fertilization procedures to inform women that they have the option to donate discarded embryos to research. It requires written consent for donating embryos for research and bans the sale of embryos.

Ortiz and supporters of her bill said the research could be valuable in curing or alleviating chronic and degenerative conditions, such as Parkinson's disease, Alzheimer's and spinal cord injuries.

Reeve, an ardent supporter of stem cell research, has been paralyzed since a horseback riding accident seven years ago. He has said that he has regained some feeling in his fingers and toes, but is urging further stem cell research as a way to treat paralysis.

"Since stem cells were first isolated in 1998, the political debate has had a chilling affect on our scientists," Reeve said Sunday. "It is painful to contemplate what advances could have been made" if that research wasn't stifled.

The move will attract "the best and the brightest" researchers to California, said Larry Goldstein, a professor at University of California San Diego, and halt the migration of stem cell researchers to other countries where it is permitted.

Movie producer Jerry Zucker also joined Davis in the announcement, saying he learned about stem cell research after discovering that his young daughter had diabetes.

"After learning the daily routine, we began to ask what was being done to cure diabetes," he said. "Everyone told us that embryonic stem cell research is her best hope for a cure."

Zucker said he immediately discovered "that the biggest obstacle in finding a cure for our daughter is our own government."

Congress hasn't acted on any stem cell research bills, or a bill to ban human cloning, and Ortiz said there was still a question over whether California's law would be pre-empted by a federal statute.

Measures pending in Congress range from allowing research to criminalizing it and prosecuting those who traveled abroad for treatment derived from stem cell research.

Reeve said it will take a grass-roots movement to get federal policy that "truly expresses the will of the people" and he said he hoped California's law would encourage other states to follow suit.

"The debate will continue in the country, but these debilitating diseases affect nearly everyone in one way or another," Davis said. "As the country ages, however, more and more Americans will see the value stem cell research has in enhancing the quality of life for the people they love."

Davis has signed another bill which makes permanent a temporary ban on human cloning for reproductive purposes, said his spokesman Steve Maviglio. That ban was set to expire at the end of the year.

The state Legislature passed a resolution in August that urges Congress and the president to allow stem cell research, but continue a ban on human cloning for reproductive reasons.

KFC employee arrested for giving customer marijuana

By The Associated Press

MILL VALLEY — A Mill Valley KFC restaurant employee was arrested after a customer received a little something extra with his chicken dinner.

This customer received two bags of marijuana Friday, instead of the extra biscuits he had requested.

The customer gave the marijuana back to the employee, got his extra biscuits and called police.

Police arrested Carlos Ayala, 26, of Vallejo, shortly after the customer complained about the pot.

Marin County Sheriff's deputies said they found Ayala with a small amount of marijuana, a handgun and about \$500 in his possession.

Ayala often worked the drive-up window at the restaurant and authorities say he may have been selling the marijuana to customers who used the right secret word as a code.

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NATIONAL

Commission finds threats to oceans must be faced

BY JOHN HEILPRIN
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Six months before the first man landed on the moon, a presidential commission urged Congress to use more "fully and wisely" a different sort of vastness, one teeming with life but just as mysterious and far closer to home — the world's oceans.

More than three decades later, a second presidential commission, led by a retired admiral who headed the Energy Department in the first Bush administration, says the urgency is even greater than when the Eagle landed.

"The oceans are in trouble; the coasts are in trouble; our marine resources are in trouble. These are not challenges we can sweep aside," said James Watkins, sounding more like a lifelong environmentalist than a former chief of naval operations and national security expert.

Since the last commission's report in early 1969, pressures have increased on coastal areas that are home to half the nation's population. Ocean resources once thought boundless are now recognized as having limits.

About 40,000 acres of coastal wetlands providing essential spawning, feeding and nursery areas for three-fourths of U.S. commercial fish catches are disappearing each year, says the new U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy, now halfway through an 18-month study.

Of the fully assessed U.S. fish stocks, 40 percent are depleted or are being overfished, the commission says in an interim report being released this week. Also, 12 billion tons of ballast water from ships are spreading invasive alien species to new locales around world.

The panel points to a need for consolidating the federal and state governments' myriad and often conflicting policies affecting oceans.

"Individuals who work and live on the water, from fishers to corporations, face a Byzantine patchwork of federal and state authorities and regulations," the commission said. It cited more than 140 federal ocean-related laws administered by nearly 20 different agencies and commissions.

"We're already assuming that there has to be a national ocean policy coordinating body," Watkins said.

The commission found that:

■ Ocean pollution, largely from farmland and urban runoff, and human popula-

tions are increasing so much near shorelines that proper coastal management is overwhelmed.

■ Fish stocks continue to be depleted, and the advice of scientists too often is ignored at the expense of fisheries and the long-term sustainability of the fishing industry. There may be a need, for example, to more closely regulate aquaculture, the fish farming industry.

■ Not enough study has been given to the interaction between oceans and climate change, particularly in the Arctic Ocean.

The presidential commission's work is being augmented by a similar effort by the independently financed Pew Oceans Commission, which plans to make recommendations next year.

The Pew commission has been looking

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— JAMES WATKINS
Environmentalist

at, among other things, a need for federal agencies more often to consider the effects of their actions on marine ecosystems and ocean life as a whole, rather than focusing just on fish.

Karen Garrison, who co-directs the oceans program in San Francisco for the Natural Resources Defense Council, an environmental group, said she hopes the Watkins commission also recognizes the importance of management based on overall habitat.

"A key question may be whether they're really willing to look at the limitations of our current laws, and recommend new mandates that will protect our ocean ecosystems for the future," she said.

Watkins' commission follows in the long silent footsteps of the Stratton Commission, which on Jan. 9, 1969, released its 300-page oceans report just days before Lyndon Johnson handed over the White House to Richard Nixon.

Its recommendations led to creation of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in 1970 and the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1976 and Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 1976.

Pennsylvania beef-packing company expands recall

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A Pennsylvania meat processor is expanding a recall on beef products that tested positive for E. coli bacteria, the Agriculture Department said Friday.

Moyer Packing Co., is recalling 4,639 pounds of whole muscle beef chuck in addition to the 203,600 pounds of ground beef that it recalled on Sept. 13, the government said.

The Souderton, Pa., company said the beef chuck for grinding was sold in West Virginia.

The USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service said it hasn't received

any reports of people getting sick from the recalled products.

E. coli can cause vomiting, cramps and diarrhea. It can be deadly or cause kidney failure in some people, particularly the elderly and children.

Moyer Packing, owned by Smithfield Foods, is recalling two bins of "571266100 BF BNLS 2 Way Chuck Thin Pac." The bins are labeled with the code "EST. 1311" inside the USDA inspection mark. The beef chuck was shipped on or about Aug. 30.

Customers who think they bought the recalled beef should check with the store they bought it from.

NATIONAL

Age, politics could make last year for chief justice

BY ANNE GEARAN
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — He's 77, has been on the job for more than three decades and has a bad back, so retiring to read, write and work on his tennis swing would seem reasonable. But for Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist, the prospect of retirement is fraught with political consequences.

ry legend John Marshall and Earl Warren, architect of the court's civil rights-era rulings, Dellinger said. Politics, a subject most justices say is remote from their role deciding the law, can nonetheless be a major consideration for any justice contemplating retirement.

Unless poor health necessitates a quick exit, justices have generally preferred to leave when a pres-

in the middle of a presidential election," Dellinger said. That makes a resignation more likely when the court completes its upcoming term, lawyers said.

Presumably, a Republican justice would want to give his or her party maximum advantage in choosing a replacement, lawyers said. Also, no justice would want to hamstring the work of the court by creating a

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— CHARLES COOPER
Lawyer

Retirement rumors have swirled around Rehnquist for several years, and the judge is keeping his thoughts on the subject to himself. But age, accomplishment and politics may combine to persuade Rehnquist to make his exit, possibly after the upcoming term ends next June, say Supreme Court observers.

"Chief Justice Rehnquist's interests beyond the court are varied and dear to him, and I wouldn't be surprised if in the not-distant future he decided to pursue those interests," said Charles Cooper, a Washington lawyer who once served as a law clerk to Rehnquist.

Rehnquist has passed his 30th anniversary on the court, more than half that time spent as chief justice. He has participated in an extraordinary range of issues, from abortion to school prayer to the 2000 presidential election.

Once a lone ranger on the right, filing fierce dissents to his colleagues' often liberal rulings, Rehnquist is now the arbiter of the court's increasingly conservative outlook. He could leave safe in the knowledge that much of the court now thinks as he does, lawyers said.

"If the chief justice ends his term on the court this year he will already have established himself as one of the three most important chief justices in history," said Walter Dellinger, a former chief Supreme Court lawyer for the Clinton administration.

Rehnquist would share that honor with 19th centu-

ident of his own political party occupies the White House. Rehnquist was active in Republican politics before he was named to the court by Richard Nixon. He was elevated to chief justice by Ronald Reagan.

President Bush, a Republican, has not had any vacancies to fill on the Supreme Court.

Justices also keep an eye on the presidential election calendar. Bush is expected to run for re-election in 2004, and the ideological makeup of the Supreme Court will probably be an election-year issue.

"No one wants to resign

vacancy that would be hard to fill because of election-year politics.

A nominee could be held up in the Senate for months, leaving the court with only eight members. Rulings split by a 4-4 vote have no effect; the decision of a lower court stands in those cases.

In this year's congressional elections, Republicans have a chance to reclaim control of the Senate. Rehnquist may feel more comfortable leaving next summer if he knows his replacement is not likely to be caught between a Republican White House

Peace vigil



Rick Bowmer/Associated Press

Four women perform Ki-Gong, a traditional Taoist meditation, at the "Prayer Vigil for the Earth" just after sunrise Sunday on the grounds of the Washington Monument, Washington. The vigil calls for people to gather and to pray for harmony with the natural world.

and a Democratic-controlled Senate, lawyers said.

"If Republicans take control, I think that at least marginally would increase the chances," said Emory University law professor David Garrow, who has written extensively about the Supreme Court. "In reverse, the hypothetical is if the Democrats maintain control of the Senate, that at least at the margin reduces the chances of anybody leaving."

If he bows out, Rehnquist will end a period of historic stability on the court. The same nine justices have served

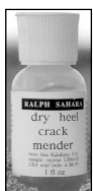
together since 1994, the longest period without a death or retirement since the early 19th century.

Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, named to the court by Reagan in 1981, is also the subject of recurring retirement rumors. Other speculation focuses on Justice John Paul Stevens, named to the court by Republican Gerald Ford but now a stalwart of the court's liberal-leaning wing.

Neither has indicated an intention to leave soon, and most of the speculation focuses on their ages — O'Connor is 72 and Stevens a decade older — and their longevity on the court.

The White House has a list of possible replacements but won't say much about them. Many of the candidates are likely to be federal judges well known in legal and conservative circles but far from household names.

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NATIONAL

New Miss America put off Harvard law school to win

BY JOHN CURRAN
Associated Press Writer

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — For years, the people behind Miss America have been telling the world there's more to her than a rhinestone crown and a pretty smile.

In Miss America 2003, Erika Harold of Urbana, Ill., they have a brainy beauty who proves it.

Harold, a 22-year-old Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of Illinois, was to enroll this fall at Harvard law school but put it off so she could compete in the Miss America Pageant.

Her performance in a pop quiz given to the five finalists, in which she correctly answered 10 of 16 multiple choice questions about contemporary culture and American history, and her soaring aria in the talent competition helped seal her victory Saturday night.

"You have a Miss America that absolutely personifies what this program is about and where we're going," said Interim CEO George Bauer. "The walk is matching the talk."

Harold said she plans to promote anti-violence and anti-bullying programs during her yearlong reign.

She chose the cause because of personal experience: As a ninth grader, she was bullied and harassed, both racially and sexually, and had to change schools to escape it, she said. But some bullied youngsters react instead with violence, Harold said.

She said she hopes that by showing bullying victims they're not alone — it even happens to future Miss Americas — they won't continue to suffer in silence.

"These children feel so persecuted that they feel they have no choice but to take a weapon" and exact their revenge, she said.

"We have got to, as a country, change the way in which we view violence," she said.

Harold, the oldest of four children, began competing in pageants when she was 18 and won the Miss Illinois pageant on her third try. Among her competitors in the state pageant this year was her 20-year-old sister, Alexandra Harold.

"It wasn't something (Erika) grew up seeking," said her mother, Donna Harold, 48, a community college counselor. "But when she sets her sights on something, she goes for it."

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— DONNA HAROLD
Mother

Harold, who comes from a multi-ethnic background, said she fills out 'other' on U.S. Census forms. Her mother is part black, part American Indian and part Russian; her father, Robert, is Greek, German, Welsh and English. "I don't like to label myself. So I wouldn't choose one

label," she said.

For winning the Miss America title, Harold gets \$50,000 in scholarship aid to add to the \$30,000 in scholarships she'd already amassed competing in the Miss America system.

She plans to put that into Harvard and hopes to become an attorney and one day run for national political office.

On Sunday, Harold followed in the tradition of all newly crowned Miss Americas, splashing in the Atlantic Ocean surf for photographers and then holding a news conference to talk about herself and pose with the crown.

Her only regret, she said, was that she didn't get more questions right on the "Jeopardy"-style pop quiz in the pageant.

Harold scored second among the five finalists on the quiz, after Miss Alabama Scarlotte Deupree, who got 11 right.

Deupree was the first runner-up in the competition; Miss Oklahoma Casey Preslar was second runner-up; Miss Nevada Teresa Benitez was third runner-up; and Miss Maryland Camille Lewis rounded out the five finalists.

Geyser eruption stirs wonders about basin

By The Associated Press

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, Wyo. — A rare eruption of the world's largest geyser is causing geologists to take a closer look at the mysterious basin in which it lies.

Steamboat Geyser's 300-foot-eruption on Sept. 13 was the second this year, but only the fourth in 11 years.

It has given a push to efforts by Yellowstone, U.S. Geological Survey and University of Utah officials to install more research instruments in

the geyser's home, Norris Basin.

"That gives us even more reasons to study the Norris region," said Hank Heasler, supervisory geologist at Yellowstone. "It's just a very fascinating, dynamic and interesting area."

The Norris Geyser Basin is the hottest and most rapidly changing of Yellowstone's several geyser areas. It lies about 30 miles north of Old Faithful, which is part of the Upper Geyser Basin.

Reports of Steamboat's eruptions date to 1878. The geyser, one of

10,000 geothermal features in Yellowstone, was dormant between 1911 and 1961. It erupted three times in 1989 and once in 1990, 1991 and 2000 before shooting off in April and September of this year.

A week or so before the April eruption, water flow in the basin increased and the temperature of the water jumped to nearly boiling point at times.

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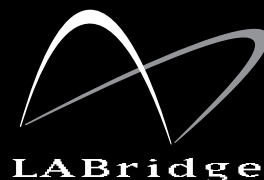
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Bush administration's Iraq campaign includes behind-scenes bartering

BY TOM RAUM
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration's drive to persuade Congress and the United Nations to authorize military action against Iraq is just the public face of its campaign. Behind the scenes, it's more like "let's make a deal."

Russia wants assurances it will not forfeit the \$7 billion Iraq owes it, and less criticism about its Chechnya policy. China would appreciate support in its crackdown on Islamic militants in its Central Asia border areas.

France would like future access to Iraqi oil fields. Saudi Arabia and Kuwait hope for U.S. protection for their own vast petroleum reserves. Egypt and Jordan might get more economic assistance.

Turkey would like reimbursement for its past and continued support in confronting Iraq. Turkey also would prefer that an invasion of Iraq not take place in the summer; the timing would be bad for tourism, a major prop of the Turkish economy.

"There will be other countries assisting the United States" if war comes, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld told the House Armed Services Committee last week. "We will have all the support we need to get the job done."

Belying widespread international skepticism, arrangements are being negotiated in private for bases, airspace rights, troops and financial support, administration officials say.

Those officials are touchy about details.

"I don't see that there are really any quid pro quos to be had, whether with Russia or others," Undersecretary of State John Bolton said when asked if Washington might subdue its criticism if Russian President Vladimir Putin carries out a threat to pursue Chechen rebels into the republic of Georgia.

But clearly, dealmaking is in the air as major world players gauge how their own interests might fit into a post-Saddam Iraq. Looming over such discussions are Iraq's oil reserves, the second biggest in the world after Saudi Arabia's.

If those oil fields are reopened and sanctions lifted, countries and their corporations do not want to be left outside. "As we all know, nations will ultimately act in their national interests," said Robert Ebel, a global energy expert at the Center for Strategic and International Studies. U.S.-based oil companies would be dominant players in such a future.

To wage its war, the United States is counting on — and negotiating for — access to bases in Kuwait, Qatar, Bahrain and elsewhere in the region. Use of bases in Saudi Arabia appears to hinge on the degree of U.N. participation.

U.S. bargaining was vastly complicated by Iraq's offer to allow U.N. weapons inspectors to return, markedly slowing momentum for military action.

Russia, China and France have economic interests in Iraq.

China opposes unilateral U.S. action, but has not threatened to use its Security Council veto.

Fighting in Afghanistan



U.S. Navy/Associated Press

A Special Operations Force commando from Task Force K-Bar watches near Khandahar, Afghanistan, Feb. 12, 2002, in this image released by the U.S. Navy Sept. 18. Between October and the end of March, Task Force K-Bar, named for a military knife used by SEALs, took 107 detainees and tallied at least 115 confirmed enemy deaths, Commodore Robert S. Harward said from his office at Naval Special Warfare headquarters in Coronado, Calif.

U.S.-Chinese relations have warmed since the spy plane crisis last year, further helped by the State Department's decision last month to add an anti-Chinese group — the East Turkestan Islamic Movement — to its list of terrorist organizations. Some human rights activists claimed the move gave China a freer hand to suppress Muslim ethnic groups.

Russia is seeking a variety of U.S. assurances to protect its economic interests.

Andrew Kuchins, a Russia expert with the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, said the oil issue is crucial. "A lot

of the Russian recovery for the past 3 1/2 years is due to high oil prices. They're certainly concerned about Iraq coming fully on line and the impact that will have on oil prices and on the Russian economy," Kuchins said.

Moscow is trying to position itself as an alternative source of world oil to the volatile Middle East.

Bush lobbied Putin by phone late last week, and Russia's visiting defense and foreign ministers in person. But for now, Russia held to its view that war plans be held while U.N. weapons inspectors do their job.

U.S. bishops' sex abuse plan still under study by Vatican

BY FRANCES D'EMILIO
Associated Press Writer

ROME — The Vatican next month will make known its position on the new U.S. bishops' strategy to eradicate sex abuse among clergy, a policy expected to raise objections at the Holy See.

The Vatican press office on Sunday said it would not comment about a report by the National Catholic Reporter, a liberal, U.S.-based publication, that the Vatican would not grant legal approval to the guidelines, adopted in June at a Dallas meeting of U.S. bishops.

Without Rome's approval, the bishops' policy amounts to a gentlemen's agreement, as opposed to being enshrined in church law and binding on all American dioceses.

The report Saturday was similar to a recent spate of other articles quoting unnamed sources as saying that the Holy See has several problems with the guidelines, especially those which deal with the protection of priests who have been falsely accused of sexually abusing minors.

Vatican officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, have said that the Holy See's response would come in October.

"The Vatican will release its response soon," spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls said.

"I can't say in which direction it (the response) is heading" before the Vatican's study of the norms is wrapped up, he said.

In preparing the response, the Vatican has been sounding out its own canon law

experts and officials from several Vatican congregations dealing with bishops, clergy and matters of doctrinal orthodoxy.

Some of those officials were away from the Vatican on vacation over the summer, and before recent weeks, couldn't all sit down together to consult over the matter.

After months of scandals revealing that, over the past decades, many U.S. priests who were accused of sexual abuse were moved from parish to parish, the American bishops came up with a policy to keep molesters away from parishioners.

But some at the Vatican are concerned that bishops, eager to show their flock that they are vigilant, will take innocent priests away from parish work.

And there is also worry that U.S. churchmen might act hastily in handling cases of accusations.

The Vatican also has its own tribunals, with specific and often slow-moving procedures.

In an indication of Vatican thinking, shortly before the U.S. bishops met in Dallas, a Jesuit magazine, whose articles receive Rome's approval before publication, suggested that bishops should avoid telling their flock that their parish priest had sexually abused someone if the bishops believe the priest will not carry out further abuse.

The provisions which the U.S. bishops are seeking approval for include requiring bishops to report abuse of minors to civil authorities. The Vatican traditionally allows local bishops much autonomy in handling many matters in their diocese.

While the U.S. bishops' guidelines were aimed with coming up with an across-the-board approach in handling abuse scandals, the church in the United States is itself divided over policy.

Last month, the Conference of Major Superiors of Men, which represents religious orders to which about one-third of the priests in the United States belong, decided to allow most abusers to continue

in church work, away from parishioners.

The U.S. bishops had agreed in June to remove all guilty priests from church work, and, in some instances, even from the priesthood itself.

William Ryan, a spokesman for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, said Sunday that the Vatican has not told the Bishops when they will reach a decision on the plan.

Zurich voters give married rights to same-sex couples

By The Associated Press

ZURICH, Switzerland — Voters in Switzerland's most populous state voted overwhelmingly Sunday to give same-sex pairs rights previously reserved for married couples.

In a joint statement, three Swiss gay rights groups said it was the first time in history that a referendum had been called on legal rights for homosexual couples.

By a 63-37 percent margin, the referendum in Zurich canton approved civil registration for gay and lesbian couples. They will have the same tax, inheritance and social security benefits as other married couples.

While a number of other European countries have already recognized same-sex unions, Zurich is the first Swiss can-

ton to do so. Similar efforts are underway elsewhere in the country.

But partners must live in Zurich canton and formally commit themselves six months in advance to running a joint home and to providing each other with mutual support and aid.

"For the lesbians and gays of the canton of Zurich, this historic yes signifies that the state no longer considers them second-class citizens," said the statement by the Swiss Lesbian Organization; Pink Cross, the Swiss Organization of Gays; and FELS, the Friends and Parents of Lesbians and Gays.

The gay rights organizations said the governing Swiss cabinet should now move for all of Switzerland to treat same-sex couples and married couples with "perfect equality."



SPORTS

Tiger wins again



Adam Butler/Associated Press

Tiger Woods of the United States tees off from the 17th during the third round of the American Express Championship at Mount Juliet Golf Course, Thomastown, Ireland, Saturday. Woods won the tournament on Sunday.

U.S. comes apart on clay of Roland Garros, again

BY MICHAEL MCDONOUGH

Associated Press Writer

PARIS — Andy Roddick and James Blake couldn't change the luck of the United States on the clay at Roland Garros.

Sebastien Grosjean overcame an ankle injury and beat Andy Roddick 6-4, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4, giving France its third win in the best-of-five competition and clinching a spot in the final of the Davis Cup. James Blake beat Arnaud Clement 6-4, 6-3 in 49 minutes in the final singles match. France won 3-2 overall.

The loss was the United States' fifth to France in five appearances at Roland Garros. The U.S. team hadn't played at the home of the French Open since 1932, but Roddick, Blake and Todd Martin struggled on the slow surface — just as their predecessors had.

"We're going to be a force on clay," U.S. team captain Patrick McEnroe pledged after the loss.

Defending champion France will play Russia, a 3-2 winner over Argentina in the other semifinal, in the Nov. 29-Dec. 1 final. The French are seeking their first back-to-back titles since 1932.

"He just stayed there mentally the whole time," Roddick said of Grosjean, ranked No. 9 in the ATP's entry system. "When I didn't make one or two forehand errors in a service game, he was ready to come up with the shots."

"I don't know if I wouldn't have minded a faster surface, but you've got to play with the cards that you're dealt."

Both players battled injuries on the dry and slightly chilly center court. Grosjean had his right ankle taped after skidding and falling in the second set, which he lost. Roddick played the bulk of the match with a large patch on his lower back to soothe sore muscles.

"I don't think I served my best today," Roddick said. "I didn't really have the

same pop I had the other day on my serve."

Roddick had six aces, compared to 20 in his loss to Clement on Friday. In the last set, he double-faulted to concede a break, after which he sat down, cursed, and threw his towel angrily to the ground.

Roddick also struggled with his forehand, although in the second set he fired one Grosjean, who crouched at the net and used his racket to shield himself. The shot bounced off and Roddick volleyed it to the baseline to win the point.

McEnroe saw improvement in Roddick's play.

"His game's improved, but it's got to continue," he said. "Now players know him and they know his weaknesses. The stakes get higher as you get better."

The United States, the winner of a record 31 Davis Cup titles, last reached the final in 1997 and has not won the event since 1995. The Americans lost their four previous matches against France at Roland Garros between 1928-32.

In addition to Blake's win over Clement, the Americans' only other victory came in the doubles. Blake and Martin beat Mickael Llodra and Fabrice Santoro in five sets.

France took a 2-0 advantage Friday after Clement beat Roddick and Grosjean defeated Blake. The Americans rallied from an 0-2 deficit just once, in the 1934 interzone final against Australia.

France, 7-7 against the United States, hasn't lost a Davis Cup match in more than two years, running its streak to eighth straight. The French record of 11 straight tie wins was set in 1932.

After the winning point, the diminutive Grosjean was lifted in the air by his teammates as French fans cheered. But the dejected Roddick had already walked off.

"I wasn't really hanging around much to watch the spectacle of it," he said. "Obviously, I'm sure it's a nice feeling."

Colorado dominates UCLA a week after loss

BY JOHN NADEL

AP Sports Writer

PASADENA — Colorado showed up on UCLA's schedule at the worst possible time for the Bruins.

Coming off a humiliating 40-3 loss to Southern California in which they had only four first downs and 61 yards of total offense, the Buffaloes overpowered previously unbeaten UCLA 31-17 Saturday at the Rose Bowl.

"Last week's game was a nightmare," Colorado guard Wayne Lucier said. "I don't think UCLA knew what was going to hit them."

The Bruins didn't find out until after they took a 7-0 lead on the first play of the second quarter. The Buffaloes scored 31 of the game's next 34 points before UCLA got a meaningless touchdown.

It was the kind of performance expected several weeks ago from the defending Big 12 champion Buffaloes, who were ranked seventh in The Associated Press preseason poll.

But they lost to in-state rival Colorado State 19-14 and dropped out of the rankings after the setback to USC on Sept. 14 — their most lopsided defeat in 10 years.

Perhaps that's what it took to awaken the Buffaloes.

"They did a great job controlling both lines of scrimmage," said UCLA coach Bob Toledo, whose team entered the game ranked 20th but dropped out of the top 25 by virtue of the loss.

"Colorado proved you can battle back today," Toledo said. "We're going to battle back and win more games. We were worn down and they banged on us pretty good."

Chris Brown gained 188 yards on 26 carries and scored three touchdowns and Bobby Purify added 87 yards on 14 carries for the Buffaloes (2-2), who rolled up

27 first downs, 325 yards rushing and 471 yards overall.

"Our guys challenged each other, and it showed," Colorado coach Gary Barnett said. "That is the team I'm used to seeing. Our offensive line just dominated the game."

"It was not hard to get up for a team to UCLA after our loss last week. We have a very speedy defensive unit, and I think that was the difference in the game."

The Buffaloes again played without starting quarterback Craig Ochs, sidelined due to a concussion, but Robert Hodge performed much better in his second start.

And as Toledo pointed out, Colorado's lines were dominant, especially in the second half when the Buffaloes outscored the Bruins 21-10 and outgained them 277 yards to 140.

"We knew we were quicker than they were," Colorado defensive end Marques Harris said. "About the middle of the second quarter, we just took over the game. We were wearing them down."

Hodge completed 11 of 22 passes for 117 yards, made a 29-yard reception on a trick play and looked far more comfortable running the offense than he did a week earlier.

"Big difference between his first and second game," Barnett said of Hodge's effort. "He showed a lot of improvement today. Our offensive line showed a lot of improvement today. All of our improvement was mental."

Cory Paus completed 21 of 35 passes for 189 yards and one touchdown with one interception for the Bruins (2-1), who had 20 first downs and 284 yards of total offense.

Brown scored the game-clinching touchdown on an 8-yard run with 9:16 remaining to cap an 82-yard, nine-play drive and make it 31-10.

The Bruins won their first six games last season before losing four of their final five.

Nostalgic send-off for Big Red Machine's old home

BY JOE KAY

AP Sports Writer

CINCINNATI — Rose and Morgan, Bench and Perez, Seaver and Browning, the Nasty Boys and the Big Red Machine.

Nostalgia washed over the Cincinnati Reds as they closed their '70s-era ballpark Sunday with a wave of feel-good memories and another reality-check loss, 4-3 to the Philadelphia Phillies.

Not even a start by 37-year-old Jose Rijo could help the Reds avoid a three-game sweep in the final series at Cinergy Field, which opened as Riverfront Stadium with a loss in 1970 and ended the same way.

Bobby Abreu had a pair of hits to extend his hitting streak to a career-high 16 games and scored the go-ahead run in the fifth on Travis Lee's double off Rijo (5-4), who lasted 4 2-3 innings.

Brandon Duckworth (7-9) gave up two runs — one earned — in seven innings, and Jose Mesa got his third save of the series, setting a club record with 44.

Todd Walker made the last out with a grounder to second base.

The outcome was quickly relegated to a footnote in the history of baseball's first pro-

fessional team. The Reds and Phillies were more absorbed in the end of a shared era.

The two franchises have traded stars — Pete Rose, Joe Morgan and Tony Perez left the Big Red Machine and went to Philadelphia as the "Wheeze Kids," leading the Phillies to the 1983 World Series. The cities also are linked through their "cookie-cutter" stadiums, which were in the forefront of baseball's move into the turf era.

Now, they're coming down in quick succession.

Riverfront Stadium was the first with wall-to-wall turf and sliding pits when it opened in June 1970. Three Rivers Stadium opened in Pittsburgh later that season, and Veterans Stadium opened in Philadelphia in 1971.

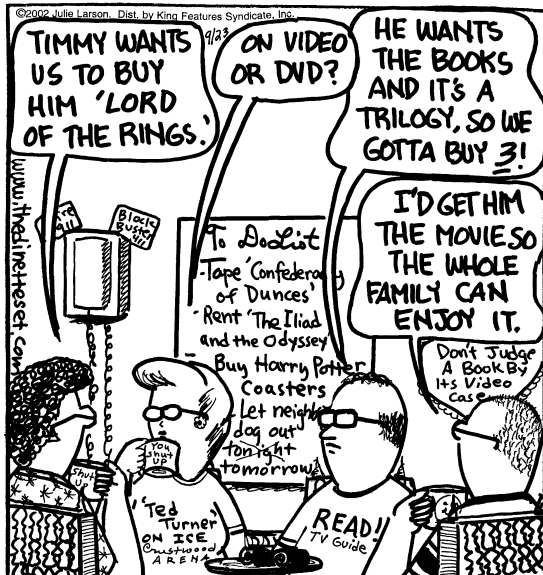
Three Rivers is gone, the Reds will move into Great American Ball Park next season, and the Vet will come down after next year. Phillies executives accompanied the team to Cincinnati to get some ideas for their stadium farewell.

"I know what a lot of fans think and how they'd like to see these stadiums blown up, but a lot of sentimental things have gone on in both stadiums," Phillies manager Larry Bowa said.

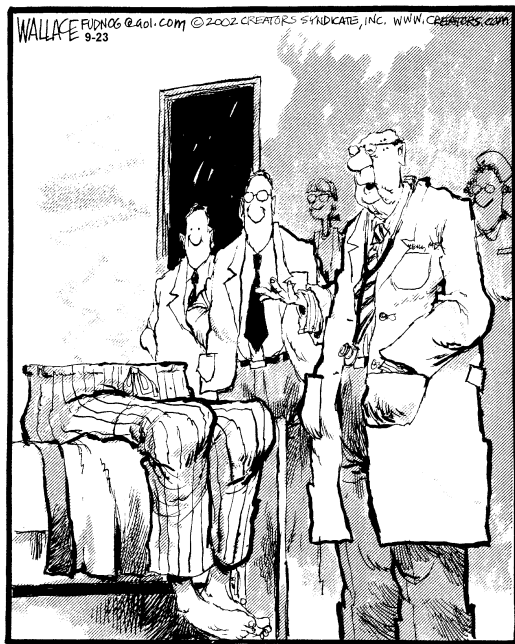
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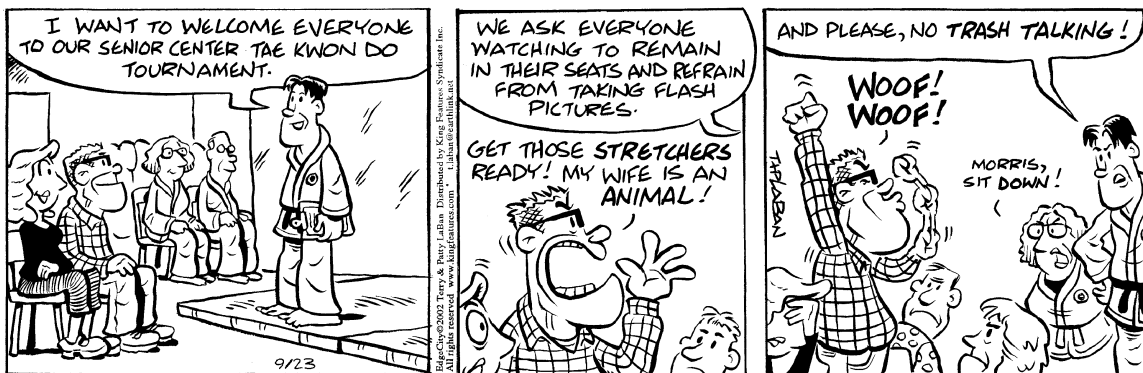
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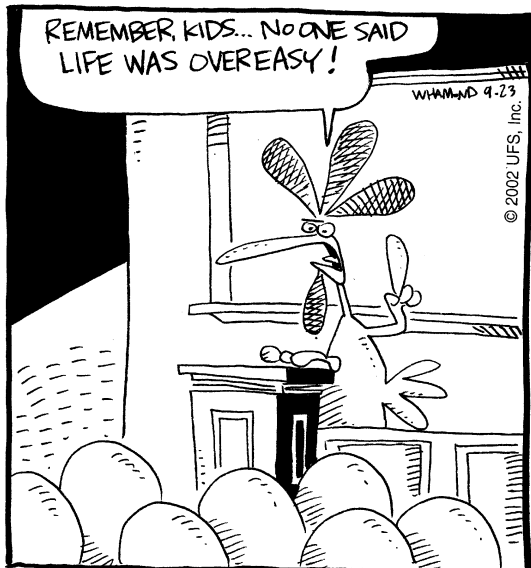
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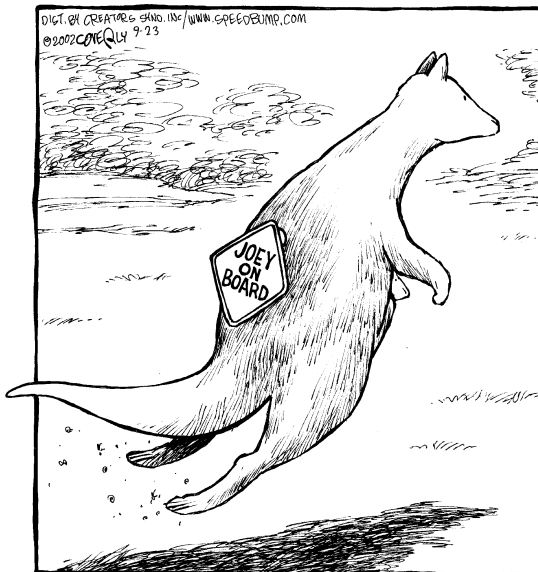
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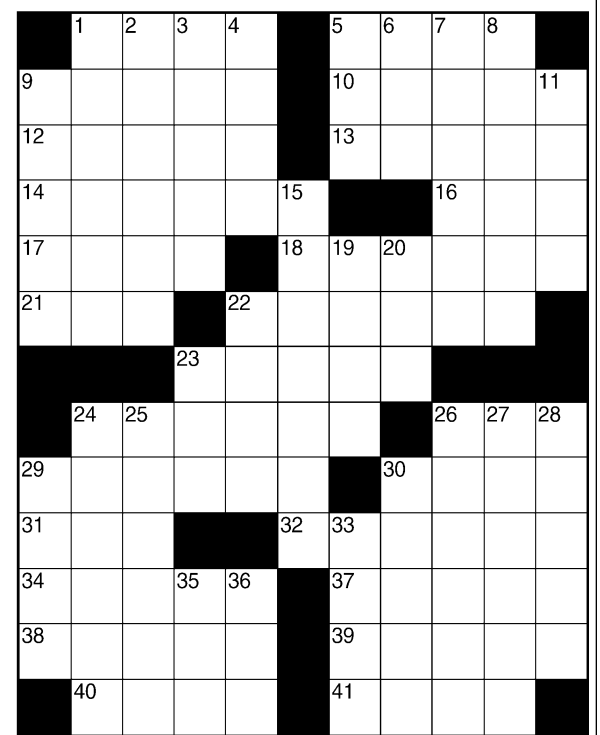
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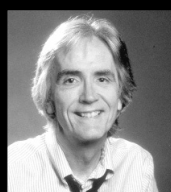
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by Chuck Shepard

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- A judge set a 19-year-old man for trial in a revenge-shooting, allegedly in retaliation for the victim's having given him a "wedgie" at a concert (Southampton, Pa.).
- A 37-year-old woman received probation-only after being charged with attempting to kill her husband by placing poisonous spiders on him while he slept (Rutherford County, Tenn.).
- A pregnant woman in the middle of a Caesarian delivery at the Waitakere Hospital had her legs catch on fire (from the alcohol-swabbing solution), but mother and eventual baby received only minor injuries (Waitemata, New Zealand).
- Police, citing federal forfeiture law, demanded that McIntosh College give up ownership of one of its dormitories to the city because so much drug activity was taking place inside (Dover, N.H.).



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Monday, September 23, 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

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

"The Day that Changed the World," a dramatic 9-11 photo exhibit will be shown at the Grand Salon of Kerckhoff Hall near the center of the UCLA campus from Sept 15th through Sept 20th. The exhibit consists of 140 photographs by veteran photojournalists in New York, Washington and Pennsylvania taken in the aftermath of the Sept. 11 attacks. A memorial book will be available at the exhibit for guests to sign and express their thoughts. The book will be presented to the New York City Fire Museum at the conclusion of the tour. Viewing times are as follows: Sept. 15, 1-5pm; Sept. 16-19, 9am-4pm; Sept. 20, 9am-1pm. The exhibit is free, parking is \$7.00. For more information contact (310)206-0632.

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Rusty's Surf Ranch, 256 Santa Monica Pier. Walls and ceilings are lined with one of the area's largest collections of pre-1970's surfboards. Cover varies. Full bar. All ages. (310)393-7386.

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BACK PAGE

Firearm training facility caters to law enforcement

BY JESSICA GUYNN

Contra Costa Times

CONCORD — “Attention: this facility is accessible to military and law enforcement only,” reads the sign bolted to a metal fence that encloses a four-acre compound in rolling flaxen hills. Only the sharp crackle of gunshots pierces the hot stillness in this secluded place.

This isn’t the kind of firearms training facility you’ll find in the yellow pages. The HALO Group enlists a team of ex-military — former Navy SEALs, Army Special Forces and Delta Team members — to instruct law enforcement and military personnel.

Almost immediately after Sept. 11, company spokesman Kevin McMahon and the other four men who run HALO Group started offering the shooting ranges and instructors for free to the military. “We wanted to do something more than wave the flag,” McMahon said. “It’s our way of doing our part.”

HALO’s firearms training business has jumped 80 percent since the attacks as local counterterrorism efforts take on new urgency, McMahon said. These days use of HALO Group’s three ranges, live-fire shoothouse, defensive tactics training room and classroom has doubled as members of about 50 local, state and federal law enforcement agencies hone their firearms skills and a handful of Army and Air Force units pack in as much practice as they can before shipping overseas.

HALO Group got its start in 1996, teaching firearms courses around the country. It opened its doors in Concord three years later, tapping law enforcement contacts and advertising through trade associations to grow the business. Its 13 instructors focus on federal, state and local cops, police cadets and military personnel.

They also offer the occasional class to the public.

HALO Group — McMahon refuses to divulge what HALO stands for — is one of the few private tactical ranges operating in the Bay Area. Gun advocates blame the lack of ranges on growing public anti-gun sentiment,

California’s restrictive gun and zoning laws and the shortage of affordable land.

Sept. 11 has raised HALO Group’s profile and expanded its mission. It recently launched a consulting business called HALO International, targeting corporations interested in beefing up security. HALO International assembled a team that includes former members of the British Special Air Services, Secret Service, Special Forces and Navy SEALs as well as nuclear, petrochemical and safety engineers, marine consultants and hazardous materials and waste technicians, among others.

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— RUSS THURMAN

Shooting Industry Magazine editor

HALO International’s corporate vice president is Hershel Davis, who when he retired from the Navy after 34 years was the senior enlisted SEAL. “I spent my life assaulting enemy targets,” Davis said. “Now I keep the enemy from assaulting ours.”

Its vice president is Paul Howe, a Delta Force team leader played by William Fichtner in the film “Black Hawk Down” who led the main ground force to the first crash site. Howe who served 10 out of 20 years in the military with the Army’s elite counter-terrorist unit 1st Special Forces Operational Detachment-Delta, teaches hostage rescue training.

Firearms training and consulting businesses have mushroomed as demand for such services escalated after Sept. 11, said Russ Thurman, a former Marine and editor of Shooting Industry Magazine. Though he is not familiar with the HALO Group, he’s familiar with the level of military training that many of the people who start these organizations receive.

“These guys are trained and trained and trained to do this,” he said. “You’ve got some guys who are — let’s just say — double Ph.D.s in terrorist operations.”

Renting the range and its instructors isn’t a big money maker. Projected revenue this year is about \$1 million. Advising companies on how to better safeguard their facilities would be far more lucrative. McMahon says HALO International is talking to numerous corporations and projects annual revenues of \$4.1 million to \$4.5 million, despite the stiff competition it will face from long established, deep-pocketed security outfits.

California has a number of potential terrorist targets — nuclear power plants, power grids, airports, bridges, public transportation. Several threats to East Bay refineries since Sept. 11 have heightened security efforts.

HALO Group choreographed a training exercise with ChevronTexaco’s Richmond refinery and the Richmond police SWAT team in June that simulated terrorist attacks on the refinery. The two-day drill helped the SWAT team, Coast Guard, the Richmond police marine unit and refinery officials grapple with hazardous conditions — loud machinery, hot surfaces, combustible materials — in attempting to foil an attack aboard a tanker, on the wharf and inside the plant.

The Richmond police department and ChevronTexaco are now better prepared to respond to an incident, said Mark Ayers, the refinery’s chief of emergency services. They’ve drawn up checklists so that refinery workers can prepare information to assist police officers when they arrive, agreed on a staging area, even learned each other’s hand signals.

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