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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

by Chuck Shepard

Zachary G. Holloway, 20, and a pal were arrested in Springfield, Ill., in September and charged with breaking into one car (and stealing, among other things, a motorcycle helmet) and attempting to break into another. To try to get into the second car, Holloway put on the helmet, stood back from the car, and charged into it, head-butting a window, unsuccessfully, twice. The two were arrested shortly afterward.



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I shot an arrow into the air, and it stuck."

Graffiti in Los Angeles



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A fresh start on Arizona Ave.



Carolyn Sackariason/Daily Press

Construction crews cut up blacktop on Arizona Avenue Monday. The city is repaving the downtown street, which for more than two months has been a reminder of the July 16 Farmers Market accident. Dozens of areas on the street were tarred over to cover paint sprayed by investigators where pieces of evidence were collected.

More than \$400M set aside for new projects this year

Making city a better place is an expensive proposition

BY JOHN WOOD

Daily Press Staff Writer

Despite its budget woes this year, City Hall has earmarked more than \$400 million for new buildings, and better roads and parking structures.

Most of the money is set aside for a few large projects — \$67 million for the new library, \$28 million for new buses and \$9 million for repairing roadways.

And even though \$401 million may seem like a lot, this year's capital improvement budget is \$11 million less than last year.

Of the \$401 million, only \$77 million is new money. The rest was budgeted last year but not spent, so it rolled over to 2003.

Finance director Steve Stark said all of the money is at city officials' disposable whenever they need it.

"When we put money in the budget, the department is telling us we need that money available to spend," he said.

Stark said the budget for improvements is often unrelated to the condition of City Hall's economics because much of the

money comes from other sources, such as grants and bonds.

"There is not a direct relationship to the budget and capital projects," he said. "The capital improvements are really driven by the availability of special funds as well as the general funds, so it's not uncommon for that number to jump up and down as we look into the future."

Budget manager Janet L. Shelton said of the new \$77 million allocated this year, \$10.4 million comes from the general fund, which local politicians have direct control over.

Those figures are in stark contrast to years past. In the prosperous year of 1999, about \$150 million in new money was set aside for improvements and nearly \$35 million was from the general fund, according to city documents.

However, officials say it's unlikely the full \$401 million will be used this year.

"What it's become now is kind of a wish list," City Councilman Bob Holbrook said. "It won't all get spent."

Still, Holbrook said Santa Monica's City Hall is in a better position than many others in California and is able to put a substantial amount of money towards

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Wife of suspected spy sentenced

Husband's case to be heard by a jury

BY JOHN WOOD

Daily Press Staff Writer

A Santa Monica woman on Monday was ordered by a federal judge to serve one year of probation and pay \$500 for illegally bringing \$18,000 into the United States.

The sentence is the minimum possible under a plea bargain for Susan Youngja Yai. Earlier this summer, the U.S. Attorney's Office dismissed three other charges she faced.

"(U.S. District Judge George H. King) recognized that this is a person who is otherwise extremely law abiding," said attorney Paul Loh. "She's done everything on the up and up, and made one mistake."

Loh said Yai, whose husband John Joungwoong Yai is accused of working as an agent for the North Korean government, was emotionally distraught by the charges and is eager to put the case behind her.

She was initially charged with failing to report more than \$10,000 to U.S. Custom officials, plus two counts of making false statements to customs officials and one count of conspiring to make false statements to custom officials.

Had Susan Yai been convicted on all four counts, she faced a maximum penalty of five years in prison, three years of supervised release and \$250,000 in fines, U.S. Attorney's Office spokesman Thom Mrozek said.

With the case now behind her, Susan Yai will focus her energy on the charges facing her husband, whose trial is scheduled to be heard by a jury this fall, Loh said. John Yai, who is free on \$400,000 bond, was arrested in February at his home at 909 Grant St. in Ocean Park.

Susan and John Yai were both charged with not

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City Hall to spend \$2.3M tonight

(Editor's note: This is part of an ongoing series that tracks the city's expenditures which appear on the upcoming Santa Monica City Council consent agenda. Consent agenda items are routinely passed by the City Council with little or no discussion from elected officials or the public. However, many of the items have been part of public discussion in the past.)

By Daily Press staff

City Hall is expected to spend \$2.3 million tonight on Santa Monica's drinking water, sewers and roadways.

The most expensive item is \$1,370,000 for the design and construction of a facility that will gauge the quality of drinking water.

In 1996 it was discovered that Santa Monica's wells had been contaminated with a chemical called MTBE from underground gasoline storage tanks and pipelines. The leakage caused the closure of seven

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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

The stars show the kind of day you'll have:

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★★-So-so ★-Difficult

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Sept. 23, 2003:

You'll have unusually good fortune this year if you simply let go and let matters flow. Despite what happens, you are protected by the planet Jupiter in your 12th house. You could be surprised by what goes on and what you can let go of. The reason this might all be happening is to prepare you to enter a new phase in your life in 2004. You need to let go of what isn't working for you in order to greet a new luck cycle around this time next year. If you are single, be very careful about people you meet. They might not be who they seem to be. In fact, they could be emotionally unavailable or actually lying about their status. If you are attached, you will find that more private time with a loved one is key to your well-being within the relationship. Excitement seems to naturally surround you. VIRGO makes a great doctor.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ As the Sun changes into the peaceful sign of Libra, you look around to find nearly everything and everyone in an uproar. Use your intuition as to how to deal with this intensity. You might be happiest putting on a pair of headphones! Tonight: Take extra work home.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Emphasize what you can get done as opposed to what you cannot. You'll find that a nice and easy pace does it, while others attempt to tilt windmills to make the impossible happen. The good news is that you can distinguish the difference here. Tonight: Let the action come to you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Tap into your creativity and express yourself as imaginatively as possible. What feels right to say right now might not work at another time. Seize the moment and allow yourself to imagine what is going on with someone. Tonight: Invite a pal over.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ You might not be sure what is and isn't workable. Your ability to move past an immediate barrier proves to be instrumental in making the right changes. A partner whispers some great suggestions in your ear. Tonight: At a favorite spot.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Keep reaching out for others, but do expect that anything a bit abnormal might shock you at first. You might not understand what is happening, but trust that the planets are tossing you a lot to deal with. Tonight: Do something just for yourself.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Step back when you need to. Investigate what has happened within your immediate circle that has caused others not to respond as you would like. You could find others more than challenging in how you deal with them. Tonight: As you like it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Your ability to move through problems and deal with a loved one could be challenging. You could 1) pull out your hair, or 2) simply ignore the situation and throw yourself into work. How you visualize a personal matter could change. Tonight: Step back. Take a night off.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Others look to you for leadership, and that is what they get. You might wonder, quite normally, why you are getting so much flak as a result. Review what might be happening with a bellicose or touchy friend. Tonight: Find your pals.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Take an overview, as close to impossible as it might seem. You might not want to continue on the particular path that you have set up. Talk and express yourself, but strap on your seat belt; you might not get the reaction you want. Tonight: Work late.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Work within a relationship to achieve the ultimate objectives you seek. If you review a matter, you might not get the response you want. Investigate different approaches for now. Someone might create an uproar to avoid a discussion. Tonight: Take in a movie.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Defer to others, with an eye to what might be going on with them. Your frustration could build to such a point that you want to do something unpredictable, like head in a different direction. Use caution with financial decisions. Tonight: A close one-on-one.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Dig into work, understanding what might be happening on a deeper level. Consider your options more carefully that surround work. You could be quite surprised by what peeks around the corner. Tonight: Be docile with a loved one.

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LOCAL



Cleaning house



John Wood/Daily Press

Jose Flores and Clemente Vanegas join in a small protest in front of 1401 Ocean Ave. Monday afternoon. The building is owned by Mani Brothers, a real estate company that organizers say mistreats its janitors. Mayor Richard Bloom, whose office is in the building at 1401 Ocean Ave., made a brief appearance at the rally, which attracted a handful of workers.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Get to know your public art

By Daily Press staff

The city wants its residents to interact with public art.

The City of Santa Monica's cultural affairs division and the Santa Monica Arts Commission are hosting the third annual "Fresh Art Exhibition," a program which enables the community to interact with temporary public artworks. The public is invited to an opening reception where they can meet the artists and view their works on Sunday, Sept. 28., from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the park located at 2600 Ocean Park Blvd.

Fresh Art provides an opportunity to artists who live or work in Santa Monica and have little or no public art experience. Artists can explore themes that are unburdened by the often serious nature of permanently installed artworks, resulting in pieces that can be lighthearted and experimental, organizers say.

Two individual artists and two artist teams have been selected to create artworks which will be installed in one of Santa Monica's most popular open spaces, Clover Park, from Sept. 27 to Nov. 30.

The four artists/artist teams and their projects are:

Gregg Einhorn uses the spaces beneath the windows of the centrally located restroom building, filling them with bright green watering cans in his work "Greenome." Claudia Reisenberger and Franka Deihnehl combine their talents in "Merge Conceptual Design."

Ocean Park resident Brian Moss poses the question, "what-is-santa-monica.us" in his work and "The Happy Puddle Collective" featuring Pico neighborhood resident Abbie Baron Morganstein will install the "Clover Park Sign Project" throughout the park, parodying the rules and regulations imposed upon nature and society.

For more information call the Santa Monica Cultural Affairs Division at (310) 458-8350.

surf report

The surf has been good and if we're lucky that will hold this morning. But by the afternoon expect all swells to be backing off and waist-high bombers be again a distant reality.

OUTLOOK: Wait and see. The swells are down for now and we're looking at mostly NW wind swell until something new kicks up.

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SUNDAY	5:32	1.5	6:22	1.3	11:49	5.1	N/A	N/A
MONDAY	5:51	2.0	7:14	1.5	12:22	3.9	12:15	5.0
TUESDAY	6:04	2.5	8:29	1.6	1:19	3.4	12:47	4.8
WEDNESDAY	5:55	2.9	10:18	1.5	3:18	3.0	1:33	4.6
THURSDAY	N/A	N/A	11:50	1.2	N/A	N/A	2:55	4.5
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The Q Line

It's no secret that Santa Monica residents aren't satisfied when it comes to customer service in City Hall — especially in the planning department. The department has been criticized for being overly bureaucratic and taking too long in approving building permits, business licenses and other vital elements that allow merchants to set up shop here.

Both the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce and the Planning Commission are doing separate audits of the department's operations, particularly

now that fees have increased. In addition to listening to the advice of expensive consultants, perhaps city officials will listen to its residents ...

This week, Q-Line wants to know, "What should be done, if anything, to improve customer service in City Hall?"

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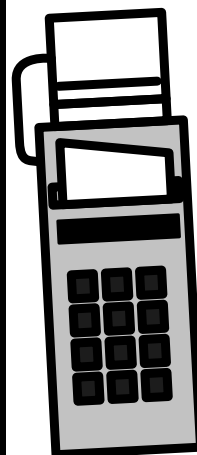
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OPINION



Health care: Single payer, play or pay, or neither?



Evelyn Jerome

There's a health care crisis in California — no one can disagree with that.

But can California's leaders look at the big picture and make lasting change? Will they use a band-aid or an antibiotic?

What are the problems with our health care system as it currently stands?

About three-and-a-half million California residents have no health insurance at all. Uninsured California residents use our expensive emergency health care services more, instead of using preventive medicine like regular doctor visits.

Health care costs have skyrocketed, partly because health care providers take into account the money they will lose by

providing free service to the uninsured. Just like auto insurance, the insured are paying for the uninsured.

So what can the state do to fix the mess? Broader insurance coverage is one part of the answer. Reducing costs, which will partly be accomplished through more people having insurance coverage, is another important part.

Recently, the state legislature passed a bill that would require larger businesses (those with 200 or more employees) to provide state-prescribed health care insurance by 2006, and medium businesses (those with 20 or more employees) to provide this coverage as of 2007. Health insurance can be provided directly by the company, or the company can pay into a state buying pool, which will provide group coverage. A brand new state bureaucracy to manage your health care needs.

Interestingly, the legislature "found and declare(d) that more than 80 percent of Californians without health insurance coverage are working people or their families," which may or may not be true, as it was not backed up with facts.

But should business foot the bill? Yes, providing health care coverage would be ideal, and yes, healthy workers show up to work more reliably. But in today's anemic economy, new health care expenses could be the straw that breaks their backs. Driving California businesses out of state was certainly not the goal of this bill.

The legislature needs to recognize that businesses ARE the tax base of this state, providing funding for all of their pet projects, and the important ones, too. Instead of mandating health insurance for services at astronomical rates, why not create incentives for the health care industry to

bring costs down as they receive more preventive care customers? Why not create incentives (tax breaks?) for businesses who provide coverage for 100% of their employees? What about working with school districts to cover all children under the age of 18?

It's a tough issue, one that isn't getting easier. With an exploding population, it's an issue that demands a big-picture, common sense approach.

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Todd Flora

In this Legislative session, two sweeping health care bills made their way through the State Capitol. A "single payer" system of health care insurance for all, sponsored by our own Sen. Sheila Kuehl (D-Santa Monica), and a "play or pay" system mandating businesses with a certain number of employees to either provide health care insurance, or pay into a state pool that would.

The "play or pay" bill, sponsored by Sen. Pro Tem John Burton, passed its final hurdles last week, and awaits Gov. Gray Davis' signature. The question is — should a flawed and incomplete piece of

public policy be signed that would nevertheless cover (on paper) some 1.5 million who are uninsured?

I really don't know. Covering the uninsured and asking employers who can afford it to fund this social compact has huge upside. But, along with campaign finance reforms, I can think of no public policy arena with greater unintended consequences that come into play than health care reform.

Steps must be taken to reign in health care costs if this health care bill is to succeed as public policy. Already, exploding health care costs are keeping employers from being as generous about providing health insurance as they once were. If this bill is signed as is, employers will merely be incentivized to ensure that their payroll

does not exceed 200 workers by 2006, or more than 20 workers by 2007. Why keep a staff of 28 (perhaps uninsured workers) when you could pare it down to 19 and not have to pay into the state fund? It not only becomes a great disincentive to provide health care, but also to expand businesses and provide jobs.

I agree with the Foundation for Taxpayer and Consumer Rights — based right here in Santa Monica — who argues that the state should approve and request among health care providers to raise premiums, just as we do for auto insurance rates. The auto insurance industry has not collapsed, nor has health care in Hawaii, where a similar requirement passed years ago.

Burton's legislation maintains private sector health care while sending a mes-

sage that if employers don't enter purchasing pools, then they must help the state pay for a large and competitive one. But if we are to really incentivize employers to provide health insurance, we have to give them the political and policy cover to do so with cost containment that has "teeth." Without it, the unintended consequences will only further marginalize a public that doesn't trust they can afford coverage.

(Todd Flora is a government affairs representative who advocates for stronger early childhood development programs. He is a six-year resident of Santa Monica. To comment or reach Todd, email him at junkfood6@aol.com.)

Far-reaching equality bill means gays will have to commit



LEGAL VIEWS AND NEWS

By David Pizarra

I was sitting at my desk last Friday chatting with my boyfriend about our hectic weekend plans. In the midst of our conversation he excitedly declares, "Wow, The Advocate is reporting that Davis signed the DP Bill." And with the flourish of the governor's pen, an entire class of people are now eligible to share in the joys and benefits of a long-term committed relationship, and the tortures and agony of divorce.

AB 205, which was authored by Assembly Member Jackie Goldberg and co-authored by a host of other Assembly members, is called "The California Domestic Partner Rights and Responsibilities Act of 2003." This is a comprehensive bill that extends far ranging rights and responsibilities to people who are in a registered Domestic Partnership.

The law won't go into effect for the next 15 months. The reasons for the delay are many, but partly so current domestic partners may choose to opt out of the new and improved version. The bill requires the Secretary of State to send three letters to current partnerships informing them of the changes to their rights and responsibilities, as well as give them an opportunity to terminate their partnership.

This new legislation provides that the state of California, its courts, agencies and policies must now treat the domestic partners with the same respect as those who are

"legally married." The actual language used is quite bland, "Registered domestic partners shall have the same rights, protections, and benefits, and shall be subject to the same responsibilities, obligations, and duties under law, whether they derive from statutes, administrative regulations, court rules, government policies, common law, or any other provisions or sources of law, as are granted to and imposed upon spouses."

The good news is that registered domestic partners now have the ability to inherit automatically. They have the right to see their spouses in the hospital, to make funeral arrangements, to be guaranteed that their homes are safe and not going to be taken away by the long lost relatives of their life partners.

Domestic partners will be able to more easily adopt the children of spouses, or the hundreds of thousands of orphans in the state. Domestic partners will have the protections of "spousal privilege" that is afforded a married couple who is being sued.

Domestic partners also get to file their state taxes jointly if they choose, but their federal taxes still have to be filed separately, which is good for the deductions. This, by the way, is probably what is most likely to provoke the House and Senate to change their tunes. They'll approve of gay marriages just as soon as they can figure out how to tax us more.

The bad news is that domestic partners now have the joys of spousal support to look forward to, community property issues, child support and debts incurred by partners can now be joint — a fact I am sure the credit card companies will enthusiastically welcome.

The law has an equal protection clause in it, which means that the state of California

will treat domestic partners the same as it does traditional married couples. If there is a federal law that would require California to treat married couples differently than domestic partners, California must now treat them the same under AB205.

This is the proverbial camel's nose under the tent. The Legislature has created a legal launching pad from which gay and lesbian couples, and other qualified domestic partners, may challenge their treatment on a national level. Thanks to the "Full Faith and Credit" clause of the U.S. Constitution, we are sure to see a challenge to federal laws within a month of the official start of the new law.

This is not the end of the road. This is not "marriage," but it is very close. The gay community has come far and this is a major step towards legitimacy.

And yet I can't help but wonder about it all. My personal reaction is confusion. I never had to really think about what marriage would mean to me, not really. I guess I always assumed that I'd meet Mr. Wonderful, we'd buy a house, get a dog, and the mantle of responsibility and respectability would always fall just a little short.

The world is changing, sometimes faster than I can keep up with. We're getting equality, legitimacy and respect. I've been asked to be on an advisory board to the National Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce. I didn't even know we had one.

Less than 90 days ago, we were still outlaws in many states in this country, but Lawrence vs. Texas changed how courts and the police must view the gay and lesbian community, at least legally. Sadly, U.S. Customs still has a problem with Canadian couples — they denied access to

two men who are legally married in Canada, saying they couldn't come in as a "family." The irony of this is that a question among gays to find out whether or not someone is gay is "Are they family?" But I'm sure that will change too.

Society is changing so fast we don't even have the language to keep up with the changes. What am I? My boyfriend is my boyfriend, but if we exchange rings are we fiancés? Then what? Do we get married or domesticated? Marriage sounds OK, but is legally incorrect. Domesticated sounds like we're pets. And what do we call each other? Husband sounds horrendously like we're trying to mimic some heterosexual paradigm and frankly I'm not Donna Reed. Life partner? Pretentious. Just partner? That's a business term and I have a couple of those.

We bought a couch together on Sunday. Everyone who dealt with us recognized us as a couple. At our gym, we are recognized and respected as a couple. It's overwhelming in some ways and yet it's exactly what I wanted. I feel empowered and scared. Scared that we'll get "domestic partnered," and that I'll have to go through a divorce. I didn't have to think about that last week.

I am reminded of the difference between being involved and being committed. It is much like the difference between bacon and eggs. The chicken is involved, the pig is committed. Used to be that domestic partners were involved, now they get to be committed.

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LOCAL



Charges against John Yai to be heard by jury

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reporting more than \$10,000 when they entered LAX from Zurich, Switzerland in April of 2000.

The couple said they did not list the \$18,000 they carried because, when split between the two, it fell under \$10,000, which is the maximum amount of cash that can be brought in the United States and not declared.

The Yais told customs officials they had taken the money with them to buy jewelry for their children but decided to bring it back because the prices and selection were not as good in Switzerland as they'd hoped.

But the Yais later reneged that explanation after the FBI produced taped telephone conversations between the Yais that allegedly detailed a string of conversations aimed at fabricating their story.

The Yais won't say where the money came from, Loh said, adding that the information is not important or relevant.

However, the FBI alleges John Yai was paid by North Korea to recruit spies in the U.S., and the couple had traveled to the Czech Republic and Vienna to meet with

a North Korean representative during the same April 2000 trip.

John Yai, who until recently owned Bon Appetit, a snack shop on Wilshire Boulevard near 18th Street, pleaded innocent to the charges earlier this year. The FBI monitored him for eight years before arresting him. If convicted, he faces up to 15 years in jail.

John Yai, a native of South Korea, allegedly provided information to North Korean officials that was already public from newspaper articles and the Internet. But North Korean government officials allegedly instructed him to obtain and send them classified information, and under no circumstances continue to feed them information already made public.

Loh said he doesn't know what Susan Yai plans to do now. He said the ordeal has been traumatic for her and her two children — one a Stanford graduate, the other studying law on the East Coast.

"As you can imagine, it's been a stressful experience for her," he said. "Her primary goals are two fold — one, to be there for her kids and, two, to support her husband, whose case is ongoing."

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wells and several oil companies have since been targeted by City Hall.

With a lawsuit against them pending, Chevron/Texaco and Exxon/Mobil agreed last summer to pay the full cost to design, construct, operate and maintain a water treatment facility that is estimated to cost hundreds of millions of dollars.

Since 1996, City Hall has paid private contractor KOMEX H2O Science Inc. to oversee that process at Charnock Wells, one of Santa Monica's main sources of drinking water located in Mar Vista, near the intersection of Palm and Sawtelle boulevards.

KOMEX reviews work plans and other correspondence, does laboratory analysis, interprets various data, reviews compliance and permitting, prepares technical reports and presentations, and is in constant touch with City Hall.

To ensure the work gets done through June of 2004, the City Council is expected tonight to approve \$390,000 to extend KOMEX's contract.

But in the meantime, officials also want to test for themselves the new treatment processes. And testing involves the construction of a \$1,370,000 small-scale facility at the Charnock site, according to City Hall documents.

The City Council is also expected tonight to approve \$375,000 in additional funds to complete the makeover of Main Street's sewers and another \$100,000 for graphic designs to promote City Hall's environmental programs.

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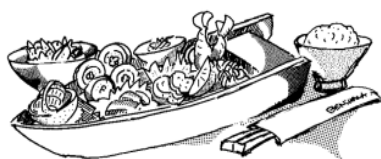
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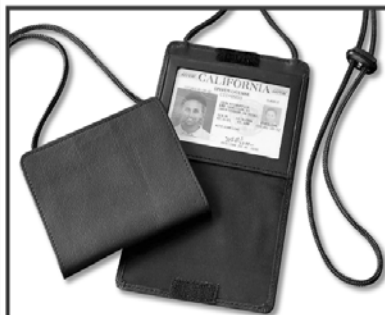


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LOCAL

Improvements: The year's top ten total \$221 million

PROJECTS, from page 1

capital improvements, despite the difficult economy.

Regardless of where the \$401 million comes from, it already has been siphoned into various pools and earmarked for certain projects.

Here is a breakdown of this year's 10 projects with the biggest budgets. These numbers do not reflect any money set aside for future years.

■ The Main Library

Money allocated: \$67,172,467.39
Total project cost: \$72 million

Description: After years of planning, a brand new main library is being built at Sixth Street and Santa Monica Boulevard. The project is expected to take at least three years to complete.

■ The Big Blue Bus campus expansion

Money allocated: \$60,060,093.39
Total project cost: \$81,871,000

Description: Will go towards a new fueling area for natural and gas buses, and service vehicles, upgraded administrative offices, and additional work space, repair areas and parking.

■ New buses for Big Blue Bus

Money allocated: \$27,839,606.51
Total project cost: Ongoing

Description: Money will go towards buying new buses. Currently, the money is being spent to buy 40-foot liquefied natural gas buses.

■ Low- and moderate-income housing

Money allocated: \$12,105,889.00
Total project cost: Ongoing

Description: Money is given to non-profit corporations for buying, rehabilitating or constructing affordable housing. Though it is technically a loan from City Hall, the money is rarely paid back.

■ Seismic retrofit of parking structures

Money allocated: \$10,018,264.12
Total project cost: \$27,050,200

Description: Money is used to reinforce the aging parking structures downtown. Repair and retrofit for structures No. 7 and No. 8 is underway now.

■ Virginia Avenue Park

Money allocated: \$9,559,629.45

Total project cost: \$12,768,787

Description: The Virginia Avenue Park is currently being expanded from 5.8 to 9.5 acres. The new park will include more green space, basketball courts, an outdoor stage and other amenities.

■ California Incline, pier bridge

Money allocated: \$9,352,130.41

Total project cost: \$9,206,576

Description: Money will be used to reconstruct the California Incline, which goes from the Pacific Coast Highway up to Ocean Avenue, and widen the pier bridge. It includes seismic upgrading.

Note: It appears from the above figures that the finances — i.e., the money allocated as of last week — for this project have changed since the budget was adopted in June.

■ Street repair and resurfacing

Money allocated: \$9,337,347.85

Total project cost: Ongoing

Description: Money is used to repair and resurface streets and parking lots in Santa Monica. It also includes money to remove and replace sidewalks damaged by tree roots.

■ Affordable housing trust fund (TORCA)

Money allocated: \$8,303,168.52

Total project cost: Ongoing

Description: Money raised through this fund is available for various housing projects. The City Council is expected to consider this week whether a portion of the proposed new Ocean Park Community Center homeless shelter should be funded with housing money.

■ Big Blue Bus fleet management technology

Money allocated: \$7,171,013.29

Total project cost: \$10,797,000

Description: Includes new radios, computers, electronic bus arrival signs, automated passenger counting machines, onboard security cameras, global positioning systems and other upgrades.

■ Total for top 10 projects, 2003:

\$220,919,609.93

■ All improvement projects, 2003:

\$400,926,051.00

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STATE

Recall: Judges have handled high-profile cases before

BY DAVID KRAVETS
Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — The 11 federal judges who could decide the date of California's on-again, off-again recall election are known for moderate to conservative rulings in high-profile cases ranging from abortion to the Exxon Valdez oil spill disaster.

The panel, chosen by lottery from among the 26 full-time judges on the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, is likely to reverse a three-judge panel's postponement of the Oct. 7 election, according to at least one legal scholar familiar with the judges' careers.

Although eight of the 11 judges were appointed by Democratic presidents — seven of them by President Clinton — many are conservative thinkers, said Rich Hasen, a Loyola Law School elections expert.

"I would not take a bet that they are going to affirm," Hasen said.

History suggests he might be right. A study by University of Pittsburgh law professor Arthur Hellman found that, during a five-year period, 11-judge panels of the 9th Circuit voted to overturn earlier three-judge decisions in 49 out of 65 cases.

Perhaps the most prolific and outspoken opinion-writer on the panel that will decide the recall case is Judge Alex Kozinski, who was nominated to the bench by President Reagan.

Kozinski's provocative and passionate opinions have "made him one of the most popular federal judges in the United States," said Rory Little, a Hastings College of the Law professor in San Francisco.

In May, Kozinski demanded that his colleagues reconsider a ruling that Americans have no Second Amendment right to bear arms.

"The Second Amendment is a doomsday provision, one designed for those exceptionally rare circumstances where all other rights have failed, where the government refuses to stand for re-election and silences those who protest, where courts have lost the courage to oppose, or can find no one to enforce their decrees," Kozinski wrote.

He failed to persuade his colleagues to rehear that case, which is now on appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court.

The other judges are Ronald M. Gould; Susan P. Graber; Andrew J. Kleinfeld; M. Margaret McKeown; Diarmuid F. O'Scannlain; Johnnie B. Rawlinson; Barry G. Silverman; Richard C. Tallman and A. Wallace Tashima, plus Chief Judge Mary Schroeder, who by court rules will head the panel.

The panel includes none of the three judges who declared the Pledge of Allegiance unconstitutional when recited in public schools, a decision that confirmed the 9th Circuit's image as the nation's most liberal federal appeals court. That case is also under appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Rulings by the circuit are typically made by three-judge panels, and disappointed litigants routinely file motions seeking rehearings by a larger, 11-judge "en banc" panel. Only in rare cases does the circuit agree to rehear its smaller panel's decisions.

The three-judge panel ruled on Sept. 15 that the election must be delayed to avoid disenfranchising an estimated 40,000 voters because of unreliable punch-card ballots still used in six counties, the same kind of error-prone ballots that prompted

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the "hanging chads" litigation in Florida's 2000 presidential election.

On Friday, a majority of the circuit's 26 active judges voted to reconsider that decision, and on Monday the larger panel is scheduled to hear 60 minutes of arguments by California election officials, the pro-recall group Rescue California and the American Civil Liberties Union.

After Monday's hearing, the judges will confer privately and vote. An opinion is expected within days.

Schroeder, appointed by President Carter, rebuked the Clinton and Bush administrations last year in a decision upholding a right of doctors to discuss medical marijuana with their patients.

"An integral component of the practice of medicine is the communication between doctor and a patient. Physicians must be able to speak frankly and openly to patients," she wrote.

Silverman, a Clinton appointee, is probably most noted for writing the opinion that overturned a three-judge panel's decision that male prisoners had a constitutional right to procreate and possibly mail their sperm from jail. Chastising his colleagues, Silverman wrote that it would allow inmates "to procreate from prison via FedEx."

Gould, a Clinton appointee, last year wrote an opinion setting back Bush administration efforts to speed logging and fire-prevention projects in national forests. Kleinfeld, appointed by the first President Bush, in 2001 overturned the \$5 billion in punitive damages a jury said Exxon Mobil Corp. should pay stemming from the massive 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill in Alaska.

Tallman, a Clinton appointee, last year upheld an Arizona law requiring minors to get parental consent to have an abortion. In June, O'Scannlain, a Reagan appointee, wrote the dissenting opinion in a case allowing foreigners to sue the federal government. He said it would allow terrorists, "the objects of our international war on terrorism, to do the same."

Graber, another Clinton appointee, two years ago reversed a Californian's death sentence on grounds of erroneous jury instructions. In May, McKeown, a Clinton appointee, upheld a Los Angeles ordinance limiting the size of wooden objects demonstrators could carry during rallies used to hoist their placards.

Rawlinson, the panel's newest judge and a Clinton appointee, wrote last year that the federal government must act within a year on petitions to list species as endangered or threatened.



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City of Santa Monica – The city offers a number of classes for parents and children together, kids and adults including Baby/Toddler classes, dancing, yoga, art and a variety of sports. Registration is on now and most classes begin the week of October 6.

Class details and registration forms can be found in the current fall issue of Seascapes (in the Recscape insert) or online at www.santa-monica.org then follow Seascapes and registration links.

Music Together – A music and movement program for infants, toddlers and pre-schoolers. For ages birth to 4 years. Pre-registration deadline for returning families is August 23rd. New families registration begins September 1st until full. Classes are already underway. Classes are held in downtown Santa Monica, the Santa Monica Airport and Pacific Palisades. Call 310-396-4436 for info.

Santa Monica Swim Center – Community Aquatics Program Registration began August 18, classes are already underway. The Swim Center offers a variety of classes including Parent and Me (ages 6 months to 3 years), swim instruction, diving, lifeguarding and water polo. Pick up a brochure and registration form at the pool on the campus of SMC at 2225 16th Street.

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A weekly look at events and programs

Obese children need some extra help

Raising children to be resilient, empathetic and motivated is a timeless issue. However, in these anxious and distracting times parents and teachers are actively looking for new and well-researched ways of helping their youngsters become emotionally healthy.

Margret Altman, author of "Developing Your Child's Emotional Intelligence" is a specialist in the field of child development and her goal is to make people's knowledge and experience available for parents, teachers and any child-involved individual.

Parents of infants and young children are demonstrating a huge, sustained interest in finding ways to protect their children from crippling emotional disorders that are on the increase and learning how to enhance their children's ability to cope with the stresses and strains in today's everyday environment.

Parental concerns have been heightened by startling new research that points to:

- Increases in cases of attention and concentration disorders within the young child population.
- Two fold rise in cases of Autism, the devastating emotional disorder.
- Escalating incidences of impulsive, explosive child behaviors.
- Earlier use of drugs and alcohol (now in the elementary school population).

There is an epidemic of child obesity across the nation. Gov. Gray Davis is legislating the kinds of foods available to youngsters on school campuses so that kids cannot choose to eat junk food. The extra ounces and pounds that our youngsters so easily accumulate are of concern to doctors and parents who are recognizing a strong connection between obesity and

both diabetes and emotional disorders. There is a link between the development of early eating habits and the development of the skills of emotional intelligence.

Question: "I am the mother of a 2-year-old girl and the pediatrician recently informed me that she is overweight. What is the problem with a small child being a bit plump?"

Answer: Parents have always had many things to worry about in terms of the physical and mental health of their young children. Now doctors are focusing upon the lasting effects of poor eating patterns on young children's emo-

the key skills that parents can teach before age 3. They include: The capacity to read and understand another person's emotional expressions, the capacity to feel similar feelings to another person, the capacity to remember ways to reduce inner anxiety, the capacity to pay attention to important stimuli around you and to set meaningful goals.

When food is used to reduce anxiety or as a reward for task completion or as a goal to be worked for, the child is not mastering healthy strategies for relaxing, for motivating and for achieving goals.

Tips from the experts in Developmental Emotional Intelligence:

- Substitute new, healthy rewards instead of food. For example: A smile and verbal praise, a gold star, an exciting activity that you do with your child.
- Encourage your child to develop the healthy skills of emotional intelligence. For example, encourage the child to express feelings verbally, or with toys and pictures. Teach your child new strategies for getting into a comfort zone by using music, reading stories or finger painting and playing with clay.
- Help your child build healthy patterns of behavior. For example, parents can model good eating habits by taking the time to plan for balanced meals and including the child in the planning.
- Parents are the guides in their child's journey towards mastering the skills that lead to emotional intelligence. An overweight toddler can be taught basic skills that will change bad habits into healthy patterns that endure for a lifetime.

Guest Commentary

By Margret Altman

tional and physical health. Experts are finding that an overweight toddler is at risk for developing eating patterns that remain in place for a lifetime. Patterns of behavior become imbedded very quickly and bad habits become very difficult to modify over time. These patterns often interfere with the youngster's ability to cope intelligently with the stresses and challenges that life presents. When your toddler becomes skilled in turning to food as comfort or in choosing food as a reward, she is not on track for developing the kinds of skills that empower her to deal with the difficult choices and situations that life presents.

Parents want their children to develop healthy patterns and skills that lead to success in school, social life and emotional life. The skills that comprise emotional intelligence are

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SEPTEMBER 27

SANTA MONICA 5K RUN/WALK - presented in conjunction with Octoberfair. For more info call 310-393-9287, ext. 346. Register at 725 California Ave, Wed-Fri, Sept 24-26 - noon - 9 p.m., race day registration begins at 7 a.m. RACE BEGINS at 8:30 a.m., warm-up at 8:00 a.m. Fast course starting out west on California Ave at 7th St., north on Ocean Ave. to San Vicente, south on 7th, west on Georgina, south on 4th and north on California to finish at 7th St. Certified timing by USA Track and Field and Road Running Technical Council. Trophies and medallions for age divisions every 5 years from ages 12 & under to 65+. Parking available at 808 Wilshire Blvd. (enter on the east side of Lincoln) and 710 Wilshire Blvd. (enter on east side of 7th).

DIAPER DASH - 11 a.m. at Octoberfair. Registration is just prior to the event. For kids ages 36 months and under. Tons of fun for the little ones and lots of laughs for the parents. Don't miss out!

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This week's feature is the comedy "The Fighting Temptations" starring Cuba Gooding Jr., Beyonce Knowles and Wanda Williams. Rated PG-13 for some sexual references.

TUESDAY

Movies

11:00 a.m., Loews Broadway, 1441 3rd St. Promenade - for Moms and babies newborn - 1 year old. This week's feature is the comedy "The Fighting Temptations" starring Cuba Gooding Jr., Beyonce Knowles and Wanda Williams. Rated PG-13 for some sexual references.

Storytelling

Main Library - Toddler Story Time at 10:00 and 10:30 a.m., begins September 16, at Reed Park, 7th and Wilshire - 2 year olds with parents, 310-458-8600.

Fairview Branch - 2101 Ocean Park Blvd - 310-450-0443

Lap Time - 11:00 a.m., September 9 - October 14, a six-week series for babies 0-24 months.

Twilight Story Time - 7pm - an ongoing program for 3-5 year olds. Cuentos Para Pequenos - 10:00 a.m., September 9-October 14, a six-week series in Spanish for children 24-36 months with adult.

Montana Avenue Branch - 1704 Montana Ave - 310-829-7081

Family Story Time - 7:00 p.m., all ages.

Ocean Park Branch - 2601 Main St. - 310-392-3804

Toddler Story Time - September 16 - October 21 (registration required). Music, rhymes and stories for 24 - 36 months with adult.

Yoga

Yoga Baby (Venice) - 310-306-9381. Prenatal yoga - 7:00-8:15pm, \$13, Mommy and Me (ages 0-5) - 10-11am, \$9

Yoga Works - 2215 Montana Ave, 310-393-5150; Pre/postnatal - 12:15 - 1:40 p.m., \$15. Mommy and Me - 1:45 - 3:00 p.m.

Breastfeeding Group **The Pump Station**, 310-826-5774, no pre-reg required, \$10 per class, first class free. Moms/babies 0-4 months, 1:00 - 2:30pm

WEDNESDAY

Storytelling

Ocean Park Branch - 2601 Main St. - 310-392-3804

Twilight Story Time - 7:00 to 7:30pm - for parents with 3-5 year olds.

Montana Avenue Branch - 1704 Montana Avenue - 310-829-7081

Lap Time - 10:00 and 10:30 a.m. - Next series begins September 24 for six weeks, for 0-24 months, no registration required.

Toddler Story Time - next series begins September 24 for six weeks, for two year olds with adult, no registration required.

Fairview Branch - 2101 Ocean Park Blvd - 310-450-0443

Preschool Story Time - 10:30 a.m., September 10 - October 16, a six-week series for 3-5 year olds.

Barnes and Noble, Westside Pavilion - 2 pm - ages 2-5 - 310-475-4144

Border's, Westwood - 11am - 310-475-3444.

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Other

Puppetolio - 1:00pm, 310-656-0483, 1255 2nd St., ages 3 & up, reservations suggested

THURSDAY

Storytelling

Main Library - Toddler Story Time at 10:00 a.m. - Reed Park, for 2 year olds. Begins Sept. 11.

Preschool Story Time - 10:30am - Reed Park. Begins Sept. 11. Stories for ages 3-5. 310-458-8922 for info.

Montana Avenue Branch - 1704 Montana Ave - 310-829-7081

Toddler Story Time - 10:15 a.m. - Begins September 23 for six weeks, for 2 year olds with adult, no registration required.

Preschool Story Time - 11:15 a.m., for 3-5 year olds.

Fairview Branch - 2101 Ocean Park Blvd - 310-450-0443

Toddler Story Time - 10:30 a.m., September 11 - October 16, a six-week series for children 24-36 months.

La Hora del Cuento - 7:00 p.m., Spanish stories, songs and rhymes for all ages.

Ocean Park Branch - 2601 Main Street, 310-392-3804

Lap Time - 9:20 and 10:20 a.m., September 4 - October 9. Six-week series for 0-24 months with adult.

Other

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Magicoopolis - 8 p.m., 1418 4th St., Admission is \$20 Call 310-451-2241 for info.

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Yoga Works - 2215 Montana Ave, 310-393-5150; Pre/postnatal - 12:15 - 1:45 p.m., \$15.

Yoga Baby (Venice) - 310-306-9381. Prenatal yoga - 7:00-8:15pm, \$13, Mommy and Me (ages 0-5) - 10-11am, \$9

SATURDAY

Storytelling

Barnes and Noble, 3rd St. Promenade - Kid's Story Time - 10am - 310-260-9110

Barnes and Noble, Westside Pavilion - 10:30am - ages 2-5 - 310-475-4144

Children's Book World - 10580 W. Pico Blvd, 310-559-800K; 10:30 a.m., ages 3-8, 9/6 with Jennifer and Jon, 9/13 with Kathleen, 9/20 with Jennifer and Jon

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Other

Nature Walk (Children's Nature Institute) - Solstice Canyon (Malibu) - 10:00am Reservations required - 310-998-1151 or www.childrensnatureinstitute.org

Puppetolio - 1:00 and 3:00pm, 310-656-0483, 1255 2nd St., ages 3 & up, reservations suggested

"Mary, Mary Quite Contrary" - 12:30 and 3 p.m., Santa Monica Playhouse, 1211 4th St. Admission: \$10, under 12 years \$9. Call 310-394-9779 for info.

Magicoopolis - 2 and 8 p.m., 1418 4th St., Admission is \$20 for evening, \$15 for matinee. Call 310-451-2241 for info.

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Nature Walk (Children's Nature Institute) - Griffith Park Bird Sanctuary (LA) - 10:00am Reservations required - 310-998-

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Birdwatching for the Very Young - Malibu Lagoon State Beach - 10:00 a.m.

A short walk for children and families sponsored by the Santa Monica Bay Audubon Society. Binoculars provided. Free. Located on PCH a quarter mile west of Malibu Pier. 310-393-6205 for info.

MONDAY

Storytelling

Barnes and Noble - 3rd St. Promenade - Toddler Story Time - 10am - 310-260-9110

Main Library - Lap Time at Joslyn Park - 9:30 a.m., September 8 - December 15 (no program Oct. 6), a series for children 0-24 months old with adult.

Ocean Park Branch - 2601 Main Street, 310-392-3804

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Smugglers urging U.S. border crossers to pop stimulants

BY ANANDA SHOREY
Associated Press Writer

PHOENIX — The 63-year-old man was jittery and dripping with sweat when U.S. Border Patrol agents found him. His resting heart rate was 118 beats per minute, about twice the normal rate.

While signs of nervousness aren't unusual for someone caught trying to enter the country illegally, there was something different about this man: His condition was caused by stimulants.

A smuggler had coaxed the Mexican man into popping eight stimulant pills in four hours to hasten his trip across the border, according to authorities. The recommended dose for such a pill is one within eight hours.

Border Patrol officials say they are increasingly finding illegal immigrants who have been urged to pop pills by smugglers who are concerned about getting people across the border quickly — regardless of the sometimes life-threatening consequences.

The number of illegal immigrants caught in Arizona who had taken or were carrying stimulants started surging in May, officials say.

And agents along the rest of the roughly 2,000-mile U.S.-Mexico border have also been finding people with these pills, said Gloria Chavez of the U.S. Bureau of Customs and Border Protection.

“It is just another desperate measure by these smugglers to entice people to cross the border illegally,” Chavez said.

The pills, called triple stacks, contain caffeine, pain relievers and ephedra. Ephedra is a popular herbal stimulant for weight loss and bodybuilding, and has been linked to scores of deaths. The government is building a case that could lead to banning ephedra. Border patrol agents said the so-called stackers are sold over the counter in Mexico but are banned in the United States.

Using them can be particularly hazardous for illegal immigrants who try to cross through harsh deserts because the pills make border crossers more susceptible to dehydration and heat stroke.

“People are being told that ephedra is OK because it is a natural herb,” said Raymond Woosley, vice president for health sciences at the University of Arizona. “But there is no doubt that ephedrine-containing products cause sudden death, heat stroke and heart attacks.”

Heat, exercise and a lack of water exacerbate the effects of ephedra, said Woosley, who is also a Food and Drug Administration consultant on ephedrine, ephedra's active ingredient.

Woosley and border officials suggested that an increasing number of deaths among border crossers may be linked to the increased use of stimulants.

More than 145 illegal immigrants have

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died during border crossings in Arizona alone since Oct. 1, the start of the federal fiscal year, according to federal figures. Some 335 illegal immigrants have died across the entire border, said Mario Villarreal of the U.S. Bureau of Customs and Border Protection.

Last fiscal year, 145 border crossers died in Arizona; 320 died along the entire border.

Border Patrol officials don't know how many of the deaths can be linked to stimulants.

They do have at least anecdotal evidence, however, that stimulant use among border crossers is climbing.

Ron Bellavia, a commander for the Border Patrol's Search, Trauma and Rescue team, said between 60 percent and 70 percent of the crossers apprehended since May in Arizona have been found with stimulants.

Bellavia said that's when agents started finding an increasing number of people who were only walking a mile or two before they were succumbing to heat stroke and dehydration. The agents discovered the stimulants when they searched them.

“The scope of the problem is more widespread than what we originally thought,” Bellavia said.

Border Patrol spokesman Raul Martinez said this is a new phenomenon in the agency's San Diego sector, which covers 66 miles along the California-Mexico border. He said he thinks this is just one more brutal tactic used by smugglers.

“Their No. 1 concern is strictly monetary,” Martinez said.

And immigrants won't necessarily hear warnings that have been issued about ephedra.

In the United States, ephedra has been banned in professional football, college athletics and minor-league baseball. Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson has advised people not to take the herb.

But Chavez said smugglers will tell immigrants whatever it takes to get them to cross the border.

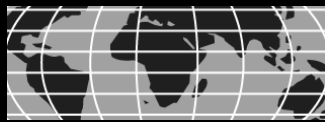
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WORLD BRIEFLY

Canada's ruling party backs Chretien's replacement

By The Associated Press

TORONTO — Canada's ruling Liberal Party overwhelmingly backed a former finance minister credited with balancing the nation's budget as its next leader, paving the way for him to become prime minister when Jean Chretien retires in February after more than a decade in power.

Paul Martin, who has promised to strengthen ties with Washington in the wake of differences over Iraq, received the support of about 91 percent of Liberal delegates in his win over Heritage Minister Sheila Copps. The results announced Sunday mean he heads into a November party convention with a guaranteed majority.

If Martin gets the Liberal leadership in November, as is virtually assured, he would automatically become Canada's next prime minister when Chretien steps down in February with less than two years left in his term.

Martin, 65, served as Chretien's finance minister for more than eight years and was credited with balancing the budget and reducing the debt burden. He left the Cabinet in June 2002 amid growing resentment between Martin and Chretien factions in the party.

Japan leader appoints new Cabinet

By The Associated Press

TOKYO — Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi named a new Cabinet Monday, replacing several key members — including his ailing finance minister — in a bid to consolidate his power and breathe new life into efforts to turn around Japan's sickly economy.

The reshuffle comes two days after Japan's popular leader won re-election to a three year term as head of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party. Emboldened by the new mandate, Koizumi has vowed to move ahead with his efforts to cut government spending and carry out broad structural reforms.

As expected, Koizumi replaced ailing Finance Minister Masajuro Shiokawa, who is 81. Appointed to the post was Sadakazu Tanigaki, who previously held the public security portfolio.

In a surprise move, however, Koizumi retained controversial adviser Heizo Takenaka, a former university professor, as both minister for economic policy and minister of financial services.

Takenaka's tough stance on cleaning up the huge pile of bad debt amassed by Japan's banks has made him unpopular with many in the party but has been welcomed by economists and investors.

Scientists mourn spacecraft

By The Associated Press

PASADENA — Hundreds of scientists and engineers gathered to pay their last respects to the Galileo spacecraft as NASA's aging explorer self-destructed in Jupiter's turbulent atmosphere.

The unmanned spacecraft, traveling at nearly 108,000 mph, was torn apart in a plunge into the planet's atmosphere at 2:57 p.m. EDT Sunday, ending its 14-year, \$1.5 billion exploration of Jupiter and its moons.

"We haven't lost a spacecraft, we've gained a new stepping stone in exploration," said Torrence Johnson, the mission's project scientist, who watched the end of Galileo's 2.8 billion-mile journey from Earth at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

NASA opted to crash the 3,000-pound Galileo, whose onboard store of fuel was soon to be depleted, in order to avoid the possibility it would crash into the watery moon Europa and contaminate it with any microbes harbored aboard the spacecraft. Were Earth bugs to survive on Europa, they could compromise future attempts to probe the moon for indigenous life.

Stock exchange leader welcomed

By The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Financial observers cheered the nomination of John S. Reed as interim leader of the New York Stock Exchange, saying he is a respected corporate veteran whose perspective should help bring much-needed stability to the Big Board.

The exchange named Reed, the 64-year-old former CEO of Citigroup, as its interim chairman and CEO on Sunday, four days after Dick Grasso was forced to resign over his newly disclosed \$187.5 million pay package.

The NYSE will pay Reed, who has spent three years teaching and writing in retirement, \$1 for his service.

In Reed, the NYSE gets a leader with extensive corporate experience — but also a Wall Street outsider. He has never served on an NYSE committee, and has visited the exchange only once.

Reed accepted the job by phone from an island off France, where he was vacationing. In a conference call with reporters, he declined to discuss Grasso but acknowledged the need for reform.

Reed, who insisted he was not a candidate for the permanent position, said he hoped the exchange would have a new leader by the end of the year.

Sept. 11 attacks five years in the making

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Khalid Shaikh Mohammed, mastermind of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, told U.S. officials the plot was five years in the making and that a wave of suicide attacks was supposed to follow, say interrogation reports reviewed by The Associated Press.

Mohammed said the plan, first developed in 1996, called for hijacking five planes on each American coast, but was changed several times as al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden sought to improve the chances that the attacks could be pulled off simultaneously.

U.S. authorities continue to investigate the many statements that Mohammed has made in interrogations, seeking to eliminate deliberate misinformation. But they have been able to corroborate with other captives and evidence much of his account of the Sept. 11 planning.

Mohammed was captured in a March 1 raid by Pakistani forces and CIA operatives in Rawalpindi. He is being interrogated by the CIA at an undisclosed location.

Bush to once again defend war

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush is set to defend the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq when he addresses the United Nations this week, but he says he's open to the possibility of giving the world body a role in overseeing postwar elections.

Still, Bush says he's not sure the United States will have to yield a significantly larger role to make way for a new U.N. resolution on Iraq. He also continued to insist on an orderly transfer of authority to the Iraqis rather than the quick action demanded by France.

"I do think it would be helpful to get the United Nations in to help write a constitution," Bush said in an interview taped Sunday with Fox News. "I mean, they're good at that."

"Or, perhaps when an election starts, they'll oversee the election. That would be deemed a larger role," he said.

In the interview, Bush said he will declare in his speech Tuesday at the U.N. General Assembly that he "made the right decision and the others that joined us made the right decision" to invade Iraq.

But the president said he will ask other nations to do more to help stabilize Iraq.

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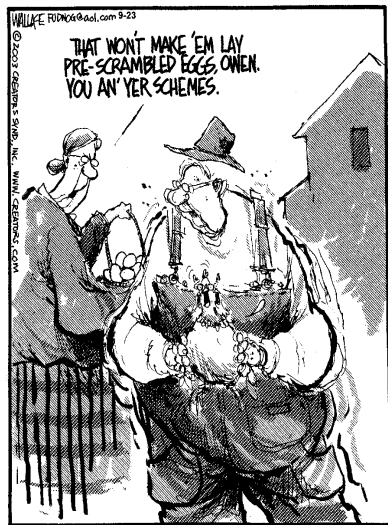
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CULTURE

Christopher Weldon Piano recital featuring works by Lowell Liebermann and Johannes Brahms, performed by the winner of the Kosciuszko Foundation National Chopin Competition and the Juilliard School Gina Bachauer International Piano Competition. The event is free and begins at 11:15a.m. Seating is on a first-arrival basis. Santa Monica College Concert Hall 1900 Pico Blvd., Santa Monica, CA 90401 For more information call: (310) 434-4323 or (310) 434-3000

Write Away Open to writers who are looking to share their work, receive feedback, and write new pieces. The group meets weekly and welcomes published writers, students, and those who simply enjoy to write. 12:00-3:00p.m. Fairview Library (310) 450-0443 2601 Ocean Park Blvd.

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Lost in Translation R — 10.45a.m., 12:00 noon, 1.10, 2.30, 3.45, 5.00, 6.10, 7.45, 8.45, 10.20

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1310 Third Street Promenade
Dickie Roberts: Former Child Star PG-13 — 2.20, 5.00, 7.25, 9.45
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Once Upon a Time in Mexico R — 1.30, 4.45, 7.30, 9.20, 10.00
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Seabiscuit PG — 1.30, 4.20, 7.15, 10.05

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Pirates of the Caribbean PG-13 — 11.45a.m., 3.15, 6.15, 10.15
Underworld R — 12.30, 1.50, 3.45, 7.00, 7.40, 9.55



PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Melissa Etheridge marries girlfriend, but it's not official yet

By The Associated Press

MALIBU — Grammy-winning singer Melissa Etheridge exchanged vows with her girlfriend, actress Tammy Lynn Michaels, in a weekend ceremony, the singer's publicist said.

"We are so grateful for the blessings from our friends and family as we commence our vows, and begin the rest of our lives together," the couple said in a statement Sunday.

The statement described the two as married, although homosexual couples cannot legally marry in California.

Etheridge wore a beaded linen jacket and crepe trousers in Saturday's ceremony while Michaels wore a white lace coat and a white gown. Their platinum-and-diamond wedding bands were custom-made, the statement said.

Etheridge, 42, and Michaels, the 28-year-old star of TV's "Popular," met two years ago. They live in Southern California with Etheridge's daughter and son.

Etheridge shares custody of the children with Julie Cypher, who had the children through artificial insemination using a sperm donation from rocker David Crosby.

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"Gerard Depardieu is a coward, a cheater and lazy," 32-year-old Guillaume Depardieu said in an interview published in Sunday's Le Parisien newspaper. "He's the only per-

son I know who lies to his own analyst."

"Gerard Depardieu is obsessed with the desire to be loved and the need for money," said Guillaume Depardieu, who is also an actor. "The only thing we have in common is our demons."

The comments came in response to an interview published in last week's Paris Match magazine, where the elder Depardieu said he was no longer on speaking terms with his son.

"At the moment, we have no ties. I cut things off because I no longer want to be the wall, or the trash bin where one dumps anything one wants," the 54-year-old said, calling his son "very difficult, incorrigible."

Depardieu starred with his father in 1991's "All the Mornings of the World." He had his right leg amputated in June to end years of pain from a bacterial infection that followed a motorcycle accident in 1996.

A court last week handed Guillaume Depardieu a nine-month suspended prison sentence and ordered him to seek counseling for having drawn and fired a gun after a man mocked his clothes in a bar on Aug. 22.

Guillaume Depardieu said he hoped to put the past behind him.

"I'm turning a page in my life," he said. "Gerard: Be quiet!"

MIAMI — Latin Grammy nominee Victor Manuelle sang while hundreds danced in a tribute to "Queen of Salsa" Celia Cruz during halftime of an NFL game between Miami and Buffalo.

Cruz's husband, Pedro Knight, also received a Dolphins jersey during Sunday night's ceremony.

Cruz, 77, died of a brain tumor on July 16. The Cuban exile was immensely popular in Miami, so much so that Calle Ocho — the main street running through the city's Cuban community — has the honorary name of Celia Cruz Way.

The tribute was part of a Latin-themed night at Pro Player Stadium in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month. Marty Cintron, lead singer of the Latin pop group No Mercy performed "The Star-Spangled Banner" before the game on acoustic guitar.

Cruz came to the United States in 1960, a year after the Cuban revolution. She recorded more than 70 albums, earned a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame and was honored with a National Endowment of the Arts medal by President Clinton in 1994.

LAS VEGAS — Less than a year after retiring, Art Bell is returning as weekend host of the overnight radio talk show he founded about UFO sightings, arcane mysteries and conspiracy theories.

Bell, 58, said in a statement through Premiere Radio Networks that his Saturday morning return to "Coast to Coast AM" would be "both mysterious and reassuring."

Kraig Kitchin, network president and chief operating officer, said Bell's return "reflects his long-standing bond with this audience and his undying passion for radio."

Bell airs broadcasts from his home in the Nevada desert, about 60 miles west of Las Vegas.

He retired Jan. 1, citing ongoing back problems. He turned the microphone over to regular guest host George Noory on week-

days and Barbara Simpson on weekends.

Premiere said Bell will replace Simpson, and broadcast live from 1 a.m.-5 a.m. EDT Saturdays and Sundays.

Bell created the show in 1993, but resigned in April 2000. He returned to the air in February 2001.

BOSTON — As Arnold Schwarzenegger builds his clout on the campaign trail, he's pumping up The Rock's role as musclebound action hero.

In one scene of the new action flick "The Rundown," the California gubernatorial hopeful walks by the pro-wrestling superstar's character and advises him to have fun — a symbolic passing of the action-hero torch.

According to The Rock, the exchange with the Governor wasn't part of the original script.

"Probably because there were so many comparisons already, which I thought was very flattering, but I never ever thought that Arnold should be in the movie or anything," The Rock, whose real name is Dwayne Johnson, said in Sunday's Boston Herald.

The Schwarzenegger cameo came after a lunch that brought together the two action stars and "Rundown" director Peter Berg. On a whim, Berg and The Rock asked Schwarzenegger if he wanted to be in the film, and within 15 minutes, they were on the set.

The Rock, 31, has muscled his way onto the big screen and ramped up his box-office appeal with films such as "The Mummy Returns" and "The Scorpion King."



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