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*A newspaper with issues*

## Candidate may be disqualified, but will be on fall ballot

BY ANDREW H. FIXMER  
Daily Press Staff Writer

The Santa Monica Clerk's office sent the city's ballot to the printers Tuesday even though doubts remain about the eligibility of one school board candidate.

Even though he will appear on both the city and the county ballot, Oscar de la Torre could be disqualified as a candidate because the city clerk's office believes he may not have been a registered Santa Monica voter when he initially indicated he would run for office on July 17, 2002.

The state's election code mandates candidates must be able to vote for the office they are seeking when they first file their intention to run for office. County election records indicate de la Torre had not registered as a Santa Monica voter until Aug. 5.

However, on Tuesday de la Torre submitted a photocopy of an overseas voter registration form dated July 16, that contained his name and a Santa Monica address, officials said.

County election officials had previously said de la Torre first registered to vote in 1992 at a Los Angeles address. On Aug. 5, he changed his registration to a Santa Monica address as a member of the American Independent Party. Then on Aug. 25 he

changed his party affiliation to the Democratic Party.

"That's all the registration information we have for Mr. de la Torre," said Grace Chavez, a county elections spokeswoman.

**"No final decision  
had been made  
(about de la Torre)  
and we had a  
deadline to make."**

— BETH SANCHEZ  
Assistant City Clerk

County officials said they are investigating the overseas ballot de la Torre provided and they are trying to verify whether or not an original form is on file. If the original can be located, de la Torre would be considered eligible to run for office, city officials said.

"It's not uncommon that during voter registration drives that not every registration form is put into the system right away," said Christine Heffron, a county elections supervisor. "We need to check whether this form is sitting in a tray

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Carolyn Sackariason/Daily Press

(Left) A man sits on the lawn of City Hall Tuesday during a protest by homeless people who are fighting two proposed laws. (Right) Josh Haglund gives free food to Denise Smale.

## Santa Monica's homeless eat while they protest at City Hall

BY CAROLYN SACKARIASON  
Daily Press Staff Writer

Hundreds of homeless people protested on the steps of City Hall just before elected officials inside were expected to vote on two laws that could decide their fate.

The Santa Monica City Council, feeling pressure from the business community, was poised Tuesday evening to engage in a long and heated debate on whether it should pass two proposed ordinances that are designed to move the homeless out of downtown.

And the rationale for making a decision on the proposed laws in council chambers was as murky as the weather outside.

**"How can you stop people from helping other people? In a free country, how do you tell people you can't help another person? Once you do that, you've got communism."**

— JOSEPH RAIMOS  
Homeless resident

Thick fog descended upon the lawn of City Hall where the gathering looked more like a picnic than a protest. Council members walked through the maze of disheveled people on their way to council chambers where they were expected to hear hours of public input on both sides of the issue.

"We are people, we are all people," said Mayor Pro Tem Kevin McKeown, who was expected to vote against the ordinances.

Those who showed up in front of City Hall, most of whom have no place to live, lined up in front of a food table where volunteers handed out

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## Emergency personnel deal with phone fiasco

By Daily Press staff

Phone lines were down throughout the city Monday night after an apparent water leak wiped out Verizon's system at its Santa Monica location.

From about 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. virtually no one in Santa Monica was able to receive or place calls, including the police and fire departments. Both departments went into emergency response mode.

Santa Monica Police Lt. Frank Fabrega said the department first experienced trouble at about 6 p.m. when the internal phone system wouldn't allow outgoing calls. Then, incoming calls failed. Within a short time, all 9-11 calls stopped coming into the police department.

Fabrega said the police department went into its tactical operations mode by taking every employee on duty and placing them strategically throughout the city. Since the police department could still communicate via radio with other emergency response units like ambulances, paramedics, the fire department and other law enforcement agencies, it was important to have people on the streets looking for potential emergencies, Fabrega said.

"Officers were given certain areas to patrol in the city and any employee was reassigned so anyone that is here is put out in the field," he said. "Our radios were up so we could communicate and people just drove slower so they could look for people that were trying to get their attention."

People were unable to call 9-11 from land lines. But cell phones were working and any 9-11 call was directly placed to the California Highway Patrol.

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"We always plan and prepare for emergencies just like this one and it definitely provided a high level of service," Fabrega said. "People can be assured they have coverage. Everything that we planned for went perfect."

An hour after the phone lines were restored, SMPD received a call of an auto theft in progress on the 100 block of Pacific Avenue. When police arrived, the suspects were still at the scene, Fabrega said. The suspects, who were both homeless, were arrested and taken into custody, Fabrega said.

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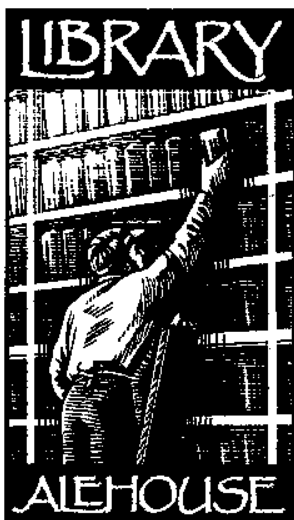
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★★★★★ Juggle what might go on with others. Extremes mark your decisions. Use your drive and energy to put the finishing touches on a very important project. Financial matters improve because of your guidance. Still, expect a strain on your budget. Tonight: Indulge others.



**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**

★★★★★ Your personality melts barriers. In fact, you might laugh at some of the extremes you see others hit. Be sensitive to opportunities that surround a partnership. Use your ingenuity, and you'll make your point. Tonight: Do what pleases you.



**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**

★★★ You might enjoy what is happening behind the scenes at work. Know what you need to get done first, then you might be able to kick back and enjoy more. When someone tells you a secret, be sure he or she means it. Be ready to take it to the grave! Tonight: Comfortable at home.



**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**

★★★★★ A meeting develops into more, if you wish. Somehow, others act as if there's no tomorrow. A potential loved one or friend lets you know just how interested he or she is. Communicate your intentions as clearly as possible. Tonight: Where your friends are.



**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**

★★★★★ Don't go to excess in order to make a point. Review a matter that is important and close to your heart. Initiate a new beginning if possible. Consider what might be motivating you in a particular situation. Understand the pros and cons. Tonight: All eyes turn to you. Express your opinions.



**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**

★★★★★ You seem bent on creating options by hook or crook. You often get so involved in a conversation that you lose perspective. Understand more of what you want before launching into action. The outcome will be better as a result. Tonight: Relax your emotions and your mind.



**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**

★★★★★ Extremes punctuate everyone's mood right now, including yours. Enjoying the moment might include incorporating a mishap into your day. Make light of a problem. If you haven't developed this special skill yet, why not do so now? Tonight: Get a backrub.



**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**

★★★★ Juggle the different aspects of what might be happening in your life. Meetings and groups are provocative at best. A friend drives a hard bargain. Keep smiling and don't react. Carefully review news that comes your way. Tonight: Say "yes."



**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**

★★★★ Pace yourself. Bosses make demands. Others have strong expectations. You might want to balk; instead, do the opposite and take on a project. Show off your stuff. Act on a long-term desire. You find that an associate or pal is more than willing to help. Tonight: Take a walk in the fall air.



**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**

★★★★ Tap into your creativity and ingenuity for answers. Do needed research by finding experts, perhaps even on the Internet. Laugh and play along with a boss. This person values your expertise and friendship. Tonight: Take a mid-week break.



**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**

★★★★ Stay calm, even if others fall into a flurry for no reason at all. Others seek you out on a massive level; however, you might be best off focusing on one person at a time. A partner or loved one could demonstrate unusual jealousy. Tonight: Happy at home.



**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**

★★★★ Others seek you out. What a close friend or loved one wants from you becomes very clear. You might think others are difficult. In essence, they are trying to have you hear them. Perhaps they do have something important to share. Tonight: Talk over dinner.



**QUOTE of the DAY**

**"Only the shallow know themselves."**

— Oscar Wilde (1854-1900)

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# LOCAL

## SMC students protest possible Iraq invasion

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Chanting anti-war slogans and waving banners proclaiming peace, more than 150 Santa Monica College students protested a possible U.S. invasion of Iraq on Tuesday.

The protest was sponsored by the college's social science department and led by political science professor Richard Tahvildaran, along with supporters from several campus groups.

At the beginning of the rally, students marched through the campus before convening in front of the school's clocktower, located in the center of the campus at 1900 Pico Blvd.

Participating campus groups such as The Movement: People for Women, The Progressive Alliance, the SMC Green Party, among others, hoped the rally would convince the college's faculty and students to fight against war.

The Bush Administration has recently begun lobbying the nation and the world to invade Iraq and remove its president, Saddam Hussein, for developing weapons of mass destruction.

Speakers at the rally tried to localize what they see as negative side effects of a war in Iraq. Many said the money could be better spent bailing out the health care system in Los Angeles County, which due to budget constraints may have to close several clinics and trauma centers.

Other speakers reminded students that if the war dragged on, a draft could be re-instated.

"I think that really got



Andrew H. Fixmer/Daily Press  
**Santa Monica College student Lana Kirkpatrick of the San Fernando Valley signs a petition Tuesday during an anti-war protest on the possible U.S. invasion of Iraq. The anti-war protest attracted more than 150 students and was sponsored by the school's social sciences department.**

them thinking," said sociology professor Gail Livings.

One student said she was required to attend the political rally even though she disagreed with its political views.

To show her disapproval, she wore a T-shirt with the phrase "I'm for killing Saddam Hussein" scrawled on the back of it.

"I'm being forced to participate in a rally I don't believe in," said Danielle Lewis, a student of Livings' class on the Sociology of Gender. "This has nothing

to do with what we are studying in class."

Livings said attendance at the event was for extra credit only, and none of her students were forced to participate.

"Whenever there are public events going on I give my students the chance to attend them and act like journalists," she said. "These are topics we deal with in class anyway, so going to these events is like going to a lab."

"I try to keep it real for my students," Livings added.

## **surf report** Information compiled by Jesse Haley

Southwest swell is expected to peak today, keeping surf up in the chest to head-high range at exposed breaks. Best spots see three to sometimes five-foot sets. Expect consistent three and four footers in the north bay, same in the best exposed south bay spots.

Thursday, things look a little smaller as swell begins to back down, but wave height should remain pretty constant. Reports are showing an incoming northwest ground swell that should cancel out some of the southwest energy reaching the coastline, so a decline in height is probable at more west facing breaks.

Water pollution looks low, and temperatures average in the low sixties.

### **Today's Tides:**

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|-------|------------|-------|
| Low-  | 5:25 a.m.  | 1.75' |
| High- | 11:34 a.m. | 4.92' |
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| Location  | Wednesday | Thursday  | Water Quality |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------------|
| County    | 3-4'/Fair | 3-4'/Fair | A             |
| Zuma      | 3-4'/Fair | 3-4'/Fair | A             |
| Surfrider | 1-3'/Fair | 2-4'/Fair | A             |
| Topanga   | 1-3'/Fair | 2-3'/Fair | A             |
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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:  
"Do you think President George Bush should throw the United States into war with Iraq, or should Bush stay focused on finding the perpetrators of the Sept. 11 attacks?"

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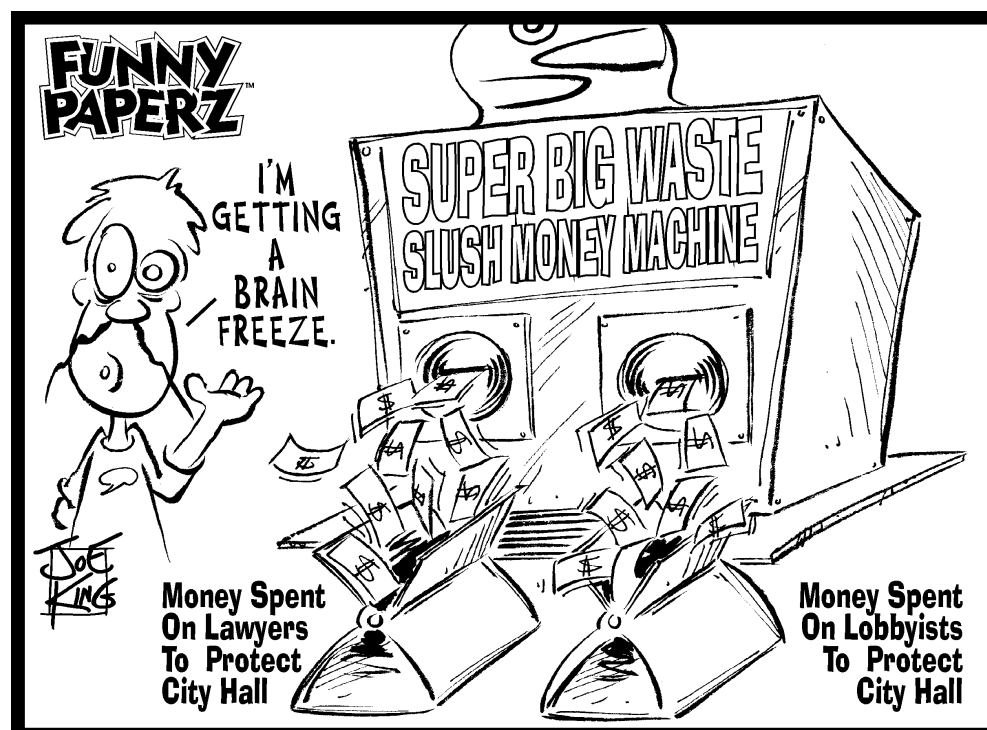
### LETTERS

#### Apartment building larger than you think

Editor:

I think the city government and the citizens of Santa Monica are going to be shocked at how imposing the combination of the two projects are going to be at the north end of Main Street. On the front page of the Friday, Sept. 20 edition, the sketch of the complex is rendered from a distant perspective from the west as if from a large vacant field, when in reality, the massive complex that was approved there will prevent that perspective. Although I believe the owner has the right to develop the property, the city should have clearly indicated the scope of development they would allow there before the sale of the property, which would have an impact on the sales price, thus precluding the new owner from whining about his return on investment on a smaller, more appropriate development. The combination of the two developments may be more imposing than the city is acquiesced to.

John Gorman  
Santa Monica



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## That's me in the corner ... losing my religion

### EDGE of the WEST

By Ron Scott Smith



I had to see what the fuss was all about, so the other day that was me in the corner, the corner of Temple and Grand, downtown, getting a first hand look at the grand new Catholic monument to the life and works of Jesus.

The Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels occupies two full city blocks and there's something about it I can't put my finger on. It's all straight lines and strong walls. They proudly announce that the elements making up the structure total 151 million pounds, with each of the magnificent bronze doors weighing in at 25,000 pounds. What an amazing and transcendent life Jesus lived, to be revered by millions of us — 25,000 pounds per door and 2000 years later. To be honored with such monumental opulence, I wonder what he'd say.

The church opened for business on Sept. 2, and the timing was probably not the best, this being a not so good year for Catholics. The \$200 million spent to build it has suddenly become money that may have been better used settling lawsuits brought by countless faithful, who as innocent children, were sexually violated by robed men of God in the back rooms of parishes across this nation. And now scores of social workers on the LA Catholic payrolls are being laid off in an

effort to close a \$4.3 million deficit brought on in large part by said lawsuits and said building costs. Hopefully none of these newly unemployed will end up with the thousands already sleeping in the imposing shadows of the new church — out there in cardboard boxes on the street.

Houston, we have a problem. New York, LA, and Boston, too. Cardinal Law — your Boston. Name that city. Miami, Kabul, London, Ramallah, Paris, Tel Aviv ... we have a problem. Baghdad, you don't even want to know. So what's the problem? Not the economy ... it's the religion, stupid.

It's been a bad year for religion everywhere on earth.

Little things like guys flying commercial jetliners into buildings in the name of Allah. Things like terrorist boys and girls strapping bombs to their chests and blowing themselves — and anybody else who may have happened to be enjoying a slice of pizza at any given moment in any town in Israel — to smithereens — in the name of the same Allah. These lost young humans do this because the bad guys on the other side — in the name of their own holy Moses — have stolen their homeland, so they say, and use the even more lethal state-sanctioned terrorism to hold onto it. Meanwhile, Indian Hindus and Pakistani Muslims aren't being real neighborly or divine, as they sit with fully loaded nuclear arsenals aimed at each other to protect and defend self-assured visions of their respective Gods.

But this worldwide mayhem in the name of religion isn't anything new, and Christians aren't without their share of shame and blame. The blood they spilled and walked through in the Crusades long

ago is not yet forgotten and in fact still motivates the radical part of Islam in their holy Jihad to destroy the "infidels." Tell me. How does it feel to be an "infidel?"

GW Bush, exactly the wrong man in exactly the wrong place at exactly the wrong time, used that "C" word to characterize what the U.S. response to the deadly 9/11 attacks would be. Repeatedly declaring the current crisis as a battle between Good and Evil, he sets the stage for the kind of intercivilizational holy war that Muslim leaders like Bin Laden are already said to be longing for. The true-believing Al Qaeda suicide soldiers don't need fuel added to their fire by the true-believing Texan.

So Bush began — and apparently it's only the beginning — by blasting the Taliban out of Afghanistan. Not that any rational human being was sorry to see them go. Not a real nice group of fellows these Taliban. They provided a homeland for the training of international murderous zealots. But the terror they inflicted on their own women by forcing them to hide their faces from the sun beneath long sexless blue robes, under the threat of physical beatings, was even more sinister. And all done in the name of — there he is again — Allah.

Meanwhile back at the ranch, Christian leaders and prophets such as Falwell and Robertson preach to millions of followers in their own Taliban-like style. In the name of love they lash out at any lifestyle deemed to be outside their parameters, their God-given parameters. In fact, the 9/11 atrocities, so they said, were brought on by the decadence befalling our left-leaning campuses and our barely leaning inner cities. God was mad at the adulterers

and the gays, the thieves and the shiftless, and so this was His response. Under public fire, those hateful words spoken in the name of Jesus were taken back, but you know where they came from.

Only good intentions led Bin Laden to plot the mass murder of our thousands on September 11. And only good intentions propelled the 19 killer hijackers to take control of those jets and turn them into deadly missiles full of people. The suicide bombers in Palestine? Only the best intentions. India and Pakistan, Falwell and Robertson, even the pedophile priests? Good intentions — all in the name of their chosen prophet.

But somewhere tonight, Jesus and Muhammad, Moses and Buddha too, may be weeping for their over-zealous, good-intentioned minions, and for the absolute sorry mess they're making out of this planet in their name. They know where the road paved with good intentions too often leads.

My road led me home from that new cathedral last Sunday, past an old auto repair shop on Pico. Instead of 25,000 pound bronze ones, it had those cheap metal rollup doors where broken down cars used to pull in for new water pumps or timing chains. Those doors were painted over with these words: "Iglesia de Dios." It was a church. Every bit the church as the much bigger one a few blocks back. Jesus would probably love it at least as much. It made me think about the giant new Cathedral one last time, and now I could put my finger on it.

It looked like a fortress, ready for battle.

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## LOCAL



# CrimeWatch

## Armed robberies, carjackings hit city

By Daily Press staff

■ A man with a handgun robbed ClothesTime at 1700 Wilshire on Sept. 15.

A ClothesTime employee told Santa Monica police that at 5:38 p.m. the suspect entered the store, pointed a handgun and demanded money from the cash register. The suspect grabbed the cash and fled.

The suspect is a white male in his late 30s, five feet, six inches tall, between 170 and 180 pounds with brown hair and a small goatee beard. He was wearing a black T-shirt, brown pants and a green baseball cap.

■ On the same day, at 5:38 p.m. a man was held at gunpoint in an attempted carjacking.

The victim was parking his car on the 1300 block of 16th Street when a man pointed a weapon at him, told him to leave his keys in the car and demanded the victim's wallet. The victim left his wallet in the car and walked away quickly.

Moments later the suspect caught up to the victim and said he didn't want the car, then ran down 16th Street, leaving the car and wallet behind.

The suspect is a Hispanic male, 18 to 20 years old, five feet, nine inches tall, 160 pounds, wearing a black or navy baseball cap, a black baggy sweatshirt and baggy pants.

■ Bernard Alexander Williams and Judith Danielle Fields were arrested for assault and battery on Sept. 14 after allegedly starting two fights at the Circle Bar on Main Street.

At 12:55 a.m., Santa Monica Police arrived at the 2900 block of Main Street, and bouncers pointed to Williams and Fields as they fled south from the bar. Police detained the couple and asked the bouncers what happened.

Williams and Fields allegedly started a fight inside the bar, and bouncers broke it up. The two were told to leave, and they allegedly started another fight with bouncers outside.

Circle Bar bouncers told police they wanted to press charges, and Williams, 29 and Fields, 25, were taken to Santa Monica jail and booked on charges.

■ Two people were robbed at gunpoint on the 1900 block of Ocean Front Walk on Friday, Sept., 13.

The victims were approached by four men. One of the suspects pointed a handgun and said he wanted their money. The victims complied and handed over \$179 in cash and a cell phone.

The suspect with the gun is a black male, 16 to 18 years old, five feet, five inches tall, 150 pounds, and was wearing a number 24 Raiders jersey, jean shorts and a dark hat.

The second suspect is a black male, 18 to 20 years old, five feet, 10 inches tall, 180 pounds, and was wearing a yellow shirt, green sweater and baggy pants.

A third suspect is described as a black male.

■ A man was carjacked at gunpoint on Monday, Sept. 9 on the 1600 block of Delaware Avenue.

At 7:25 a.m., the victim told police he was parking his car when a man approached him, pointed a weapon, and demanded the keys. The victim complied and the suspect drove off in the black 2001 Toyota Camry.

Santa Monica police recovered the car the next day.

The suspect is a Hispanic male, 18 to 20 years old, five feet, nine inches tall, and was wearing a medium length black jacket and a black and blue hooded sweatshirt.

SMPD Lt. Frank Fabrega said police are investigating similarities between this case and the Sept. 15 carjacking. Fabrega said the suspect may be involved in both crimes, but nothing is confirmed.

## School board candidate may not qualify for ballot

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or in a stack of paperwork somewhere."

de la Torre was unavailable for comment Tuesday. However, he did say on Monday that he is investigating the matter and is committed to education in Santa Monica.

Assistant City Clerk Beth Sanchez said no formal decision has been made whether de la Torre is eligible to run for the school board seat. The city attorney's office is still investigating legal questions surrounding his candidacy, Sanchez said.

In the meantime, the city had to meet a Tuesday deadline to have its ballot printed in time for the November elections, officials said. To make the cut-off, city officials sent the ballot with de la Torre's name on it.

"We are going forward with the ballot as it stands," Sanchez said. "No final decision had been made (about de la Torre) and we had a deadline to make."

Santa Monicans for Renters Rights, a renters group that has dominated local politics for decades, has endorsed de la Torre, who is seen as a front-runner in a six-way race for three school board seats up for grabs this year.

No determination has been made as to what would happen if de la Torre was deemed ineligible as a candidate by the city clerk but won the election because his name appeared on the ballot.

"We would have to cross that bridge when we came to it," Sanchez said. "If that did happen, we would have to talk to the city attorney and deal with it then."

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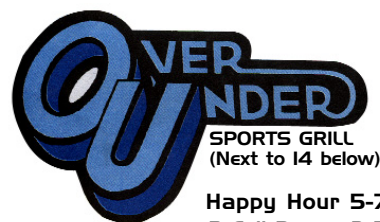
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## LOCAL □ STATE

# Some believe proposed laws are unconstitutional

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lasagna, salad, bagels, muffins, cookies, chips, fruit and coffee. Several individuals carried around signs saying "save our food lines," or "everyone has a right to eat." But most of them sat down on the grass and enjoyed their meal.

Many of them said they wouldn't be able to survive without groups like "Helping Other People Eat," otherwise known as HOPE, which was the food provider Tuesday. HOPE distributes food each Wednesday and Thursday in Palisades Park at Arizona Avenue and Ocean Avenue.

"If I didn't eat I would get really sick and I would end up in the hospital because I have diabetes," said Denise Smale, a homeless resident who moved here in January from Santa Rosa. She said she moved here because of the temperate climate and the city's beauty. When asked whether or not she thought food hand-outs should be attached to work, Smale agreed they should be.

"A lot of people get lazy and dependent and they get stuck," she said. But if it wasn't for people like Paul Grymkowski, who volunteers for HOPE, Smale said she thinks she might not be alive.

"He's trying to feed the hungry," she said. "He's got a good heart and he's doing the right thing."

Not everyone agrees. Certainly not some members of the business community, residents and tourists who think the food giveaway programs, which occur between 20 and 30 times a week and feed up to 300 people at a time, attract transients. They claim the homeless' anti-social behavior is ruining quality of life for residents and business downtown.

In response, the city council considered on Tuesday night a proposed ordi-

nance that says any group that hands out food must have a permit issued by the Los Angeles County Health Department and be authorized by the city before organizing food lines.

The other proposed law would make it illegal for any person to sit or lie down in a building's entrance between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. The ordinance only covers buildings in the downtown, which means the area bounded by and including the east side of Ocean Avenue, the north side of Wilshire Boulevard, the east side of Lincoln Boulevard and the south side of Pico Boulevard.

The council had not made a decision by presstime.

But many people, including Mayor Mike Feinstein, think the ordinances are designed to oust the poor from the city and don't consider human decency or basic constitutional rights.

Joseph Raimos, who has been homeless for eight months, agrees. He came to Santa Monica because he heard the weather was nice, it's next to the beach and because of its liberal policies — a paradise for those down on their luck. Raimos has recently seen an influx of homeless people in Santa Monica and he said they have told him they came for the same reasons he did.

"But then they come here and it's like one of those twilight zones," he said. "It's like the movie 'Jaws' ... no one tells you that there's sharks swimming around."

Attempting to deprive the needy for personal and monetary reasons is wrong, he said.

"How can you stop people from helping other people?" Raimos asked. "In a free country, how do you tell people you can't help another person? Once you do that, you've got communism."

## Forest burns



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Los Angeles sheriff deputies watch trees and heavy brush go up in flames in the Angeles National Forest near La Verne, Calif. on Tuesday. Over 4,000 acres have been charred and over 25 cabins have been destroyed.

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## STATE



# City considers limiting development of mansions

By The Associated Press

**LAGUNA BEACH** — A number of residents and officials want to preserve the quaint character of this city known for its beach-front cottages and artsy atmosphere by limiting the size of new mansions.

The City Council was scheduled to consider recommendations Tuesday night targeting "mansionization," a trend in which older, smaller homes on prime lots are razed to make way for houses up to 10 times larger.

"People move in from other places and don't understand the reason they like Laguna is because we've held strong in the past," Councilwoman Toni Iseman said. "And we must continue to hold strong despite the huge economic pressures to build bigger and bigger houses."

Mansionization has long been an issue in Orange County and other areas of California.

If approved, the Laguna Beach regula-

tions would impose a 36-foot height limit, eliminate a requirement that bigger homes include three garage spaces, and require that a three-dimensional model of the proposed house be presented to city officials.

The proposal has come under fire by property owners who say it is too subjective and politicized, and by architects who complain their creativity would be squelched.

"Some have clearly said, 'I'm for the cottages,'" said resident Amy Kramer, who is building a 4,000-square-foot home. "To me, that's already saying, 'If you're building something other than a cottage, get out.'"

The regulations would unfairly increase the burden on those who want to build, she said.

"We all pay taxes here," she said. "We don't all agree on what kind of homes we want to live in."

Laguna Beach came up with the proposal after conducting more than a dozen public workshops.

# Nancy Reagan isn't sure ex-president even recognizes her

By The Associated Press

**LOS ANGELES** — Ronald Reagan spends his days with advanced Alzheimer's disease secluded in his Bel-Air home under the care of wife Nancy, who isn't sure the former president even recognizes her.

In a CBS-TV "60 Minutes II" interview with longtime friend Mike Wallace, Mrs. Reagan said Alzheimer's has robbed the couple of their post-White House golden years. The interview at the Bel-Air Hotel will be broadcast Wednesday.

"The golden years are when you can sit back, hopefully, and exchange memories, and that's the worst part about this disease: there's nobody to exchange memories with ... and we had a lot of memories," Mrs. Reagan said.

Her 91-year-old husband's memory loss also takes the joy out of milestone occasions, like the couple's 50th wedding anniversary on March 4.

"I'd love to be able to talk to him about it, and there were times when I had to catch myself because I'd reach out and

start to say, Honey, remember when?" Mrs. Reagan said.

When asked by Wallace if her husband even knows who she is, she said, "I don't know."

Although Mrs. Reagan is visited regularly by daughter Patti Davis, the former first lady said she is lonely.

"Yes, it's lonely, because really, you know, when you come right down to it, you're in it alone and there's nothing that anybody can do for you, so it's lonely," Mrs. Reagan said.

The nation's 40th chief executive has only rarely been seen in public since his poignant 1994 letter announcing to the world that he had the memory-sapping disease.

Whenever asked about Reagan, his wife and chief of staff Joanne Drake say he's doing fine and leave it at that.

Twenty years ago, on Oct. 22, 1982, then-President Reagan called the newly formed Alzheimer's Association to the White House to sign a proclamation designating the first ever National Alzheimer's Awareness Week.

# KFC employee arrested for giving customer marijuana

By The Associated Press

**MILL VALLEY** — An employee at a fast food place was arrested after a customer at the drive-in window received the wrong side order with his chicken dinner — some pot.

The customer who visited a KFC in this San Francisco suburb Friday got two bags of marijuana, instead of the extra biscuits he had ordered. He gave the pot back to the worker, got his biscuits and called police.

Police arrested Carlos Ayala, 26, at the restaurant. The sheriff's office and the restaurant's management company did not immediately return calls Tuesday seeking further detail.

Deputies said Ayala was carrying a small amount of marijuana, a handgun and about \$500.

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

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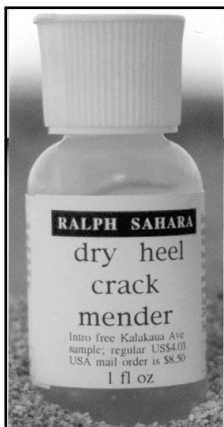
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## STATE

# 'Geniuses' receive grants with no strings attached

BY MAURA KELLY

Associated Press Writer

**CHICAGO** — A seismologist who tries to prevent disasters in poor countries, an artist who works with glass beads and a scientist who analyzes fossilized plants to study prehistoric societies were among the 24 winners Wednesday of this year's \$500,000 MacArthur Foundation "genius grants."

The John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation has awarded the no-strings-attached grants to scholars, artists and others since 1981 to free them to pursue their work without having to worry about making a living.

Among this year's MacArthur fellows is Brian Tucker, a 56-year-old Palo Alto, Calif., seismologist who founded the non-profit GeoHazards International.

"Having this level of recognition of our work is just wonderful for us," he said.

Tucker's group works with local officials in developing countries to make their cities safer in the event of an earthquake. "We want them aware that these buildings that they're building now are not safe and that they will fall down. We want them to rectify that," he said.

Tucker plans to use some of his grant money to evaluate the safety and preparedness of 30 of the world's largest earthquake-prone cities.

Potential MacArthur grant winners are selected by hundreds of anonymous nominators; recipients cannot apply for the awards.

Lee Ann Newsom, a scientist from

University Park, Pa., who studies ancient plant remains to learn about prehistoric societies, said she wants to use the money to improve her lab and work on new projects.

"I've got a million ideas floating around," said the 45-year-old associate professor of anthropology at Pennsylvania State University.

Another winner: George Lewis, a 50-year-old trombonist and composer who works with improvisational music and is writing a book on the history of the Association for the Advancement of Creative Musicians.

"Money like this allows you to plan and think, which is something every artist needs time for," said Lewis, professor of music at the University of California at San Diego. "I'm going to try to look for ways in which I can be helpful to the creative, experimental music community."

Daniela Rus, 39, works with robots that change shape to adapt to their environment or task. The associate professor of computer science and cognitive neuroscience at Dartmouth College said she wants to find a worthy project for her money.

The foundation does not require or expect specific projects from its fellows. Nor does it ask them to report on how the money is used.

The youngest winner this year is Sendhil Mullainathan, 29, an economist from Newton, Mass. Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Katherine Boo, 37, a staff writer at The Washington Post, is also a recipient.

## List of 2002 MacArthur Foundation fellows

By The Associated Press

The list of 24 fellows announced Wednesday by the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation. Each will receive \$500,000 over five years:

■ Bonnie Bassler, 40, Princeton, N.J.; associate professor of molecular biology at Princeton University. Molecular ecobiologist who investigates the chemical signaling mechanisms that bacteria use to communicate with each other.

■ Ann Blair, 40, Cambridge, Mass.; professor of history at Harvard University. Intellectual historian who traces the influence of technological advances, as well as political and religious upheavals, on the transmission and evolution of ideas during the Renaissance.

■ Katherine Boo, 37, Washington, D.C.; staff writer at The Washington Post who writes about the lives of the less fortunate.

■ Paul Ginsparg, 46, Ithaca, N.Y.; professor of physics and computing and information science at Cornell University who created a computer-based system for physicists and other scientists to share their research results.

■ David B. Goldstein, 51, San Francisco; energy program co-director of the Natural Resources Defense Council whose work includes applying his scientific expertise to improve global energy efficiency.

■ Karen Hesse, 50, Brattleboro, Vt.; a novelist who experiments with form and subject matter in writing for children and young adults.

■ Janine Jagger, 52, Charlottesville, Va.; founder and director of International Health Care Worker Safety Center and an epidemiologist who invents devices to protect health care workers from transmission of bloodborne diseases.

■ Daniel Jurafsky, 39, Boulder, Colo.; associate professor of linguistics and computer science at the University of Colorado who works to improve the capacity of computers to process language.

■ Toba Khedoori, 37, Los Angeles; artist who works in wax, oil and pencil to create drawings on vast stretches of unframed paper.

■ Liz Lerman, 54, Takoma Park, Md.; founder and artistic director of Dance Exchange whose work includes offering workshops where local people can dance with her troupe.

■ George Lewis, 50, La Jolla, Calif.; professor of music at the University of California at San Diego. A trombonist and composer working in experimental music.

■ Liza Lou, 33, Los Angeles; artist who uses glass beads.

■ Edgar Meyer, 41, Nashville, Tenn.; bassist and

composer who combines classical and bluegrass styles.

■ Jack Miles, 60, Los Angeles; senior adviser to the president of the J. Paul Getty Trust who is also a literary scholar and critic interpreting the Bible as literary text with God and Christ as the main characters.

■ Erik Mueggler, 40, Ann Arbor, Mich.; associate professor of anthropology at the University of Michigan who explores Chinese communities and repercussions of the Cultural Revolution.

■ Sendhil Mullainathan, 29, Newton, Mass.; associate professor of economics at Massachusetts Institute of Technology whose work shows how limits on knowledge, willpower and self-interest affect economic behavior.

■ Stanley Nelson, 48, New York; director, producer, writer at Firelight Media/Half-Nelson Films and a documentary filmmaker whose work raises awareness of the influence of the black experience in America.

■ Lee Ann Newsom, 45, University Park, Pa.; associate professor of anthropology at Pennsylvania State University who analyzes fossilized plant remains to study prehistoric societies.

■ Daniela Rus, 39, Hanover, N.H.; associate professor of computer science and cognitive neuroscience at Dartmouth College who works with robots that can change their shape.

■ Charles Steidel, 39, Pasadena, Calif.; professor of astronomy at California Institute of Technology whose work includes inventing new methods for detecting light from the most distant galaxies.

■ Brian Tucker, 56, Palo Alto, Calif.; founder and president of GeoHazards International and a seismologist who works to prevent natural disasters in developing countries.

■ Camilo Jose Vergara, 58, New York; urban archivist and photographer who uses time-lapse images to chronicle the transformation of urban landscapes across America.

■ Paul Wennberg, 40, Pasadena, Calif.; professor of atmospheric chemistry and environmental engineering at California Institute of Technology who develops instruments and methods for measuring and understanding the earth's gaseous shell.

■ Colson Whitehead, 32, New York City; novelist experimenting with inventive plots that weave American folklore and history into stories.

## NATIONAL



# Youth see more alcohol ads in magazines than adults

BY SIOBHAN MCDONOUGH

Associated Press Writer

**WASHINGTON** — America's youth saw far more alcoholic beverage ads in magazines in 2001 than did adults, according to a study released Tuesday.

Magazine advertising for beer and alcohol reached people ages 12 to 20 more effectively than it reached adults, the Center on Alcohol Marketing and Youth at Georgetown University found.

One of the most important findings, said Jim O'Hara, the center's executive director, was that marketers of beer delivered 45 percent more advertising to youth than to adults in magazines in 2001, and 27 percent more for distilled spirits brands. Wine advertising reached youth 58 percent less.

"You can make your choice to advertise so that it effectively reaches the legal-age population without overexposing youth to alcohol advertising," O'Hara said.

A September 1999 Federal Trade Commission report on the alcohol industry's advertising and marketing prac-

tices urged the industry to raise the standards to reduce underage alcohol ad exposure.

The center has asked the FTC to reopen its inquiry into whether the industry is doing a good job protecting children from exposure to alcohol advertising.

**"We do have a voluntary set of guidelines and it's adhered to almost to the letter by each of our members."**

— JEFF BECKER

President of the Beer Institute

"We think the industry is falling short of goals the FTC set in 1999," said O'Hara.

But industry officials say they are adhering to FTC

guidelines and they discounted the center's findings.

"This new study is not a real study; it's a piece of advocacy," said Jeff Becker, president of the Beer Institute in Washington, D.C. "We do have a voluntary set of guidelines and it's adhered to almost to the letter by each of our members."

Frank Coleman, senior vice president of the Washington D.C.-based Distilled Spirits Council of the United States, blasted the study, saying it's "sensationalizing a serious issue."

"Our companies are highly responsible. We're opposed to underage drinking," he said. The industry spends \$10 million a year on responsibility programs to fight underage drinking, he said.

The center looked at \$320 million worth of alcohol advertising in magazines measured by Mediamark Research Inc. during 2001. The information was compared with data on how much each magazine was looked at by teenagers or adults.

The Pew Charitable Trusts and The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation funded the research.

Other findings in the report include:

■ Marketers of low-alcohol refreshers, such as Smirnoff Ice, delivered 60 percent more advertising to youth than to adults.

■ Wine was the second leading alcohol advertising category in magazines.

■ Underage youth saw nearly as much advertising as young adults ages 21 to 34. Adults ages 35 and older were a distant third audience.

■ The study found 10 magazines with a youth audience of more than 25 percent accounted for nearly one-third of all alcohol advertising expenditures in measured magazines in 2001. Those magazines include Vibe, Spin, Rolling Stone, Allure, Car and Driver, Maxim, Glamour, Motor Trend, In Style and Sports Illustrated.

■ More than half of the money spent on alcohol magazine advertising was in 24 magazines with youth audiences.

In terms of alcohol advertising spending in measured media last year, television got 57.6 percent; magazines 25.6 percent; billboards 9.5 percent; radio 5 percent and newspapers 2.2 percent.

## Honeybees have shown ability to sniff out undetected land mines

By The Associated Press

**MISSOULA, Mont.** — Trained honeybees have shown a remarkable ability to sniff out land mines, suggesting a possible new way to find the estimated 110 million unexploded land mines planted in countries around the world, according to researchers at the University of Montana.

Jerry Bromenshenk has studied bees as pollution sensors and environmental sensors for the past 30 years. He said honeybees have

proven themselves to be easier to train, harder working and more accurate than bomb-sniffing dogs.

Honeybees have a very refined sense of smell, live in packs of thousands, cover ground more quickly than dogs, and learn a new task in a matter of days, he said.

"We know bees can sense vapors at levels dogs can't get to," Bromenshenk said. "If they can smell it, they will be as good or better than dogs at finding it."

For two years the bees have been finding simulated land mines that

smell like the real thing. So far the bees have a near-perfect track record, said researcher Colin Henderson, who conditions the bees to a certain odor.

The bees have proven their talents to scientists beyond the UM campus, but they still have to be tested in a real situations, Bromenshenk said.

The United Nations estimates about 110 million unexploded land mines lurk around the world, and each year some 26,000 people are killed or maimed by the hidden bombs.

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President Bush pauses at the end of his meeting with his Cabinet at the White House on Tuesday. Seated from left to right are; Secretary of Health and Human Services Tommy Thompson, Secretary of the Interior Gale Norton, Secretary of State Colin Powell, President Bush and Deputy Secretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz. Bush chastised Israel for its siege on Yasser Arafat's compound, saying the action "is not helpful."

## Bush, State Department call for Israeli withdrawal

BY BARRY SCHWEID  
AP Diplomatic Writer

**WASHINGTON** — President Bush chastised Israel on Tuesday for its siege on Yasser Arafat's compound as American diplomats applied pressure for a pullback.

Bush said the siege does not help the United States and its allies try to build a Palestinian state.

"As we fight terror, particularly in the Middle East, they've got to build the institutions necessary for a Palestinian state" to emerge, Bush said. "It's not helpful, what happened recently."

He made the remarks following a Cabinet meeting in an effort to soothe anger in the Arab world. The United States abstained from a United Nations resolution condemning suicide bombings and calling for an end to the Israeli siege.

The United States abstained because the resolution lacked specific condemnation of Palestinian terror groups, State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said.

But the administration wants the resolution enforced, and U.S. Ambassador Daniel Kurtzer is conveying that to Israeli authorities in Jerusalem, Boucher said.

Bush, the first U.S. president to back creation of a Palestinian state, said "we hope that all parties stay on the path to peace."

"We've got to end the suffering. I thought the actions the Israelis took were not helpful in terms of the establishment and development of the institutions necessary for a Palestinian state to emerge," he said.

At the State Department, Foreign Minister Marwan Muasher of Jordan urged Secretary of State Colin Powell to push an Arab plan for a Middle East settlement, regardless of whether Arafat is removed.

Muasher also asked Powell to seek guarantees from Israel that it would not harm Arafat or force him into exile, a U.S. official said. But Powell declined, saying that might make a martyr of Arafat, said the official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

It is not up to the United States to choose the Palestinians' leader, Muasher said Monday night.

He also warned that a U.S. attack on Iraq would be seen by the Arabs as a war against them. And, Muasher said, the Bush admin-

istration has adopted a "scary notion" that it can rearrange the region to its liking and replace Iraqi President Saddam Hussein with a democratic government.

"You don't inject democracy with a syringe and expect it to work," Muasher said at a news conference at the Council on Foreign Relations, a private research group.

Israel's siege of Arafat's compound on the West Bank is a prime topic on their agenda. Muasher said he had no doubt Israel would pull back.

The Bush administration on Monday criticized Israel for attacking the compound in Ramallah and encircling Arafat. It called for a pullout.

The State Department spokesman, Richard Boucher, said Israel had "aggravated" U.S. efforts to improve security and reform the Palestinian leadership.

At the U.N. Security Council in New York, the United States called for an end to the siege and condemnation of Palestinian suicide bombings. Two attacks last week prompted Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon to move against Arafat.

Israel has demanded that Arafat turn over terror suspects in his compound, but Arafat has refused.

President Bush in June called for Arafat's removal but has given no public indication how he thought it should be done.

In urging the administration to move ahead on peacemaking whether or not Arafat is the Palestinians' leader, Muasher said "we cannot hold the whole process hostage to whether Arafat remains in office."

And, he said, "we cannot impose this from the outside."

The Jordanian minister also opposed Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon on a step-by-step approach to peacemaking.

He said the Arabs had offered Israel a "clear roadmap" to peace on all fronts within three years. It would require Israel to relinquish all the land the Arabs lost to Israel in the 1967 Mideast War, including part of Jerusalem.

"We cannot go back to this charade of steps without having a settlement once and for all," he said.

Muasher, who served in Washington as Jordan's ambassador, said his primary objective was to avert a U.S. strike against Iraq.

## INTERNATIONAL



# United States sending more military troops to Africa

BY CLAR NI CHONGHAILE

Associated Press Writer

**ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast** — The United States sent troops to Africa to safeguard 100 American schoolchildren, U.S. officials said Tuesday, amid new reports of heavy gunfire in the rebel-held city where the youngsters are trapped.

The deployment "is a very welcome development," said James Forlines, director of Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions, which had sent out calls for help on behalf of the school in the central city of Bouake after rebels breached the school's walls overnight, firing on its grounds.

"It really was cross fire — not shooting at the children — but a whole lot of ammo going, scaring the kids to death," he said. Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions has missionaries in the area. Ranging in age from 5 to 18, the young Americans are among 200 foreigners holed up at the boarding school for children of missionaries in Bouake.

A senior official in Ghana's Foreign Ministry, speaking on condition of anonymity, confirmed U.S. planes carrying troops and equipment were expected to land at a base near that country's capital, Accra.

At the request of Ivory Coast's U.S. ambassador, the U.S. European Command was moving forces "to assure the safety of American citizens," Lt. Cmdr. Don Sewell, a Pentagon spokesman, said in Washington.

Sewell declined to give more details, including whether an evacuation was imminent. He said only that the forces were ready "for any and all contingencies."

Just under 200 troops were on their way to the region, ready to help move the children to safety elsewhere in insurrection-torn Ivory Coast, two U.S. defense officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Cut off since rebels seized Bouake, Ivory Coast's second-largest city, amid a failed coup attempt Thursday, children at the International Christian Academy and the rest of the city of a half-million were frightened by about an hour of gunfire at

nightfall Monday.

Forlines, who spoke to The Associated Press by telephone from Nashville, Tenn., where he was in hourly contact with the school in the central city of Bouake, said no children had been hurt.

France has sent extra troops and helicopters to the Ivory Coast to reinforce its 600-person strong permanent presence in a country once seen as an oasis of stability in a region scarred by some of Africa's most brutal wars. French troops likewise are standing by for any evacuation of Westerners from Bouake.

Trapped residents, calling out on telephones, said heavy gunfire broke out against Tuesday. Telephone lines were cut off for unexplained reasons, and it wasn't immediately possible to reach the city's people again for more details.

Loyalist forces claimed Tuesday that their troops had made their way into Bouake.

"Our troops entered Bouake yesterday," Col. Philippe Mangou told state radio. The government did not claim to have retaken Bouake, however, and rebels denied the city had even come under attack.

After being driven from the commercial capital Abidjan in 12 hours when the fighting began last week, the rebels withdrew to Bouake, and to the northern city of Korhogo.

A resident of Korhogo said by telephone that rebels were firing automatic weapons into the air and ordering people out of the town center and back into their homes. Rebels were patrolling the streets and no loyalist soldiers had been seen in the town, the resident added.

As fighting ebbed and waned in the center and north of the former French colony, there were signs the political atmosphere was deteriorating. Top opposition leader Alassane Dramane Ouattara on Tuesday accused government forces of having tried to kill him during the coup attempt last week that opened Ivory Coast's bloodiest-ever uprising.

Speaking by telephone from the French Embassy, where he fled during the uprising, Ouattara said an attempt had been made on his life Thursday by paramilitary

police.

"It's clear they are using this situation to try to liquidate and eliminate people in my party," he said.

Ouattara's supporters, who are predominantly Muslim northerners, have clashed frequently with President Laurent Gbagbo's mostly southern Christian backers. In 2000, hundreds of people were killed in street fighting triggered by presidential elections, from which Ouattara was excluded.

No Westerners are yet known to have been hurt in the five days of fighting.

Far more exposed are immigrants from neighboring Muslim countries, who have already been attacked in the lagoon-side capital Abidjan, as the uprising revives deadly rivalries between the mainly Muslim north and the predominantly Christian south.

In Abidjan, after the coup, residents said paramilitary police set fire to their homes in a mostly Muslim shantytown. Red Cross and other international organizations sought shelter for nearly 4,000 people displaced by the coup violence.

The rebels' choice to take refuge in

mainly Muslim cities has underscored the country's regional, religious and ethnic fault lines that lie behind hundreds of deaths since the country's first coup in 1999.

The same rifts have split the nation's security forces. The core group of ex-soldiers behind the uprising are believed to have been dismissed because they were seen as loyal to the country's former junta leader, Gen. Robert Guei, killed by paramilitaries in the first hours of the uprising.

Authorities have said that Guei, who installed a military regime after the country's first coup in 1999, was behind the bloodletting — but Guei's family and aides have denied his involvement, as have some rebels.

Gbagbo's government has accused other countries of supporting the uprising — an accusation widely believed aimed at least in part at Burkina Faso, Ivory Coast's Muslim neighbor to the north.

Ivory Coast previously has accused Burkina Faso of providing haven and support to armed Ivorian dissidents. Burkina Faso said it was closing its border with Ivory Coast on Monday until further notice.

## Defending his boss



Amr Nabil/Associated Press

With a portrait of President Saddam Hussein seen in the background, Hussein's advisor, Amr al-Sa'adi, gives a news conference in Baghdad, Iraq on Tuesday. Accusing British Prime Minister Tony Blair of lying to justify an attack, Iraq dismissed a British government report Tuesday that charged Saddam Hussein is pursuing chemical, biological and nuclear weapons.

## China accused of hacking by computer network manager

BY ANGUS MCDONALD

Associated Press Writer

**DHARMSALA, India** — The manager of the Dalai Lama's computer network alleged Tuesday that the Chinese government has repeatedly tried to hack into it over the past month.

Chinese hackers designed a virus to plug into the network and steal information, said Jigme Tsering, manager of the Tibetan Computer Resource Center in Dharmasala. The center provides Internet services and manages the network of the Tibetan Buddhist leader's government-in-exile.

Non-governmental organizations lobbying on behalf of Tibetans were also targeted by the virus, which was attached to an e-mail designed to look as if it originated from his own office, Tsering said.

No comment was available from officials in Beijing late Tuesday.

Tsering said the e-mail, which could have taken information off hard disks, had six different return addresses in China, including universities and government institutions.

He claimed hackers sent the virus at least twice between late August and Sept. 15.

Tsering said Chinese hackers tried to enter the Tibetan system at least twice before, in 1999 and 2001.

The Dalai Lama established a government in exile in India after fleeing the Chinese occupation of his homeland in 1959. A delegation of exiled Tibetans, the first since 1985, is now visiting Tibet.



## SPORTS

# New hoop hall puts glitz on history of game

BY TRUDY TYNAN  
Associated Press Writer

**SPRINGFIELD, Mass.** — The city where James Naismith invented a simple game using a ball and peach baskets in 1891 now has a high-tech Basketball Hall of Fame housed in a 10-story sphere.

The \$35.7 million museum opens Saturday. To mark the occasion, a basketball will be passed along by 2,700 schoolchildren lining the three-mile route from Springfield College — where the game was invented — to the hall. There, dozens of Hall of Famers, including Magic Johnson, will continue the chain.

Johnson will be inducted Friday, along with coaches Larry Brown and Lute Olson, the late Drazen Petrovic, North Carolina State women's coach Kay Yow and the Harlem Globetrotters.

The new building is a generation apart from that hushed collection of old jerseys and leather balls that were in the hall when it first opened in 1960 at Springfield College.

It will still display Wilt Chamberlain's jersey from his 100-point game, but will also have state-of-the-art virtual reality games in which visitors can play computer mock-ups of Hall of Famers or shoot balls at peach baskets and modern glass backboards.

"We have to keep current," curator Michael Brooslin said. "But we also have the responsibility to educate and inform about what happened in the past and that can be done in an entertaining way."

The old Hall of Fame stood alone in a neighborhood of old factories and warehouses in 1985, when it first moved to the banks of the Connecticut River, just off downtown.

But the new version is set into a plaza that contains shops, restaurants and meeting rooms and is backed by a \$103 million redevelopment of the surrounding 18 acres.

The complex, built with a mix of public and private investment, includes a tourist information center, a 145-room hotel and a bicycle path. It is expected to help boost the hall's attendance to 400,000 a year, nearly quadruple that of the existing building, Hall president John Doleva said.

The glitz begins with the exterior of the 90-foot sphere, covered with 860 light

panels that can be programmed to produce multiple effects, including a spinning basketball.

Inside, the three-level museum rises in a series of rings from a ground-floor basketball court where visitors can dribble and shoot.

A glass elevator carries visitors from the turnstiles to the top-floor Honors Ring where a computerized light show plays on the curved ceiling rising above rows of lighted photos of the 247 enshrinees, including this year's six entrants.

Suspended above the court and visible from all levels is a massive scoreboard. Periodically the lights dim throughout the museum and the scoreboard plays clips of great games and spectacular plays.

The game's early history is displayed in a replica of the old Springfield College gym where Naismith first devised the game to quiet a bored and unruly class.

A lighted mock-up of the marquee at New York's Madison Square Garden curves high around the gallery devoted to the game's history from the 1930s through the 1960s.

Deliberately, there are no special sections for the high school, college, professional, international and women's games. Greats from all facets are featured in each of the galleries and all jerseys are displayed on unisex gray mannequins.

Use of video and film clips and electronic databases allows the museum to squeeze in more information and more quickly update and rotate its exhibits, Brooslin said. Still, even with nearly double the exhibit space, only fraction of its collection can be displayed.

"Sports museums are challenged in keeping current more than other types of museums," he said.

The museum has so many video and game displays that it installed special acoustical baffles and directional speakers, audible only when directly facing the display, to keep down the sound level, said construction manager Andrew Crystal.

"We don't think anyone will mind hearing the squeak of sneakers from down on center court," he said.

The players gallery is arranged by position — guards, centers and forwards — and opens with some home movies of young future Hall of Famers, including Larry Bird.

## Ready to ride the Ryder Cup



Dave Martin/Associated Press

**United States Ryder Cup team player Phil Mickelson plays from the 10th tee at The Belfry in Sutton Coldfield, England during practice for the 34th Ryder Cup on Tuesday. The Ryder Cup matches begin on Friday.**

Alongside the display cases of jerseys are video stations where visitors can watch Gus Johnson rebound or Bob Cousy pass. A mechanical platform allows visitors to measure their jumping ability against that of Michael Jordan; a light panel tests reaction time against that of Pete Maravich.

The coaches' gallery is built around a mock locker room.

In the media gallery, visitors can hear not only some of the game's most famous broadcasts, but also try calling the action.

Still, everything won't be state-of-the-art computer games and light shows and shooting hoops.

# Jason Kidd wants to stay with New Jersey Nets

BY HAL BOCK  
AP Sports Writer

**NEW YORK** — Jason Kidd will be one of the biggest names filing for free agency after next season. That doesn't mean the New Jersey Nets point guard plans signing with anyone else.

"Maybe I ought to carry a cue card," Kidd said Tuesday after receiving the Thurman Munson Award for community service presented by the Association for the Help of Retarded Children.

"I'm playing it out. I've enjoyed being here in New Jersey. The Nets are my No. 1 choice. That's my answer all year long.

"I have to play it out and see what happens."

NBA rules require that Kidd file for free agency because he signed a contract extension with Phoenix before he was traded to the Nets last year. He averaged 14.7 points, 9.9 assists and 7.3 rebounds, took the Nets to the NBA Finals and was runnerup to Tim Duncan in

the MVP voting.

He's become a cornerstone of the Nets franchise and isn't interested in changing that situation.

Kidd was labeled a West Coast guy because he went to school at California and spent the first six years of his NBA career playing for Western Conference teams in Dallas and Phoenix. The trade to New Jersey was risky for him.

"Winning and being around a great group of guys makes the (free agent) decision easier and that's what we have. I'm looking to complete my career and win a championship with New Jersey. Free agency is a window of opportunity and I'll take advantage of that."

Kidd endorsed the Nets offseason moves which reshaped the roster around him with the addition of 7-foot center Dikembe Mutombo, point guard Chris Childs and swingman Rodney Rogers.

"Rodney gives us strength off the bench," Kidd said. "Chris understands the backup role and then there's the fly swatter back there who helps on defense and makes us more aggressive on the perimeter."

The difficult part is fitting the new players into the mix. "You can never put a price tag on chemistry," Kidd said. "You either have it or you don't. And you find out in the first few practices."

Kidd made that transition seamlessly last season and then spent the summer acquainting himself with his new home. He played golf, went to the beaches, spent some time in the Hamptons and generally embraced the area.

"I love being an East Coast guy," he said. "There's so much flavor. It's fun. I like the East. I hope I don't have to go far if everything works out for the rest of my career."

If he's so happy with the Nets, does that mean Kidd would march into president Rod Thorn's office right now and re-sign immediately, if the rules allowed?

"Would I sign right now?" Kidd said, repeating the question. "That's a very good question."

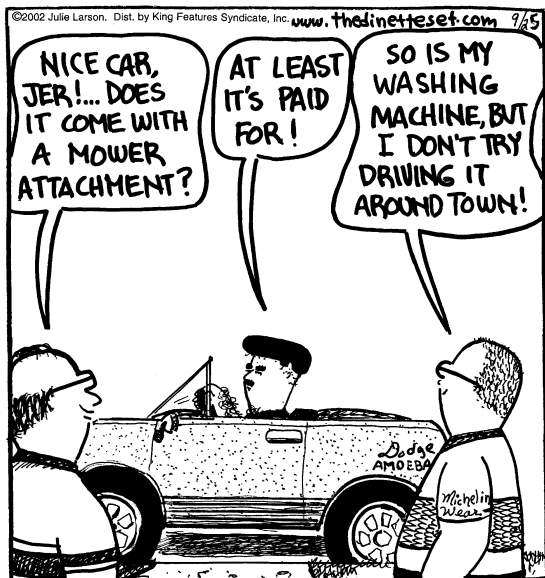
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"No," he said. "That's too easy. You've got to make them sweat. You've got to make Rod nervous."

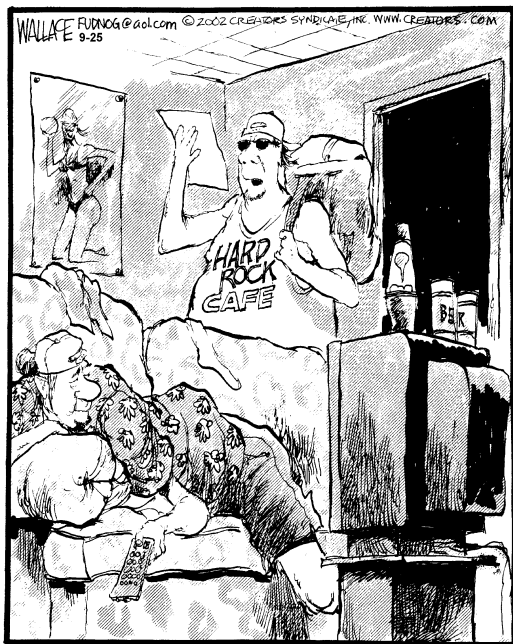
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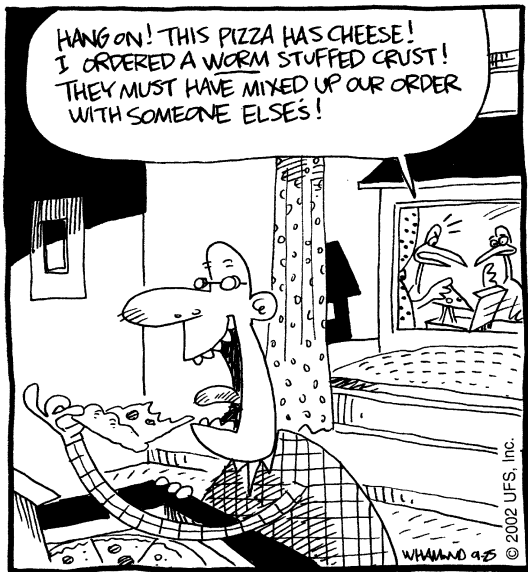
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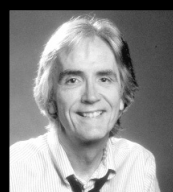
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## movies

**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.

**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. Stealing Harvard (PG-13) 12:00, 2:20, 4:40, 7:10, 9:30. XXX (PG-13) 11:10, 4:20, 10:10. The Banger Sisters (R) 11:00, 11:45, 1:45, 2:30, 4:30, 5:15, 7:15, 8:00, 10:00, 10:30. The Four Feathers (PG-13) 12:15, 3:30, 7:00, 10:15.

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

**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

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.

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"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 photo-journalists 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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## Thursday

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# Madrid city hall tries to squelch love affair with shouting

BY DANIEL WOOLLS

Associated Press Writer

**MADRID, Spain** — Visitors to Madrid have much to marvel over: splendid architecture, sizzling nightlife, great food and people who scream at each other.

The Spanish penchant for loudness — mouths, TV sets and myriad other outlets — kicks in early and stays. Listen to 4-year-olds at play, or men talking soccer over a pre-luncheon vermouth. And until now, exploding decibels were OK.

But Madrid's city hall, itself blamed for much of the racket in this city of 3 million and facing elections next spring, has launched a blitz to encourage quiet.

"SSSHHH. Control your noise" as the campaign is called, started Sept. 13 and is due to last through the end of 2003.

Fingers raised to their lips, a dozen blue-clad mime artists have begun to roam bustling streets with a choreographed skit urging children and adults to speak softly. Two city landmarks, the statues of Cibeles and Neptune, appear in posters with the same hushed pose.

City hall says a planned Web page will offer these and other hints for making Madrid acoustically gentler: wear slippers around the house, refrain from slamming doors and don't remodel your apartment at night.

Placido Perera, head of noise at the

**"There is a sort of notion that talking loud is a show of personality. What I see is that when people speak slowly and in a soft voice, it's as if they feel humiliated."**

— ALBERTO MONCADA  
Sociologist

city's environmental protection unit, insisted that reminding grown-ups not to yell isn't insulting.

"There are a lot of things that are just common sense, but which people don't embrace as such," he said.

Perera, whose first name means placid, said that after 30 years of studying noise he's concluded Madrid is indeed loud, although probably no worse than other major European cities.

The noisiest of 23 spots in Madrid that are monitored nonstop — Paseo de Recoletos, a downtown thoroughfare — peaks at about 71 decibels, he said. Noise becomes potentially hazardous to people's hearing at about 80-85 decibels.

What sets Madrid apart, Perera said, is that residents whining about noise often have themselves to blame. The campaign aims to curb things like speaking in bellows, honking a split second after a traffic

light turns green and vociferous late-night carousing along narrow streets.

"These are very Spanish behaviors," he said.

A busy Spanish coffee shop at breakfast-time serves up another prime example of the national din: diners struggle to be heard as plates rattle, the television blares and coin-spitting slot machines bleep and whirl.

Why all the yelling in the first place?

Tongue planted firmly in cheek, the late Spanish poet Leon Felipe addressed the issue in 1942 in an essay entitled "Why Spaniards Talk So Loud." He said one reason may be they descend from Rodrigo de Triana, Christopher Columbus's lookout who spotted land and simply did his job. "Tierra!" he cried.

Sociologist Alberto Moncada says it may be about projecting power, and starts at a tender age.

"We start screaming from the time we are in day care," said Moncada, who happens to live right above a day-care center and reports epic shouting matches. "We are not taught not to scream."

Among adults, he added, "there is a sort of notion that talking loud is a show of personality. What I see is that when people speak slowly and in a soft voice, it's as if they feel humiliated."

Perera says Spain is an example of a Mediterranean culture in which nice weather leads people to spend lots of time outdoors, on the street, where louder discourse is a necessity. The problem is they take those decibels back home with them, or to the office.

In Madrid, of course not all the noise is human. People are so weary from seemingly endless road work and construction under Mayor Jose Maria Alvarez del Manzano — and the drone of jackhammers and bulldozers — that one joke says Madrid will be a great city when it's finished.

In one downtown district people have hung banners over their balconies proclaiming themselves victims of acoustic contamination.

But Perera denied suggestions that city hall is trying to shift blame for the city's noise problems to the people who put up with them. "We're not passing the buck to anyone," he said.

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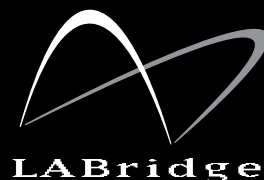
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