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Plastic barriers surround an eucalyptus tree on Broadway to prevent drivers from getting too close to it.

Drawing of Crichton robber publicly released

By Daily Press staff

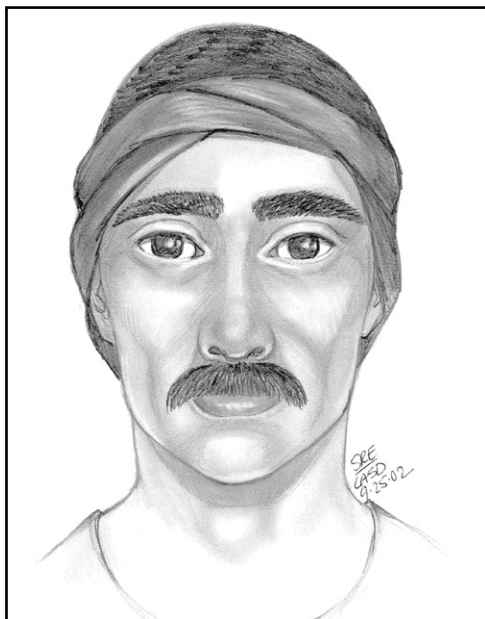
Police released a drawing of an alleged robber that tied up famed author Michael Crichton in his Santa Monica home early Monday morning.

Crichton described the man to a sketch artist with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, which released the portrait Thursday.

The suspect is described as a medium build black or Hispanic male, 5' 8" to 5' 9" in height, in his late 20s to early 30s with a bushy mustache and thick eyebrows. At the time of the robbery, he wore a ski mask with eyes and mouth openings and a long sleeve black or gray knit sweater and dark pants.

The second suspect is described as a medium build black or Hispanic male with a light complexion, 5' 8" to 5' 9" in height, in his late 20s to early 30s. He also wore a black ski mask with eyes and mouth openings and a dark colored shirt.

Santa Monica police said the crime was committed in a private home in the 400 block of 22nd Street, which is between Georgina and Marguerita avenues. Crichton's publicist, Joseph Marich, confirmed the author was robbed at his home.



Santa Monica police responded to a call at 4:51 a.m. Monday regarding a home invasion robbery, SMPD Lt. Frank Fabrega said.

The victim, believed to be Crichton, told police two men armed with handguns

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\$1.5 million lawsuit in jurors' hands

Lawyers make closing arguments in case of tumbling tree

BY JOHN WOOD

Special to the Daily Press

Deliberations began Thursday in a \$1.5 million lawsuit over whether the City of Santa Monica should have known that one of its large trees had rotting roots due to heavy rain.

One of the city's mature red-flowering eucalyptus trees hit Jim and Joan Holiday of West Los Angeles as they drove down Broadway in January of last year. Jim Holiday suffered a compression fracture to a vertebra in his back. Lawyers said the collision also exacerbated existing problems with his lower back and neck.

The Holidays have asked a Santa Monica jury to award them \$40,413 in medical expenses, but also \$332,531 for lost wages, and \$1.1 million in pain and suffering damages. Lawyers said Holiday, who operated a maintenance company and worked part-time for a homeowners' association, now lives with constant pain and will not work again.

The lawsuit comes amid a statewide

debate over the eucalyptus, sometimes called "The Widow Maker," because it often drops limbs unexpectedly. Several groups are pushing for more aggressive action by cities to remove the non-native species.

"The city basically said, 'We're not gonna do anything. We're gonna stick our heads in the sand.' Which I wish they had — they would have seen there were no roots."

— ROBERT WOLFE
Attorney

Jurors in the Holiday case must decide if the city is responsible for what the law calls a "dangerous condition of public property." The city and plaintiffs agreed the tree's roots were decaying but disagreed over whether or not the city should have known about it before the accident.

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'Farook' inventor goes to trial

BY ANDREW H. FIXMER

Daily Press Staff Writer

The city is taking Stewart Lamle, a local game inventor, to trial for allegedly operating a business without a license on the Third Street Promenade.

Lamle is contesting the 16 misdemeanor citations, two of which are for illegally possessing a milk crate, that each carry a maximum penalty of six months in jail and a \$1,000 fine.

Deputy City Attorney Linda Mills convinced a Santa Monica Superior Court judge that Lamle should have possibly received a business license before selling an invented game called "Farook" on the Promenade.

But the judge also said Lamle may have a case based on claims that his protected First Amendment right to free speech had been violated, and the entire matter deserved to be heard before a jury trial.

"I think it will be a lengthy trial," said Paul Mills, Lamle's attorney. "But the city attorney still has the option of dropping most of the charges to avoid a lengthy trial."

Linda Mills was unavailable for comment Thursday.

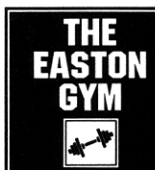
For the past three years, Lamle has set up an impromptu table on the Third Street Promenade to demonstrate a game he has invented called Farook.

However, the demonstrations are not considered "performance" by the city, which refuses to grant Lamle permits or a business license for his game.

Police ticketed Lamle 34 times during the last three years for not having a performance permit, but he was able to have each ticket dismissed in court, Lamle said.

Playing and selling the game garners a lot of money for Lamle, who charges \$1

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★★ Don't hold back. Spontaneity gets the results you desire. Others clearly have answers, too. Dialoguing and opening up issues develops into an extremely rewarding interchange. Adapt plans to new information that heads your way. Tonight: Whirl right into your weekend.



TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ Financial concerns star in your day. You move past worry once you look over the pros and cons. Develop stronger money-management skills. Also, learn to say "no," not only to yourself but to others, if need be. Tonight: Do something special for a loved one.



GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ You naturally say the right thing at the appropriate moment. Learn to trust your judgment and zero in on your needs. Your personality helps others feel more comfortable. Use timing and go for what you want. Tonight: Allow another to let off steam.



CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ Knowing when to sit back could be instrumental to your well-being. Your mind could be going on overload, but pick your company and the occasion to express what is occupying your thoughts. Be careful with an associate who often twists words around. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.



LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ Understand that you and others do need to act as a team rather than individuals. Share ideas. Use a sounding board. Express your deeper feelings. Your group, team or supporters design an unbeatable idea. Do some reality testing. Tonight: Take off for the weekend.



VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ Your instincts help you this year. Listen well to others and their suggestions. A boss comes up with a close-to-unbeatable idea. A family member might be out of sorts because of your present focus. Tonight: Work as late as need be.



LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ Aim high. Those in a position of authority are only too glad to fulfill a key request. Keep asking, and you shall receive what you want. Active feedback on your part helps associates feel your general openness. Tonight: A change in plans might not please you.



SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ A boss trusts your decision and adds more work and authority to your immediate position. Ask for the financial remuneration appropriate to your new responsibilities. You don't need to share your inner needs. Tonight: Enjoy that special person.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ You reverse your position out of the blue. Consider what might be going on on a deeper level with a partner. Understanding brings you further into the inner circle, where you feel more comfortable. Share more ideas. Make fewer judgments. Tonight: Swing with the winds of change.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ Be careful with an authority figure who might talk way too much while trying to make his or her position clear. Laughter and direction draw the achievements you want. Carefully consider an opportunity that involves an associate. Tonight: Join a co-worker for munchies.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ Consider options that surround a close relationship more carefully. Your perspective could change because of news or information. Check out all facts through your resources. Others delight in having you work with them. Tonight: Do your Friday-night thing!



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ A boss knows how to pressure you. Unfortunately, you will react. Follow your inner voice. Stay calm, giving 125 percent. A co-worker pitches in, making your situation far less difficult. Know that you're about to enter the weekend. Do what you need to do. Tonight: Relax in your favorite chair.



QUOTE of the DAY

"God has always been hard on the poor."

— Jean Paul Marat (1743-1793)

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LOCAL



The Q-Line

Public conflicted over war with Saddam

Last week, Q-Line asked,

“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?”

Here are your responses:

■ “My answer is yes, but can he make the trains run on time?”

■ “No, I do not think that we should pursue war with Iraq. I think it is a terrible thing. I believe it should be obsolete in this generation. Nobody is the winner in this stuff. I think they should pursue with the intelligence means we have in this country to find out who the perpetrators of the Sept. 11 attacks are.”

■ “My answer is yes! If no other country wants to help, the hell with them.”

■ “Throughout history, including American history, precious things such as freedom and justice have come at a price. The sacrificial and costly price of lives by those who have been willing to take up the costs. It is easy to take this justice and freedom for granted and sit around lighting candles hoping for peace. Nevertheless, evil regimes like Hussein must be held accountable for their terrorist and homicidal acts. Preventative military action to save innocent lives is much better than waiting for a horrific catastrophe to occur.”

■ “George Bush is using Iraq as a smoke screen to draw attention away from the staggering economy. Also, he wants the oil that is there.”

■ “Because Republicans believe there is a strong reason to attack Iraq, and that such an action will help them take control of Congress in November, President Bush will no doubt continue to emphasize the war until then and beyond. I think the administration should stay focused on stabilizing Afghanistan and locating the perpetrators of 9/11. Although these are often frustrating and routine tasks that won’t make com-

elling headlines and guarantee Republican victory in November.”

■ “It isn’t an either or question. This is an unfair question. Language like ‘throw’ the United States into war is biased. Bush should continue doing what he did with the UN. If Iraq does not comply with the UN resolutions, we should go in there and clean them up.”

■ “No, President Bush should not throw United States into war with Iraq. That is a terrible mistake!”

■ “I think that our president knows exactly what he’s doing. He has people that have information that none of us have. This has been going on for many years with Iraq and other countries like Iraq. I think finally we have a president who is ready to face it and take care of it. All we have to do is support him 100 percent.”

■ “I think President George Bush’s war against Iraq is a war that only he can fight. I think they should arm him and send him over. As the United States, I don’t think we should be messing with Iraq. We should let the UN handle the situation and we can monitor what the UN does. That does not mean we should take over if we feel that they have failed. I think our shores are much more important than the shores of Iraq.”

■ “I oppose the war in Iraq. I’m definitely not for it and glad that Gore stood up and said something to someone in the political arena. I think most people don’t want this war at all. It’s going to create more terrorism on our home front and innocent people killed in Iraq.”

■ “I think it’s ridiculous to go to war with Iraq! I think we should find the 9/11 terrorists.”

surf report

Information compiled by Jesse Haley

A more southerly southwest swell (190-200 degrees) adds to the mix of fading southwest and northwest swell.

North bay spots should see chest to shoulder-high surf with plus head-high plus sets and possible overhead at the beast breaks.

South bay locales look smaller, mostly waist level, though good sets show at better exposed southwest spots like Porto.

Swell will build today and into Saturday for consistent, sizable surf over the weekend.



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Low-	5:48 a.m.	2.64'
High-	12:35 p.m.	4.77'
Low-	8:36 p.m.	1.40'

Location	Friday	Saturday	Water Quality
County Line	3-4'/Fair	3-4'/Fair	A
Zuma	3-4'/Fair	3-4'/Fair	A
Surfrider	2-3'/Fair	1-3'/Fair	A
Topanga	2-3'/Fair	1-3'/Fair	A
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■ “Saddam Hussein is a rich terrorist. He is one of the worst in the world. Where do you think many of the al-Qaeda are hiding? Maybe even Osama bin Laden himself. Maybe in one of his palaces? Why do you think he does not want inspectors in his palaces? He could have tunnels down there with all kinds of al-Qaeda. He needs to be dealt with reasonably quickly.”

■ “I have to say in my opinion neither one. I certainly oppose going in as a solitary aggressor. That would make the United States an international criminal. I think we should find out more about Iraq. Our intelli-

gence institutions are woefully lacking in this area. I think Bush should concentrate on mending our serious domestic problems.”

■ “Our focus should be on al-Qaeda and the Islamic fundamentalists behind 9/11. By pushing war against Sad am Hussein, we are squandering the good will that we have had all other the world. The Iraq thing is strictly politics, particularly oil politics.”

■ “No, no, no. Bush should push the United States into a war with Iraq. Whose kids does he want to kill first?”

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OPINION

LETTERS

Stick with the facts

Editor:

This letter is in response to Ms. Vivian Rothstein's September 20 commentary.

It's a shame when anyone uses speculations and assumptions to base her argument of any hotly debated issue, especially one with such severe financial ramifications as that of Measure JJ. Ms. Rothstein chose to base her debate of this issue on manipulating people's emotions, as opposed to conveying the facts. She cites a housekeeper working in Santa Monica who continues to struggle financially despite full-time employment at a local hotel. A true shame, as any hard working individual deserves fair compensation. But what Ms. Rothstein failed to convey is that the local hotels pay our housekeepers and much of our staff what the measure calls for (starting housekeepers would require a 25 cent raise to meet the measure specifications).

She also cites that these same hotels are benefiting from high profits due to growth restrictions. As a hotel employee, I wonder who's profit and loss statement has she been looking at? The tourism industry has been experiencing a swift downturn since early 2001. Hardly are we experiencing "high profits."

The real issue here is whom the living wage ordinance WILL benefit, and that is all tipped employees. These individuals will experience nearly a 100 percent increase in hourly wages, while still receiving tips for their services.

This is where the oceanfront community will take the biggest hit. A 25 cent pay raise will not severely effect our bottom line, but increasing a large portion of our staff nearly 100 percent will!

I believe this measure is designed to financially force many local hotels to give in and become a union property. And this would ensure their continued growth and Ms. Rothstein's large salary paid to her each year by these same unions. Everyone deserves to be paid fairly for their work, but if you are going to debate an issue Ms. Rothstein please use facts and not false emotional tactics.

Stephanie Thomas

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The QLine

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■ "President Bush should be acting as the president of the United States. Not the Georges that ruled England. His proper job is to prevent war, not start one. Bring the U.S. Marines home to Pendleton, California, that were shipped to Kuwait a few days ago. They could be doing their special exercises on our American borders."

■ "We are not out of war with Iraq. We have been at war with Iraq. I think President Bush should finish the war and remove Saddam Hussein. He is an enemy of ours. We should not fool ourselves. We should pursue all and any enemies of freedom and liberty and fear of persecution for ethnic or religious reasons. It's definitely a

plus that George Bush puts Saddam Hussein on notice that he has to go."

■ "President Bush should stay out of Iraq. He should focus on 9/11 and al-Qaeda. He should focus on the economy and the poverty in this country. Going to war in Iraq is about oil and about making money for his cronies and the military. It is disgusting and unacceptable. He must stay out."

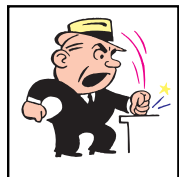
■ "George should stay out of Iraq. Bush is making this a political issue. It's terribly wrong in the eyes of the international community. We would look really bad. We need to take care of things like poverty first. George is taking away the focus of corporate scandals and other issues."

■ "How does war solve the problem of hate, which is the threat of terrorism?"

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A wacky political season in the City of Santa Monica



AS I SEE IT

By Bill Bauer

The Wacky World Of Santa Monica Politics always brings out the wackiness in people, and this election year is no exception.

The Police Officers Association and Firefighters Union endorsed incumbent council members Kevin McKeown and Pam O'Connor. Everyone expected Councilman Bob Holbrook to get their approval, but instead it went to newcomer Matteo DiNolfo.

The public safety endorsement is good for between 2,500 and 5,000 votes. Election handicappers agree that Holbrook's chances of being re-elected to a fourth term are diminished without this key support.

Speculation is that one reason why the POA endorsed DiNolfo is they are unhappy with Holbrook's support for VERITAS, (Measure HH) the voter reform initiative, which they oppose.

However, many political observers still don't think DiNolfo has enough "juice" to

win a seat on the dais. After trying and failing to get the SMRR endorsement, DiNolfo turned to the business community for their support.

The business leaders I've talked with question the man's motivation. "He comes to us and says he's for us, yet, he favors the living wage and opposes voter reform," a business leader who asked for anonymity told me. "He tells you what he thinks you want to hear."

On the other side of the political spectrum, Josephina Aranda Santiago and Abby Arnold are competing directly with each other for what appears to be an up-for-grabs council seat.

Aranda is counting on support from the Hispanic community and Green Party (she has strong backing from Mayor Michael Feinstein), while Arnold is strongly supported by the living wage crowd.

In another surprising turn of events, the Santa Monica-Malibu Classroom Teachers Association has made their first ever council endorsements by backing O'Connor, McKeown and DiNolfo.

At least three other city council candidates — Holbrook, Chuck Allord and Pro Se — say they were never contacted by the teachers union. How could they honestly and fairly evaluate a field of candi-

dates without contacting all of them? Truth is, they couldn't. It makes me wonder what values these people are teaching our kids.

There's always a chance that McKeown and/or O'Connor could lose. The homeless issue is a nagging problem and McKeown is nervous about it. I was given an e-mail from McKeown to a friend involved with one of the feeding programs. In it, McKeown says he "is going out on a very long political limb to fight against it," referring to a proposed ordinance restricting feedings in public parks.

McKeown continues, "I am up for reelection. I, however, am not willing to pander to the business community for donations and win votes on the suffering of the poorest and weakest among us. I am disgusted with my colleagues." It appears that Kevin isn't even willing to "pander" to fed up residents on this issue and that may cost him lots of votes.

Then, there is the strange adventures of school board candidate Oscar de la Torre. Last month, after he asked the Santa Monica Democratic Club for its endorsement, they found out that he was not a Democrat.

According to the L.A. County Registrar of Voters, de la Torre registered to vote in Santa Monica for the first time

on August 5 as an "independent."

Although he was officially re-registered a Democrat on August 29, it was too late and he was not endorsed by the Democratic Club because he was not a Democrat.

When de la Torre announced his run for the school board on July 17, he apparently was registered to vote in Mar Vista. State law requires candidates must be registered in the city where they would vote for that office when he states his/her intention to run for a local office. De la Torre could face disqualification if elected and if challenged in court.

De la Torre now claims he actually registered to vote in Santa Monica on July 16 using a seldom used "overseas voter registration form," which the Registrar says it has no record of.

Perhaps this "missing" voter registration will eventually show up at the county Registrar's office or maybe it won't. I hope for Oscar's sake it does.

Because it seems that something just doesn't smell right. Once again, de la Torre is eyeball high in controversy. He needs to clear the record and re-establish his credibility.

Bill Bauer is a longtime resident of Santa Monica and freelance writer.

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OPINION



A living wage battle

Among a broad coalition of community activists, the most personal support for Measure JJ, the living wage, comes from workers like Maria Mena. For 18 years, Maria has worked as a housekeeper at the Sheraton Four Points Hotel. Cleaning sixteen rooms a day gets her no vacation, no health benefits and \$8.25 an hour.

Hundreds of workers share her situation — barely able to take care of their families despite full-time jobs. Maria's struggle to overcome poverty in the shadow of luxury embodies the argument for the living wage. It is a struggle that has won broad, deep support in Santa Monica and beyond. From educators to elected officials, religious leaders to community organizations, health care advocates to labor groups, people are uniting around Measure JJ and the basic value that hard work deserves a living wage.

So who is against Measure JJ? For the most part, large corporations and the conservative consultants who they've hired to stop the living wage.

Opponents began to surface soon after community activists started searching for a remedy to the cycle of poverty under our palm trees. In 2000, after the city council commissioned a study on a proposed living wage ordinance, a petition appeared for a ballot measure that would have effectively prohibited pay raises for tourism workers. The political group formed for that campaign was called Santa Monicans for a Living Wage — even though the corporations behind it were strenuously opposed to a living wage.

The million-dollar campaign for this deceptive ordinance was largely funded by a handful of luxury beachfront hotels. The biggest donors, Shutters and Casa del Mar, are owned (with partners Goldman-Sachs) by multi-millionaire brothers Edward and Thomas Slatkin. They contributed over \$400,000. Loews Hotel came in second with more than \$350,000. Le Merigot kicked in more than \$100,000.

That war chest hired top talent, including the Dolphin Group, the political consultants who created the notorious "Willie Horton" ad that helped elect George Bush in 1988. Dolphin also packaged Ronald Reagan, Pete Wilson and other leading Republicans in both state and national elections going back decades. Other Dolphin clients include Philip Morris and the agribusiness industry, and Dolphin has steadfastly opposed the United Farm Workers, and, more recently, strawberry pickers.

The Dolphin Group has once again been enlisted to oppose the living wage. They have been joined by lobbyists Bell, McAndrews, Hiltachk and Davidian. Two of the law firm's partners, Charles Bell and Thomas Hiltachk, got their start

at Nielsen Merksamer, one of the biggest Republican lobbyists in the state, and took some of Nielsen's big tobacco clients with them when they set up shop. Bell serves as General Counsel to the California Republican Party, a post he has held going back to 1982. Bell also chairs a committee of the Federalist Society, a self-described "conservative intellectual network" in the legal community which attacks "liberal bias" in law schools. Ed Meese and Robert Bork figure prominently on their Visitors Board.

On the positive side of Santa Monica's living wage debate are hundreds of individuals and organizations who have endorsed Measure JJ, including:

- Elected officials such as Congressman Henry Waxman, State Senator Sheila Kuehl, Assemblywoman Fran Pavley, Assemblywoman Jackie Goldberg and former State Senator Art Torres, now chairman of the California Democratic Party.

- Educators such as Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District President Julia Brownley, Santa Monica City College Trustees Annette Shamey and Dorothy Ehrhart-Morrison, and USC law professor Erwin Chermersky.

- Religious leaders such as Episcopal Bishop Jon J. Bruno, Southern California Board of Rabbis President Rabbi Steven Carr Reuben, Rev. James Lawson and Santa Monica Bay Interfaith Council President Rabbi Neil Comess-Daniels.

- Labor leaders such as AFL-CIO president John Sweeney, L.A. County Federation of Labor Executive Secretary Miguel Contreras and Hotel Employees and Restaurant Employees Union Local 11 President Maria Elena Durazo.

- Local community leaders such as Denny Zane, Nancy Greenstein, Paul Rosenstein, Dolores Press and Rev. Jim Conn.

- Community organizations such as Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights, the Santa Monica Democratic Club, Santa Monicans Allied for Responsible Tourism, Southern California Americans for Democratic Action, Progressive Jewish Alliance.

But in that flurry of well-known names, let us not forget the names we barely recognize, like Maria Mena. She can't understand spending that may exceed \$3 million to prevent her from earning \$10.25 per hour for a job that includes health benefits. All she wants is a living wage.

That's a value that fits with Santa Monica. Measure JJ is fair and long overdue. Please join me in voting Yes on JJ, for jobs and justice.

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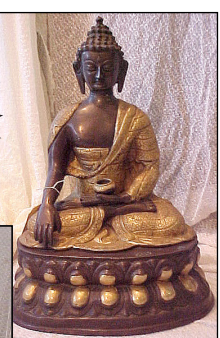
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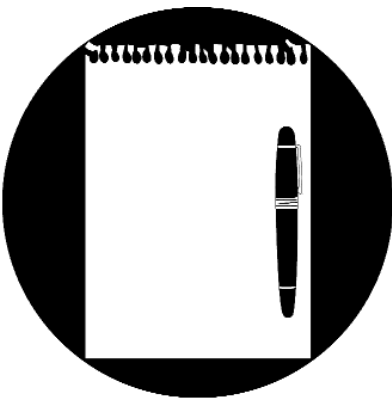
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LOCAL

Plaintiff in constant pain, wants city's money

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If jurors find the city liable for the accident, they then will determine a monetary award. The trial began last Tuesday under Superior Court Judge Linda K. Lefkowitz. An earlier trial ended last July in a hung jury.

Holiday declined comment until after the jury reaches a decision. Lawyers from both sides refused to comment on any previous settlement offers.

In his closing argument, attorney Robert Wolfe argued for Holiday that the city should have enlarged the mature eucalyptus' tree well. Because it didn't, Wolfe argued, the tree was "constricted" by the concrete, limiting the flow of nutrients and causing roots to decay.

"The city basically said, 'We're not gonna do anything. We're gonna stick our heads in the sand,'" declared Wolfe. "Which I wish they had — they would have seen there were no roots."

"All (the inspector) had to do was poke around the tree," added Wolfe. "He would have found advanced decay."

But Deputy City Attorney Norman Hirata said inspectors did all they could,

short of uprooting the sidewalk to examine the tree's roots.

Hirata further argued that excessive rainfall in January 2001 saturated the soil, and the heavy rains added more weight to a tree already weighing several tons.

"The City of Santa Monica cannot be blamed for rainfall," said Hirata. "Rain is not public property in the City of Santa Monica."

"No one could know that there was underground, unseen root decay," continued Hirata. "No one could know except Mother Nature."

Wolfe defended Holiday's \$1.1 million request for an award due to pain and suffering.

"The man is in constant pain," Wolfe said. "They took his hobbies away from him."

Hirata told jurors the Holidays were seeking compensation in the wrong place.

"The city is not responsible nor liable," said Hirata.

"Mother Nature is harsh," concluded Hirata. "But Mother Nature is kind, too. Just .08 seconds later (would have meant) a devastating result for the Holidays."

Famous victim freed himself and called police for help

ROBBER, from page 1

and dressed in ski masks broke into his home, tied him and an unidentified person up while the thieves ransacked the house.

Crichton was able to free himself after the thieves left, and called police. Both victims were uninjured, police said.

Police are providing little details regarding the incident because the investigation is ongoing. It is unknown how long Crichton was tied up, how much was stolen or how long the thieves were inside his home.

"There was a loss of personal property with an undetermined value," Fabrega said, adding a car was heard leaving the area shortly after the incident.

Crichton, 59, is an acclaimed writer, movie producer and director. In addition to writing dozens of novels, he is responsible for movies such as "Congo," "Sphere," "Jurassic Park," "Disclosure," "Rising Sun" and "Twister."

Fabrega said anyone with information regarding the crime should call SMPD's robbery/homicide unit at (310) 458-8451.

Defendant also charged for illegal possession of milk crate

FAROOK, from page 1

to play a game with him and \$15 for a copy of Farook, which looks like a tic-tac-toe board crossed with Chinese checkers.

Then on July 6, 2002 at 11:30 a.m., police arrested Lamle on the Promenade and seized his game, his table and all his money for repeatedly operating a business without a license.

A Santa Monica Superior Court judge later returned the property to Lamle, and police were asked not to further interfere with his activities until today's court date. That order was lifted Wednesday, and Lamle was instructed not to sell his game on the Promenade until his trial is over.

Mills said the city is playing a game with his client, claiming that when the 34 performance citations were thrown out of court, city officials then charged him with misdemeanor citations for not having a business license, which the city refuses to issue to Lamle.

And Mills said he believes the city has deliberately written vague street performer laws to give it more leverage over controlling performers.

To prove that, Mills has subpoenaed every citation issued by the city during the

"A possible defense is that it's discriminatory prosecution."

— PAUL MILLS
Lamle's attorney

past year for the illegal possession of a milk crate. There were 10 incidences, two of which involved Lamle.

If the other eight citations were not prosecuted, Mills believes it could hold significant meaning for his client.

"A possible defense is that it's discriminatory prosecution," he said. "This is a crime which the city attorney's office never prosecutes and is only prosecuting (Lamle) because of his First Amendment rights complaints."

STATE



Taiwan's first lady pays historic visit to L.A.

BY LAURA WIDES

Associated Press Writer

BEVERLY HILLS — More than 100 well wishers waving flags and chanting "We love you, thank you," turned out to greet Taiwan's popular first lady Wu Shu-jen as she arrived in California Thursday on the last leg of her historic U.S. tour.

Wu's visit marks the first time the Republic of China, commonly known as Taiwan, has sent its first lady to the United States in nearly half a century.

"We're very excited. A lot of people say this is a once in a lifetime opportunity," said Wencheng Lin, who was among the well wishers gathered outside the Beverly Hills Hotel. Lin, who publishes a small newspaper for Taiwanese Americans, lives in Rosemead, a suburb east of Los Angeles that is home to a large Chinese population.

The visit signals the increasingly warmer ties between the United States and Taiwan, which do not have formal diplomatic relations. It also has been seen by Taiwan supporters as a victory in the island's diplomatic war with China, which has long attempted to block such visits.

China considers Taiwan, with its democratic government, a renegade province and maintains the island's officials are not entitled to the diplomatic privileges enjoyed by other international leaders.

Separate governments were created when China's leadership fled to Taiwan from the mainland during the country's 1949 civil war.

California, meanwhile, is home to about 150,000 people who are from Taiwan, and Wu planned to attend a baseball game in Los Angeles Thursday night to honor the Dodgers Chin-Feng Chen, the first Taiwan player to join the major leagues.

Earlier she visited Washington, D.C.,

and New York City.

Her arrival in Southern California lifted the spirits of the area's burgeoning population of Taiwan-born Chinese, many of whom support Taiwan independence, said Hilda Lai, secretary of the Taiwan Center in Rosemead.

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"When I was in school I was taught that Taiwan culture was inferior to Chinese culture, and we were not allowed to speak in Taiwanese," said Lai. "She has brought the pride back to Taiwanese people."

The frail-looking Wu, who uses a wheelchair, was paralyzed from the waist down when a truck ran over her three times in 1985 during Taiwan's repressive martial era. She has said she believes she was the victim of a botched assassination attempt by the political rivals of her husband, President Chen Shui-bian.

Wearing a blue sweater and plaid pants, Wu arrived by private vehicle and was quickly wheeled past admirers and into the hotel.

Miss Taiwan USA finalist Jannies San, 26, of San Gabriel, called her an inspiration.

"It says a lot for our nation that we can push for what we believe despite our difficulties," said San, who was among those in Beverly Hills.

San Diego police to run Super Bowl security

BY SETH HETTENA

Associated Press Writer

SAN DIEGO — The Department of Homeland Security has rejected a request to put the U.S. Secret Service in charge of security at the upcoming Super Bowl in San Diego, saying it has full confidence in local authorities, city officials said Thursday.

Tom Ridge, the White House homeland security chief, told city officials this week that he was not granting their request to make Super Bowl XXXVII a National Special Security Event — a designation usually reserved for national political conventions and presidential inaugurations.

Last year's Super Bowl in New Orleans as well as the Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City were both designated National Special Security Events in the wake of the Sept. 11 attacks.

Instead, Ridge decided to put local police in charge of the Jan. 26 NFL championship game at San Diego's 71,000-seat Qualcomm Stadium and related events throughout the city. The FBI, Secret Service, the Federal Emergency Management Agency and state authorities will provide support.

Under a new rating system created earlier this year, Super Bowl XXXVII will be a Special Event Readiness Level Two, Ridge told Mayor Dick Murphy late Wednesday.

"He thought that Level Two was really appropriate for San Diego because, after having evaluated the situation, he thought the San Diego Police Department was so on top of this it was better to have them in charge," Murphy said.

Unaware of the brand new rating system, Murphy had requested the Secret Service handle Super Bowl security as a precaution. He said he was not disappointed by the decision.

"We are going to be well prepared," the mayor said.

San Diego police were in charge of security at two previous Super Bowls at Qualcomm Stadium in 1988 and 1998.

"It tells you the confidence the Department of Homeland Security has in this region and the work we've done in the past," said Assistant Police Chief Bill Mayhew, who has been involved in security preparations for the past six months. "We as a community are very prepared for major events."

The city has budgeted more than \$1 million for Super Bowl security.

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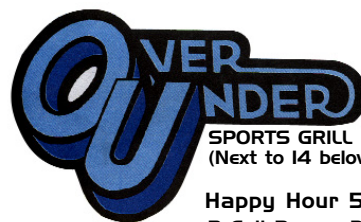
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STATE

Undocumented immigrants emergency care costs \$200M

BY ROBERT GEHRKE
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Hospitals along the U.S.-Mexico border provide \$200 million in uncompensated emergency health care to illegal immigrants, and local government officials say the federal government should help with the expense.

"It is an international border with international issues and local governments are bearing the brunt of the costs," said Carlos Aguilar, a county commissioner in El Paso County, Texas. "Our tax rates are increasing and we just can't look at the local taxpayer to resolve this federal responsibility. It's just not right."

According to the report by the U.S.-Mexico Border Counties Coalition, illegal immigrants accounted for roughly 23 percent of all uncompensated health care provided by hospitals in 17 of 24 counties bordering Mexico. Uncompensated care includes charity care and uncollectable debts.

Seven counties do not have hospitals that provide emergency medical care.

California's border counties absorbed the highest costs due to emergency care for undocumented immigrants, with hospitals absorbing \$79 million in expenses, followed by Texas with \$74 million, Arizona with \$31 million and New Mexico with \$6 million, according to the study released Thursday.

The study also cited \$13 million for emergency medical service providers without providing a breakdown by state.

Also, it did not include costs for preventive, acute, extended or rehabilitative care or non-emergency medical transportation.

The effects of the additional costs are debilitating for some hospitals, said Enrique Serna, deputy county administrator in Pima County, Ariz., which absorbed nearly \$25 million in costs.

"We have a real crisis in that the loss of dollars through uncompensated care really impacts our ability to deliver services to our legal residents, so it impacts the elderly, it impacts our youth, it impacts our emergency rooms dramatically," he said.

He said that, to stay in business, some hospitals are being forced to limit the range of services they can provide. Last year, one Pima County hospital eliminated its obstetrics division, and another is doing away with its program this year.

And Cochise County, Ariz., Supervisor Paul Newman said the Copper Queen hospital in Bisbee had to close its long-term care facility, in part because of the costs of caring for undocumented immigrants.

To ease the burden on border hospitals, as well as other hospitals that have high rates of immigrant care, several senators from border states are backing legislation to reimburse states and providers up to \$200 million.

Sen. Jon Kyl, R-Ariz., sponsor of the bill, said the figures underscore the serious need for federal assistance, adding that other hospitals in interior counties bear similar burdens but were not included in the study.

"You've got 24 counties, most of which are pretty poor and yet they're bearing the brunt of these expenses," he said. The senator said he is hopeful that at least part of the \$200 million would be approved this year.

Rep. Jim Kolbe, R-Ariz., blamed the

border communities' woes on the Immigration and Naturalization Service practice of not taking into custody immigrants who need health care to avoid responsibility for the medical bills.

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— JON KYL
Arizona senator

"Controlling immigration is a federal responsibility and for far too long our struggling border communities have been paying for the costs of illegal immigration," he said in a statement. "At its root, this issue is not a problem in our health care system. It is not even about who should pay for emergency care. It is yet another example of failed INS policy."

The legislation is co-sponsored by Sens. John McCain, R-Ariz.; Jeff Bingaman, D-N.M.; and Pete Domenici, R-N.M.

Costs of emergency care for undocumented immigrants by county

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The following is a breakdown of the estimated unreimbursed costs to hospitals in 17 border counties to provide care to undocumented immigrants, according to a study released Thursday by the U.S.-Mexico Border Counties Coalition and paid for by the federal government.

Although there are 24 counties along the border, seven do not have hospitals that provide emergency health care. They are Hidalgo County in New Mexico and Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, Presidio, Terrell, Kinney and Zapata counties in Texas.

In addition to the figures listed below, the study estimated a combined \$13 million in additional costs incurred by emergency medical service providers for a total of more than \$200 million.

San Diego County, Calif.,	\$76,185,000
Imperial County, Calif.,	\$2,839,000
Pima County, Ariz.,	\$24,650,000
Santa Cruz County, Ariz.,	\$385,000
Yuma County, Ariz.,	\$4,105,000
Cochise County, Ariz.,	\$1,698,000
Dona Ana County, N.M.,	\$5,455,000
Luna County, N.M.,	\$563,000
El Paso County, Texas,	\$30,102,000
Culberson County, Texas,	\$61,000
Brewster County, Texas,	\$332,000
Val Verde County, Texas,	\$994,000
Maverick County, Texas,	\$901,000
Webb County, Texas,	\$6,320,000
Starr County, Texas,	\$406,000
Hidalgo County, Texas,	\$19,666,000
Cameron County, Texas,	\$14,903,000
Total:	\$189,565,000

NATIONAL



Attorney general will investigate allegations about gov.

BY MARK R. CHELLGREN

Associated Press Writer

FRANKFORT, Ky. — The state attorney general said Thursday he would investigate allegations that Gov. Paul Patton used state regulators to punish a woman after she ended their affair.

Federal authorities also are looking into the matter, an attorney for Patton's accuser said Thursday. The U.S. attorney's offices in Louisville and Lexington and the FBI declined to comment.

Patton acknowledged in a tearful, televised confession last week that he had an "inappropriate relationship" with Tina Conner, but denied using his office to hurt her.

"The governor is confident that he did nothing wrong in his capacity as governor," Patton spokesman Rusty Cheuvront said.

Conner, 40, says Patton used his office to perform favors for her during their two-year relationship, which ended in 1999. She said Patton continued to call her until she broke off contact in October 2001. Two months later, she said, state regulators cracked down on her nursing home in Clinton.

Conner accused the 65-year-old Democrat of sexual harassment in a lawsuit filed Sept. 18.

According to her lawsuit, Conner said Patton had provided assistance to her nursing home, Birchtree Healthcare, and

to a construction company she owned. Conner also was appointed to the Institute on Aging and the board of the Kentucky Lottery Corp.

After the relationship ended, the nursing home was cited for dozens of violations, fined \$16,500 and has lost its Medicare and Medicaid funding. Birchtree has filed for bankruptcy protection.

Health services officials said their work investigating Birchtree was free of political influence, and said they have invited federal and state officials to investigate the agency.

Attorney General Ben Chandler said his office would investigate if any laws were violated. Chandler, also a Democrat,

is campaigning to succeed Patton, who is prevented by term limits from seeking a third term next year.

A state ethics commission was to meet Friday to decide whether to begin an investigation.

Conner's attorney, Fred Radolovich, said Thursday he had met with an FBI agent and, separately, with U.S. Attorney Steve Pence and two prosecutors. He said the prosecutors did not ask him for the proof he said he has of Conner's claims.

"They wanted a friendly conversation and that's what we did for an hour," Radolovich said.

One of Patton's attorneys, Sheryl Snyder, said he had no firsthand knowledge of an FBI investigation.

Las Vegas becoming center for television market research

BY DESIREE HUNTER

Associated Press Writer

LAS VEGAS — Linda Pulido never expected to spend her Las Vegas trip helping decide who'd be the next anchor on a morning television news show.

But she found herself being asked who was hot, and who was not, at CBS' Television City, part of the network's market research operations at the MGM Grand hotel.

"I'd do it again," she said. "It makes you feel like maybe your little opinion might mean something and might count to some big corporation somewhere."

With an estimated 36 million tourists a year, Las Vegas is becoming the city of choice for market researchers to gather consumer opinions on pizza to diapers, and television shows to commercials.

"That's what drives this industry," said Lee Medick, president and owner of MRCGroup Research Institute. "Companies make million-dollar decisions based on what people think."

Finding out what people think is an industry that generates an estimated \$6.1 billion annually. Dollars spent on market research have grown steadily since 1991 except for dips in 1996 and 2001, said Larry Gold, editor and publisher of Inside Research, a Chicago-based industry newsletter.

Medick and her husband, Jim, MRCGroup's chief executive officer and managing director, moved their 10-year-old company to Las Vegas in 1996, Jim Medick said. They found few similar companies and a virtually untapped source of consumer opinion.

Las Vegas as a haven for market research makes sense, said Nancy Costopulos of the Chicago-based American Marketing Association.

"People go to Las Vegas for a reason, and that's usually to be entertained," she said. "So by testing people who are there seeking entertainment, you have a steady stream of consumers who are right for your test market."

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— NANCY COSTOPULOS
American Marketing Association

The city's fast-growing population and broad appeal to tourists bring together a cross-section of the country. Analysts say it's a fresh test market in which consumers haven't been surveyed as much as those in Los Angeles or New York.

CBS set up a temporary test site 10 years ago and decided to stay. Last year the network opened Television City, a permanent site in the MGM Grand in which consumer critics like Pulido can screen new television shows and movies and participate in focus groups.

The diversity found in Las Vegas was a big draw, said David Poltrack, CBS executive vice president of research

and programming.

"It's something you can't do anywhere else but Vegas because of all the demographics," he said.

Viewers receive coupons good for 10 percent off CBS merchandise and other freebies, as well as an opportunity to help change television programming.

That attracted Paul Rudzinski of Austin, Texas, who like most TV viewers, has a few gripes about what's on the tube.

"If it's about cops, lawyers or doctors, I'm going to be automatically against it," Rudzinski said before going into a screening at Television City. "That's all there is on TV today."

Such feedback is what media executives crave. NBC is negotiating with MRCGroup to open a site similar to Television City at another hotel on the Las Vegas Strip.

Consumers' conclusions about products, services and shows can be the deciding factor in whether companies pursue their projects or try something else. With so much riding on the test results, market research companies sometimes go to great lengths to keep client projects secret.

MRCGroup conducts research for clients in a variety of industries on products that include chocolate, diapers, slot machines and kitty litter, the Medicks said.

But despite all the testing, box-office and market flops can't always be prevented, said Gold, the Inside Research editor and publisher.

"Nothing is guaranteed," he said, chuckling. "Life is that way. What you're trying to do is reduce risk."

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NATIONAL

President Bush highlights corporate fraud effort

BY JENNIFER LOVEN

Associated Press Writer

HOUSTON — Not far from the symbolic center of corporate scandals, President Bush told business executives at a fund raiser Thursday to run their companies with honesty and integrity.

"If you're running a corporation in America, you're responsible to tell the truth to your shareholders and employees," Bush said at the political event around the corner from the headquarters of scandal-plagued Enron Corp.

The \$1 million reception for Texas' Republican Senate nominee John Cornyn was the fourth of six campaign appearances this week for the president. It brought to at least \$127 million the total that Bush has raised on behalf of Republican candidates this year.

Just before flying here, Bush was in Washington promoting federal work to bust the corporate crime wave that first made headlines with Enron's bankruptcy filing last year. He reported 100 new investigations and 150 defendants charged in his corporate fraud crackdown.

And with lingering uncertainty about the markets, Bush turned up the volume on his theme that business scandals have undermined economic confidence. At a Justice Department conference for federal investigators tackling corporate crime, he claimed "broad and dramatic progress."

"Our law enforcement agencies are after 'em," Bush enthused.

A federal task force, in its first 2 1/2 months, has opened more than 100 new cases, the president said, and filed charges against more than 150 people and secured convictions or guilty pleas against 45 defendants.

"The American economy depends on

fairness and honesty," Bush said, adding that "the government cannot and should not try to remove the risk from investment. But we will help ensure that the risks are honest and the risks are clearly understood."

Scandals involving Enron, WorldCom Inc., Adelphia Communications and ImClone Systems Inc. have contributed to the Dow Jones Industrial Average's plunge to its lowest levels since the fall of 1998. Consumer confidence also hit a four-year low this week.

While planning for a possible war with Iraq has gotten most of the attention in the past few weeks, Bush sought to show that he remains focused on the economy and what ails it.

But Rep. John Spratt, top Democrat on the House Budget Committee, faulted the administration for not offering more money for investigators at the Securities and Exchange Commission.

"Administration statements about corporate responsibility will be truly meaningful only if words are matched by actions," said Spratt, D-S.C. "Thus far, the administration's pledge to provide the resources the SEC needs to do its job effectively has been empty rhetoric."

The elections will decide control of Congress and many of the statehouses that could help Bush's own re-election in 2004. As such, the president this week has kept up a feverish fund-raising pace — "getting on the road" as he called it Thursday night — gathering Republican campaign cash in the nation's capital (twice), New Jersey, Texas, Colorado and Arizona.

It was the second time this year Bush has traveled to Texas to raise money for Cornyn, after collecting \$1.8 million for the Texas attorney general's campaign in March. Cornyn and Democratic Senate nominee



Doug Mills/Associated Press

President Bush speaks in the White House Rose Garden after meeting with House Democrats and Republicans Thursday about Iraq in the Cabinet Room of the White House. Bush said he is close to an agreement with Congress to "speak with one voice" against Saddam Hussein, even as Democrats accused him of making the nation's security a political issue

Ron Kirk are running to succeed Phil Gramm, who is retiring after three terms.

Despite the support, the Republican Cornyn has differed publicly with Bush on secrecy issues — while the Democratic Kirk has taken care to praise the president and his war on terror.

Earlier this week, Cornyn told the San Antonio Express-News editorial board he disagrees with the White House's refusal to release records from an energy task force headed by Vice President Dick Cheney. And last year, he expressed discomfort with the Bush administration's

view at the time that trials of suspected terrorists before military tribunals should be secret.

Bush is taking Saturday and Sunday off at his Texas ranch — a respite that, by security officials' design, got him out of the way of the 20,000 demonstrators expected for the weekend meetings of the World Bank and International Monetary Fund just blocks from the White House.

"It's an honor to be home," he told his Texas audience. "I might have changed addresses but I haven't changed my home."

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INTERNATIONAL



U.S. intensifies efforts to win Russian, French support

BY DAFNA LINZER
Associated Press Writer

UNITED NATIONS — The United States intensified efforts to win over Russian and French support for a toughly-worded U.N. resolution on Iraq but Secretary of State Powell said Thursday he “was a long way from getting an agreement.”

The state department dispatched Undersecretary of State Marc Grossman to Moscow and Paris Thursday to help sell the U.S. plan for a resolution that would lay out a tighter timetable for Iraqi compliance with weapons inspections and authorize force if President Saddam Hussein fails to do so.

In a sign of U.S.-British agreement on the direction of a resolution, Grossman will be accompanied by a British diplomat whom state department officials wouldn't identify.

“We are a long way from getting an agreement but we are working hard,” Powell told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee in Washington.

The United States had hoped to push through the resolution by Monday, Sept. 30, when chief U.N. weapons inspector Hans Blix is scheduled to meet with Iraqi experts in Vienna to finalize plans for the inspectors' return.

But interagency wrangling in Washington and the continued opposition of some allies has delayed a draft from reaching the Security Council, diplomats said.

“We're conducting intensive negotiations with other members of the Security Council, including consultations on possible texts with the United Kingdom,” Lynn Cassell, a state department spokeswoman, said in a statement.

Cassell said discussions would continue “in the coming days,” toward a resolution that would “formally recognize Iraq's repeated violations, identify steps that Iraq needs to take to rectify those viola-

tions and make clear what will happen if Iraq again fails to comply.”

Powell stressed that any resolution “must determine what consequences” there will be for Iraq if it fails to disarm and comply.

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State department spokeswoman

But Russia, France and Arab countries don't want a resolution threatening force before inspectors can get back inside Iraq.

Iraq announced last week that inspectors could return unconditionally nearly four years after they were barred from carrying out their work in the country. The Iraqi move was a surprise response to President Bush's speech to the United Nations earlier this month in which he warned Iraq to follow through with resolutions or face the consequences.

French President Jacques Chirac has proposed a two-step process in which the resolution would call for unfettered access and cooperation with inspections and would be followed by a second one authorizing force should Iraq defy the Security Council.

Chirac discussed the proposal Thursday with Chinese Prime Minister

Arafat stuck in compound



Palestinian Authority, Hussein Hussein, HO/Associated Press
Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat works in an office at his besieged compound in the West Bank town of Ramallah. Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon defended the Israeli army's siege of the compound, saying wanted men holed up inside are the biggest terrorists that exist.

Zhu Rongji in Paris and reiterated France's opposition to a resolution that would threaten force upfront, Chirac's spokeswoman Catherine Colonna said.

In Moscow, Russian President Vladimir Putin called for a quick solution to the Iraqi crisis by political and diplomatic means, saying a new council resolutions were not needed.

The Security Council imposed a strict embargo on Iraq after it invaded neighboring Kuwait in 1990 and fired Scud missiles at Israel and Saudi Arabia in the Persian Gulf War that followed.

The sanctions cannot be lifted until weapons inspectors certify that Iraq is free

of weapons of mass destruction. In the meantime, all sales to Iraq must be approved by the United Nations and paid for through an escrow account which controls the proceeds from Iraqi oil sales.

Ukraine's foreign minister on Thursday rejected U.S. accusations that his country sold a radar system to Baghdad and invited U.N. or American inspectors to investigate charges that it had violated the sanctions.

“The accusation is groundless,” Anatoliy Zlenko told reporters before meeting U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan and Ole Peter Kolby, the Norwegian ambassador who heads the sanctions committee.

Milosevic relaxed as prosecutors detail genocide charges

BY ANTHONY DEUTSCH
Associated Press Writer

THE HAGUE, Netherlands — Slobodan Milosevic smiled across a U.N. courtroom Thursday as prosecutors accused him of genocide, the gravest charge he faces, claiming he was the kingpin in a plan to wipe out Bosnia's Muslims.

On the opening day of war crimes hearings on his role in the 1991-1995 wars in Croatia and Bosnia, Milosevic portrayed Serbs as victims of ethnic aggression and said his policies had been aimed at peace, not war.

The first part of his trial, on the 1998-1999 Serb crackdown on the Albanians in Kosovo, ended Sept. 11 and hearings were adjourned for two weeks to give Milosevic time to prepare for the next stage of the proceedings.

Prosecutors plan to call 177 witnesses, including Croatian President Stipe Mesic and former Yugoslav President Zoran Lilic, to prove their case, expected to last well into the spring of 2003.

In opening remarks Thursday, trial prosecutor Geoffrey Nice described Milosevic as the undisputed leader of a “joint criminal enterprise” established in the early 1990s with the sole aim of creating a pure Serbian state in Yugoslavia.

The charges are the gravest and toughest yet to prove in Milosevic's trial. The former Serb strongman held power in Yugoslavia for 13 years, but prosecutors say he was careful not to leave incriminating evidence behind.

Legal experts have said that because Milosevic was not the Yugoslav president at the time of the atrocities, the case will be harder to prove.

Prosecutors say Milosevic, along with other members of the Serb political structure such as former Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic, planned and implemented a scheme to murder thousands of civilians and force countless more to leave their homes.

“I do not dispute war crimes were committed, but they took place on all three sides. But the war crimes were not a policy, the victims in the war against Yugoslavia were all three peoples.”

— SLOBODAN MILOSEVIC
Defendant

Milosevic's indictment covers the systematic execution of Muslim men in Srebrenica and the dreaded Bosnian detention camps. Page after page lists the names of children, women, and the elderly, said to be the victims of “a campaign of ethnic cleansing.”

Without Milosevic, it is hard to conceive of the enterprise happening, Nice said during the 80-minute opening statement.

“He had a fundamental role in the organization, the planning, the financing and the direction of the plan,” the

leading prosecution trial attorney said.

In Bosnia, Nice said, “The civilian population knew they could not escape. And as one witness observed, the impression created in the civilian population of the (Srebrenica) enclave was of a relentless and unstoppable momentum that could only lead to the death of everyone inside.”

Bosnian Serb Gen. Radislav Krstic was convicted last year of genocide for commanding Serb forces during a week of killing in eastern Bosnia that left an estimated 8,000 Muslim men and boys dead.

Milosevic, who is defending himself, countered the existence of a common criminal plan, but said all warring factions had violated the laws of combat.

“I do not dispute war crimes were committed, but they took place on all three sides,” Milosevic said. “But the war crimes were not a policy, the victims in the war against Yugoslavia were all three peoples.”

“I should be recognized for fighting for peace,” he said. “The only war was a war against Yugoslavia” by the Western powers.

Milosevic has been charged with 61 counts of war crimes during the five years of conflict when he was the president of Serbia, one of six republics that once made up Yugoslavia. He was transferred to the tribunal in June 2001.

Watching proceedings on television from her home in Bosnia, Munira Subasic said the Milosevic's red tie reminded her of the blood that washed over her homeland.

“It looks like the river of blood that flowed through Bosnia from 1992 until 1995,” said Subasic, 64, who lost her only son, her husband and several relatives in the Srebrenica massacre of July 1995.



SPORTS

Ryder Cup: A time to remember, a time to compete

BY DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

SUTTON COLDFIELD, England — Separated on stage by the gold Ryder Cup trophy they desperately want to win, U.S. and European players paused to remember why they had to wait so long for the chance.

U.S. captain Curtis Strange began with a reminder of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, the reason the matches were postponed for the first time since World War II.

"Every country represented here lost citizens that day," Strange said during the opening ceremony Thursday.

Strange urged players and fans not to forget why the Ryder Cup was started, recalling the

vision of English seed merchant Samuel Ryder to stage a golf exhibition that would promote friendship and peace on both sides of the Atlantic.

"Guys," he said with a nod to each team, "let's make Samuel Ryder proud."

Three years after the Americans staged their great comeback in suburban Boston and riled the Europeans with a chaotic celebration, the Ryder Cup finally returns to the golfing stage Friday at The Belfry, with Tiger Woods in the leadoff position.

No one questions that the matches should have been postponed a year. No one doubts that the intensity will be just as strong. Everyone figures it will be close.

In the last seven Ryder Cups, each team has won 98 total points.

"It's a two-horse race, and we have a super chance," Colin Montgomerie said. "It's very, very close — one of the closest competitions in world sports. That's why it gets your attention."

Woods has conquered every domain in golf except the Ryder Cup, where he has a 3-6-1 record in his matches. He opens with a best-ball match with Paul Azinger against the only two Europeans who have knocked down Woods in tournament play.

Darren Clarke manhandled him in the 2000 Match Play Championship. Thomas Bjorn went all four rounds with Woods in Dubai last year and beat him

on the final hole.

"Thanks for reminding me," European captain Sam Torrance said. "I'll remember that for the team meeting. That might be my best point."

Adding to the pressure on Woods is that he was singled out as an example of how Americans aren't as passionate about the Ryder Cup. Woods joked last week that he could think of a "million reasons" why he would rather win a World Golf Championship — and its \$1 million prize — than the Ryder Cup.

Woods had The Belfry buzzing even more on the final day of practice by playing nine holes at dawn while some of his teammates were asleep.

Strange was annoyed when asked whether Woods broke rank, saying he wanted his guys to prepare for the Ryder Cup as if it were a major championship.

"This is not an exhibition," Strange said. "This is a hell of a competition that we take great pride in winning."

It hasn't been that easy of late.

While the Americans come into the Ryder Cup with more talented players, the Europeans have wound up with the trophy in five of the last eight matches — all of them decided by no more than two points.

The lineup on both sides doesn't look nearly as strong as it did last year, when the teams were selected.

David Duval has only one top-10 finish this year, which is one more than Hal Sutton. European vice captain Ian Woosnam is ranked higher than two of his players, Phillip Price and Lee Westwood, who have fallen out of the top 100 since the matches were postponed.

No one knows what to expect

this year.

"We all made the team last year," said Paul Azinger, a captain's choice playing in his first Ryder Cup since 1983. "We are now thrust into Sunday major championship pressure the first day, and we didn't necessarily play ourselves into that spot."

If the Americans have more talent, the Europeans might have more motivation.

Still lingering are the images from Brookline, Mass., in 1999, when U.S. players, caddies and wives spilled onto the 17th green at The Country Club to celebrate Justin Leonard's long birdie putt that essentially gave them the Ryder Cup.

Worse yet was the gallery, hurling vulgar insults toward the Europeans at every turn.

"I think it went over the top from all aspects," Woods said. "I think this atmosphere is going to be completely different. Because of what transpired last year, I think we all have a better understanding of where this thing needs to be."

The atmosphere has been much more pleasant this week. Sutton and Mark Calcavecchia received warm applause just for walking onto the practice range.

But once the matches begin, the cheering will become partisan. It was like that in Boston and Valderrama, in Kiawah and previous matches at The Belfry.

"The emotion of the Ryder Cup in '99 was really no different than what we've seen every year," Phil Mickelson said. "It's just part of the event. I remember in '97 people jumping in the lake and swimming before Scott Hoch was about to hit."

"I think that emotion that is brought out in this event is part of what makes this unique."



Laurent Rebours/Associated Press

Members of the United States Ryder Cup team from left: Curtis Strange, Paul Azinger, Mark Calcavecchia, Stewart Cink, David Duval, Jim Furyk, Scott Hoch, Davis Love III, Phil Mickelson, Hal Sutton, David Toms and Tiger Woods observe a minutes silence for the victims of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks during the opening ceremony for the 34th Ryder Cup at The Belfry, Sutton Coldfield, England Thursday.

Magic, magicians to enter new basketball Hall of Fame

BY JIMMY GOLEN

AP Sports Writer

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. — The Magic man and a team full of magicians. Globetrotters and one well-traveled coach. Two mentors who helped generations reach their potential, and one young man who never will.

They are the Basketball Hall of Fame class of 2002.

Los Angeles Lakers star Magic Johnson leads the group that will be inducted into a gleaming new \$36 million hall on Friday night in the town where Dr. James Naismith first nailed up a pair of peach baskets to keep his football players from getting bored in the winter.

"The whole celebration is tremendous," Johnson said. "A lot of people are going to come and enjoy the whole weekend because it is a new building. A lot of the ex-players are my friends, so that'll be great. There's nothing like a reunion."

Also to be enshrined are the Harlem Globetrotters, Philadelphia 76ers coach Larry Brown, North Carolina State women's coach Kay Yow, Arizona coach Lute Olson, and Drazen Petrovic, the NBA star and two-time Olympic silver medalist

who died in a car accident in 1993.

Jim O'Connell, college basketball writer for The Associated Press, and CBS announcer Jim Nantz will be honored with the Hall's Curt Gowdy Award, presented to members of the print and electronic media for outstanding contributions to basketball.

Johnson's reunion will include yet one more name from his past. Allowed to pick any Hall of Famer to present him — a pool that includes his idol, Julius Erving, and former teammate Kareem Abdul-Jabbar — Johnson picked Larry Bird, his nemesis from the 1979 NCAA title game and three NBA Finals in the '80s.

"When they told me I get to decide who, Larry was the guy who came up. The only name," Johnson said. "I think we helped make each other the pros that we were. We helped raise each other's level of play. We helped each other be the best that we could be. We pushed each other. Since the day we met in college, we had probably one of the best rivalries that you've seen."

And then, to remind the rest of us just how the sport grew in popularity in their heyday, Johnson added: "Guys are making the salaries that they are making

because of that rivalry."

The new Hall of Fame is proof of that.

The Hall's third home boasts a 10-story sphere that can be lit up to look like a spinning basketball. Inside, fans can learn about the game, take shots at peach baskets or modern hoops and view memorabilia from the jersey Wilt Chamberlain wore for his 100-point game to the bloomers worn by the Smith College women's team in the 1890s.

Inside the dome is the Honors Ring, where the 247 members are depicted and described on a balcony overlooking a full-sized court. Separate galleries for coaches and media members are designed as locker rooms or broadcast booths to complete the theme; another room is styled after the Springfield College gym where Naismith invented the game.

There are more than 900 artifacts and 70 TV monitors where visitors can watch the sport's greatest games, including no fewer than four featuring Bird and Johnson, from the '79 title game between Michigan State and Indiana State to the 1992 Olympics, when they played alongside each other to make the original Dream Team such a dream.

Bird retired as a player in 1992 and was

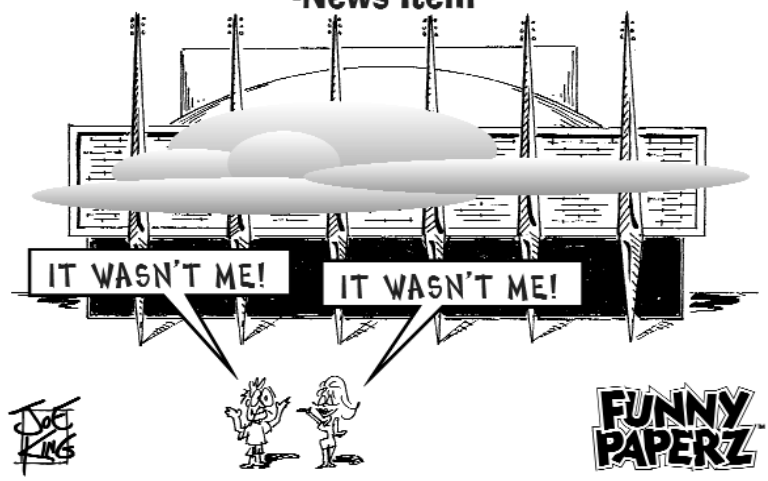
inducted into the Hall in '98. Johnson first retired from the NBA when he tested positive for the AIDS virus in 1991.

At the time, it was assumed he didn't have long to live. But thanks to rigorous workouts and a strict regimen of medication, Johnson remains symptom-free 11 years later.

Johnson won a gold medal at Barcelona, had a 16-game stint as the Lakers coach in 1994 and a 32-game comeback as a player before retiring for good and becoming almost as successful in business as he was in basketball.

In all, Johnson won five NBA titles to go with his NCAA and Olympic championships. He had 17,707 points, 6,559 rebounds and 1,724 steals as a pro, and he was the NBA leader with 10,141 assists until John Stockton broke his record.

Petrovic led Yugoslavia (1988) and Croatia (1992) to the Olympic silver medal and averaged 15.4 points in four NBA seasons before his death at age 28 in a car wreck in Germany. The Globetrotters have played 20,000 games in over 100 countries since they were founded in 1927, entertaining generations with their unique basketball burlesque.





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Loews Broadway Cinema
1441 Third St. at Broadway
The Tuxedo (PG-13) 12:15,
1:30, 2:45, 4:00, 5:15, 6:30,
7:45, 9:00, 10:15, 11:30. 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.
Sweet Home Alabama (PG-13)
11:00, 11:30, 1:40, 2:15, 4:30,
5:00, 7:10, 7:50, 10:00, 10:30,
12:15. The Banger Sisters (R)
11:10, 12:00, 1:50, 2:40, 4:40,
5:10, 7:15, 7:45, 9:50, 10:20.
The Four Feathers (PG-13)
12:15, 3:30, 7:00, 10:15. My Big
Fat Greek Wedding (PG) 11:40,
2:10, 4:50, 7:20, 9:45, 12:15.

AMC Theatre SM 7
1310 3rd Street
Ballistic: Ecks vs. Sever (R)
12:50, 3:10, 5:30, 7:00, 8:00,
9:30, 10:20. Barbershop (PG-
13) 12:30, 2:50, 5:10, 7:40,
10:15. City by the Sea (R) 1:55,
4:45, 7:30, 9:55. Just a Kiss (R)
1:30m 3:40, 5:55, 8:10, 10:30.
Signs (PG-13) 1:00, 4:30, 7:15,
9:50. Swimfan (PG-13) 1:45,
4:15. Trapped (R) 1:15, 4:00,
7:10, 9:45.

Landmark Nu-Wilshire
1314 Wilshire Blvd.
Moonlight Mile (PG-13) 10:30,
1:15, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00. 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 Man from
Elysian Fields (R) 12:00, 2:30,
5:00, 7:40, 10:10. Secretary (R)
12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:35, 10:05.

Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave.
The Kid Stays in the Picture (R)
5:30, 7:30, 9:30.

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Community

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BACK PAGE

In a word, Scrabble competition is cutthroat

BY BEN FOX

Associated Press Writer

SAN DIEGO — Nigel Richardson used obscure words such as genros, awee, and butut to beat his opponent in a tense game of Scrabble. Just don't ask him for the definitions.

A 35-year-old champion of the board game in his native New Zealand, Richardson doesn't really care what the words mean. "Meaning is a luxury," he said.

His opponent, a college student from Bangkok, doesn't even speak English.

The two were among 700 die-hard fans from eight countries and 40 state competing this week in a ballroom in downtown San Diego for the National Scrabble Championship. They play 31 games over five days. The player with the best record when the tournament ends Thursday receives \$25,000.

"This isn't your grandmother's Scrabble. This is cutthroat," said John D. Williams, executive director of the 10,000-member National Scrabble Association, based in Greenport, N.Y., which sponsors the competition every other year.

The game, invented in the 1930s by an out-of-work architect named Alfred M. Butts, involves selecting letters from a bag and forming words on a board, tallying the score based on the value of each letter and earning bonus points from certain spots on the board.

Most players would be thrilled to hit 200 points.

Barbara Besadny, 70, scored 112 points in just one turn with "deglazes."

"They always joke about the blue-haired ladies, but they shouldn't because a lot of those ladies are good," said Besadny, a retiree from Madison, Wis.

Nearly all contestants have one thing in common: Casual games are no longer an option.

"I get talked into a playing a kitchen table game about every two years, and I always end up swearing I'll never do it again," says Robert Felt, 49, of Atlanta, a former

champion. "It's like I'm Andre Agassi and my neighbor wants to play a friendly game of tennis. It's just not fun."

At home or in competition, all words must be in English. But that doesn't rule out entries such as xi, a Greek letter; puja, a Hindu prayer ritual; or qoph, a letter in the Hebrew alphabet.

In cases where one player challenges another, the final arbiter is the Scrabble dictionary, which has long lists of words but only a few definitions.

The book includes Richards' winning entries: Genros is a group of elder statesmen in Japan. Butut is a monetary unit in Gambia. Awee is an adverb meaning awhile.

Richards, who works as an engineer in Malaysia,

shrugs off the definitions.

"How am I going to use a word like 'awee' in a sentence? If I do, the person I'm talking to won't know it so what's the point?" he asks.

The point was to beat his opponent, Panupol Sujjayakorn of Thailand, which he did by a score of 458 to 328. Despite the loss, and his inability to speak English, the 17-year-old is one of about two dozen players considered to have a serious shot at winning the tournament.

Inside ballroom during play, the room is silent except for the whispers of judges and the clink of letters being fished from a bag between turns.

Risk management, bioterrorism, Arabic, Islam popular courses after Sept. 11

BY ARLENE LEVINSON

AP National Writer

Last January, Kelly O'Ryan talked her way into one of the few slots open for a new course called "Why Do 'They' Hate 'Us'?" at St. Lawrence University in Canton, N.Y.

This summer, she landed a job researching articles to update the reading list for the course exploring historic and political perspectives on the Sept. 11 attacks.

"It just seemed like one of the first classes that actually pertained to the real world," said O'Ryan, who will be a junior at the school near the Canadian border.

That's the sentiment on many

campuses, where demand has continued and even grown for classes in the fall semester on subjects such as Islam, political history and terrorism that were suddenly hot topics after Sept. 11.

Ohio State University, for instance, is introducing "Politics and Culture in Central Asia."

Bioterrorism — its history and science, how to mine public records to learn about it, and how public policy figures in the mix — is a new science offering at the University of the South in Sewanee, Tenn.

Georgia State University, responding to demand, just hired a professor to teach Arabic as well as an introductory course on Islam and

another on Arabic literature and film. In addition, the school is adding courses on the life of Islam's founder, Muhammad, another on Islamic fundamentalism and one called "War, Peace, and Religion."

Sept. 11 also has brought new relevance to less popular courses.

Last fall, George Mason University in Fairfax, Va., canceled a course on computers and encryption, "Introduction to Information Security Technologies," for lack of interest. Now there's not just one section — already full with 40 students — but a second has been added. And the graduate school of public policy added a course on "Islam and the Internet."



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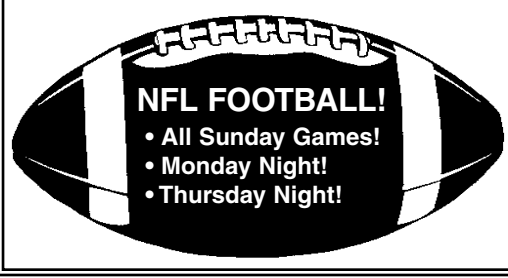
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