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★★★★★ Learn to take an overview, especially if certain people trigger your reaction. In the next month or so, you could discover that others seem a little out of sorts. Don't worry, it's not you. Work on being more understanding and nurturing. Tonight: Browse through a favorite bookstore.

♉ TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Your ruler goes retrograde, sending you into a sequence of bad hair days, whether you like it or not. Opt to become more of an observer than a player in the next few weeks. A partner or associate demonstrates caring in his or her unique fashion. Tonight: Easy does it.

♊ GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Others seek you out, which might be a relief after a difficult few days. Be open to a child or loved one who might be dealing with a problem in the near future. Your efforts now are received positively. Remain optimistic. Tonight: Go along with plans.

♋ CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Dig into work and get the job done. Unfortunately, if you're not careful, you could be working a lot later than you would like to be. Getting a consensus in the office could be close to impossible after today. Move on a key project. Tonight: Bring extra work home.

♌ LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Hone your intuition, and then act on it. Others come toward you like you're honey and they are bears. You love this, but don't hem or haw too long. Don't play games. Ask for what you want, both professionally and emotionally. Tonight: Play the night away.

♍ VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Aim high, but avoid taking a risk with your finances. Someone at a distance might start acting up. Your perspectives vary considerably, though right now, you might not see the budding of differences. Tonight: Find your favorite chair.

♎ LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Your ruler goes retrograde at 2:35 p.m. Eastern time. Important projects need to be completed by then. In the period through Nov. 20, you might find it difficult to push your plans through. If possible, do not make any major decisions. Tonight: Visit with friends.

♏ SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Curb a need to have things happen your way in the next few weeks. You might inadvertently push someone away if you become too insistent. Emphasize your career, and you will have more control. Tonight: Do something just for yourself.

♐ SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ You feel energized and capable of moving your immediate world. As you emulate Atlas, recognize a friend's needs as well. Problems will ensue around work and associates in the next few weeks if you're not careful right now. Tonight: Join your friends.

♑ CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Take your time deciphering what a partner or associate wishes to bestow on you. Discussions might revolve around the long-term implications of your bond. If you need to say "no," don't even hesitate. You know what's best for you. Tonight: Sleep all you want.

♒ AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Zero in on what you want. Timing works. Others seem to feel as if you can do no wrong. Your popularity mounts. A project involving many others needs to be launched early in the day if it is to succeed; otherwise, expect endless obstacles. Tonight: Call a friend at a distance.

♓ PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ You must answer to a boss or higher-up. How you feel about a personal matter needs to be set aside. Business as usual will get the results you desire. Expect some changes with a partner. A disagreement could start out of nothing. Tonight: Work late.

QUOTE of the DAY

"God sends meat and the devil sends cooks."

— Thomas Deloney (1543-1600)

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LOCAL



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Candidates' forum at St. Anne's

By Daily Press staff

The League of Women Voters of the Santa Monica Education Fund in partnership with St. Anne's Catholic Church will host a candidates' forum for city council candidates on Wednesday, Oct. 16, at 7:30 p.m. at St. Anne's Church, located at 2017 Colorado Ave. in Santa Monica. The forum will be moderated by Maria Rodriguez and will be simultaneously translated into Spanish.

Questions will be taken from audience members, and may be written in English or Spanish for translation.

VERITAS educational forum at Civic Center

By Daily Press staff

The Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a VERITAS, also known as Measure HH on the Nov. 5 ballot, educational forum on Oct. 16 at 7:30-8:30 p.m. in the east wing of the Civic Center.

The moderator of the event will be Bill Rosendahl, vice president of political affairs at Adelphia Cable. Pro-VERITAS speakers will be the initiative's author, Paul De Santis as well as Councilman Robert Holbrook. Anti-VERITAS speakers will be Mayor Mike Feinstein and Councilman Herb Katz. The forum is free and open to the public.

The chamber of commerce neither supports nor opposes the VERITAS initiative.

This measure would significantly change city charter provisions governing city council elections, the powers of the mayor and the process for adopting municipal legislation.

The measure would create a new position of elected mayor, elected city-wide. The mayor would preside over and participate in council meetings, but would usually not vote. The mayor would vote only in case of a tie, or if the vote concerned removal of the city manager or city attorney.

The mayor's most significant power would be to veto ordinances adopted by the council.

If the Office of Mayor was vacated, the council would be required to call an election within 90 days. If no candidate received more than 50 percent of the votes, there would be a runoff between the two candidates receiving the most votes.

The measure would significantly change the process for adopting ordinances. Every newly adopted ordinance would be presented to the mayor for approval. The mayor could veto the ordinance by providing a written statement of objections.

Currently, regular ordinances go to the council twice, require four votes at both of the council meetings and take effect 30 days after the second vote. However, ordinances designated as "emergency ordinances" require five votes, need only go to the council once and become effective immediately upon adoption. The veto and override process in the proposed measure could lengthen the time necessary to adopt regular ordinances and significantly lengthen the time necessary to adopt emergency ordinances.

The process for electing council members would also be significantly altered. Council members would be elected from districts and would be subject to term limits. There would be a primary held on the date of the state primary. If no council candidate received a majority of votes in a district, there would be a November runoff for the two candidates receiving the most votes.

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Information compiled by Jesse Haley

A combination of small southwest swell and northwest windswell mix and build today, setting up a minor pulse of surf.

Size should climb back into the knee- to waist-range at most breaks. Less exposed spots see surf around 1-2 feet.

Expect extremely high tides in the afternoon.

Beach advisories look good, with a few exceptions. Locals should avoid Venice Pier where bacteria levels are high.

Today promises improvement, a little more size and consistency as we start to see some small but fun sets.



**Today's
Tides:**

Low- 5:27 a.m. 1.53'
High- 11:35 a.m. 6.05'
Low- 6:47 p.m. -0.23'

Location	Thursday	Friday	Water Quality
County Line	1-3'/Poor	2-3'/Fair	A
Zuma	1-3'/Poor	2-3'/Fair	A
Surfrider	1-2'/Poor	1-2'/Fair	A
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OPINION

LETTERS

Get some respect

Editor:

The opening line of Andrew Fixmer's article, (Activist fights city's camping law with lawsuit — October 7, 2002), which said, "Only in Santa Monica does eating a muffin on a sidewalk constitute a criminal act" infuriated me. So much so that I spent a good part of the day trying to figure out what it was about that statement that got to me. Like many emotions, it's hard to describe it in words, but I think the famous line from the movie "Network" comes close to summing it up: "We're sick and tired of it and we're not gonna take any more." We (and I believe there are a many of us in Santa Monica) are sick of the B.S. rhetoric we hear from the homeless and their advocates, and we're tired of the anti-social behavior exhibited by many homeless persons.

Yes, I know that civil liberties must be carefully guarded (particularly with W. and Ashcroft at the helm), but I sincerely doubt that the muffin arrest is the first, critical step down the much-feared slippery slope toward totalitarianism. Furthermore, I refuse to believe that the police arrested Mr. Busch for simply eating a muffin on the sidewalk as his attorney suggests. My guess is that Mr. Busch, a "longtime Santa Monica homeless resident," has a long history of lawless and anti-social behavior and that he is well known by SMPD.

Interestingly, below the picture of Mr. Busch that appeared on the front page, there is an ad for an immigration attorney. This juxtaposition captures why I'm tired of the homeless "resident's" anti-social behavior.

Certainly, our social and economic system has many deficiencies and as the income gap continues to widen, I, too, am concerned about our collective future. Yet, this country continues to be (and I apologize for the cliché) the land of opportunity. Persons from all over the world immigrate here because they want to work and experience freedoms — social, political and economic — that are simply unavailable to the majority of the people in the world. But with this freedom there comes responsibility; personal responsibility and a responsibility to society. Our society works because there is a social contract. I, and my neighbors, work hard. We pay our taxes. We pay our rent or our mortgage. We take care of our neighborhood and our community. We don't bitch too much about our taxes, as we believe that taxes, as they say, are the price of living in a civilized society.

Many of us — the taxpayers, the ones footing the bill — support social spending. We support social services for the homeless. Yet we question why someone like Mr. Busch is still a "longtime homeless resident" after the millions we have spent for his and his brother's benefit. We are tired of working 40 to 50 hours a week and then being hassled by the beggars on Main Street and the Promenade as we try to enjoy our limited free time. We are tired of picking up trash and human waste off our streets and then watching our anti-social homeless residents litter, urinate on, defecate on and destroy our public and private property. Their public urinating habits are more than mere bodily functions. Simply put, they are pissing on us and our neighborhood.

So, yes, we are sick and tired of it. We have fulfilled our part of the bargain. We

have met our obligations under the social contract. And now, we don't want to take it anymore. We want, and expect, our homeless "residents" to live up their part of the bargain. Mr. Busch, take the help we are offering you. If you are drug or alcohol addicted, get help. If you are mentally ill, get help. If you don't want the help, then move on.

Tom Fuller
Santa Monica

Fluoridation is no good

Editor:

Fluoridation of our city water must not happen. This substance is highly toxic, and its accumulation in our body increases the risk of many health issues. To name a few... increases the risk of cancer and osteoporosis, weakens the immune system, inhibits thyroid function and has been reported to lower IQ's in children.

More and more cities throughout the world are rejecting it, and those already fluoridated are pulling this toxic substance from their water. Since 1990, fourteen cities in California have rejected this "mass-medication" of fluoride and Santa Monica must be added to this list. A few who have rejected it are: Santa Barbara, Davis, Los Altos Hills, Escondido, El Cajon, Santa Cruz and others. 98% of Europe is non-fluoridated.

Once fluoride is added to the water, it is impossible to control the dose each individual receives. Some people drink more water than others, plus we receive fluoride from sources other than the water supply. Then, of course, there is the issue of this toxic substance going into our skin pores through bathing and showering.

Mother Earth does not want more chemicals dumped into the environment. We must reject it in our city and do our share to this end.

Go to the city council and demand this action be stopped.

If you believe that fluoride is good for your health and does prevent tooth decay, then continue with your fluoridated tooth paste. But as the warning labels read, "If you swallow this substance, contact your Poison Control Center." That sure is a mouthful of advice.

Some very informative Web sites are: www.keepers-of-the-well.org, www.fluoridealert.org, www.earthisland.org. Visit these sites and expand your mind on this toxic waste by-product of the fertilizer industry, which is perhaps the greatest "scientific" fraud ever perpetrated upon an unsuspecting public. My mind has been opened.

P.S. The deeper I get into this issue, the more I see who the winners are; the chemical/fertilizer industries and their continuing ability to dump their waste into our waters and make huge profits in the process. This has been going on for over five decades, but it's finally being brought out into the open and being vigorously contested. This must stop!! We must stop it in our city!!!

Gen Alan
Santa Monica

MGM studio: In like a lion, out like a lamb



TITTINGER'S TAKE

By Michael J. Tittinger

There is no mouse in Santa Monica to remove the thorn from the paw of the MGM lion, at least not one willing to risk its skin.

Holding true to form, the city will allow the renowned movie studio to relocate its headquarters from the eastside's "media row" to a Century City high-rise in May 2003. MGM spokeswoman Lea Porteneuve, ever the diplomat, gushed about the company's triumphant return to Los Angeles and touted the opportunity afforded by the move to consolidate all of the company's operations under a single roof. I guess all that inclement weather being ingested between buildings was prompting studio execs to give the go-ahead to "Rollerball" remakes and the like.

Conspicuously absent were any remarks by a MGM vice-president alluding to the considerable challenge of maintaining 200,000 square feet of office space

in a municipality with unrelenting real estate rates.

According to city officials, Santa Monica has never offered any form of incentives to businesses in attempts to sway them to set up shop here, nor to stay put.

"For a long time, we haven't needed to," said Gwen Pentecost, an analyst for the city's economic development. But as the city's office vacancy rate continues to hover around an astronomical 18 percent, according to Pentecost, council members might want to rethink their positions. Just because we haven't needed to in the past doesn't mean it's not a good idea in the present.

Officials are quick to counter that the sprawling office campus located at 2450 Broadway will be subsequently occupied by a law firm looking to relocate from Century City, ironically where MGM is headed. Hardly an even trade in my humble estimation! While the city may be trading one leasee for another, it is difficult to place a value on the high-profile notoriety and attraction to new tenants that having a studio like MGM headquartered here can bring. In short, the existence of "media row," with its household monikers like Sony, MTV, Universal and, yes, MGM, only adds to the attraction of Santa Monica for other businesses in

search of a locale to establish itself.

The cost of losing MGM to Century City cannot be measured simply in terms of the names adorning tax forms and rent checks.

In like a lion, out like a lamb.

In a bit of delicious irony, MGM last week announced its intentions to market a line of clothing based upon some of its more obscure productions from decades past, namely its series of blaxploitation flicks from the 1970s referred to as "Soul Cinema." The idea is to recoup some of the losses the struggling studio incurred through misguided productions of primarily white films (see "Rollerball," "Windtalkers") with a marketing campaign targeted at inner-city, black youths.

Coming soon: "Getting the 'Shaft'" denim wear.

Meanwhile, the city is considering paying a Hollywood historic research firm approximately \$70,000 to determine City Hall's historical significance. The company would then serve as consultant on what idiosyncratic features should be preserved within the landmark structure amid subsequent renovations. Plans are in the works to demolish an addition following the opening of the Public Safety Building in order to create a public space, "accessible to the public," according to

Mayor Mike Feinstein.

I'd like to suggest, free of charge, we make one more addition — a fitting memorial to one Leticia Pedilla Vasquez, the 21-year-old mother murdered by her abusive husband in front of City Hall, her 6-year-old son and countless transients less than two weeks ago.

Something simple, be it the naming of a day-care center in her name, or a new interior mural depicting a mother and son holding hands on a sunny day devoid of fear, should be dedicated in her honor. It seems the least we can do for Vasquez, a young mother gripped with fear for her life but following the book and upholding the law of visitation rights. She reached out to our city for guidance and protection. In the end, the system failed to protect Vasquez from a fate only she seemingly foresaw.

If nothing else, a token memorial or remembrance of the life lost before countless witnesses at the seat of our city's government won't permit us to think "it can't happen here."

Vasquez never doubted it, now we won't either.

Mike Tittinger is a Santa Monica resident and freelance writer.

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LOCAL



Sign ordinance may see future challenge in court

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ways and vestibules downtown and in the commercial zones along Main Street from 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. However, the council instructed city staff to develop how the process would be implemented.

Moutrie said the ordinance skirted infringing state trespassing laws by addressing a public health threat. Many businesses report having to clean up urine and feces after a homeless person slept in their doorway.

"Using a doorway as a personal restroom is a very real health hazard to us all," she said.

However, because the city was reacting to an isolated public health threat and not trespassing in general, Moutrie said the council could not legally expand the ordinance city-wide.

Originally the ordinance did not allow businesses that did not want homeless persons sleeping in their doorways to post signs prohibiting. Moutrie said allowing the posting requirement would now make the law more easily challenged in court.

"If you add a posting requirement it's more likely it will be challenged for pre-empting state law," she said. But the council added the provision over her warning.

Some believe the ordinance may only serve to move large numbers of homeless persons from one area to another, making the ordinance difficult for police officers to enforce.

"I was surprised by the council's action," said Schwartz. "It sounds like the ordinance, as it's written, will push people into residential areas."

But Santa Monica Police Chief James T. Butts Jr. said both ordinances were written in a way that would actually make policing public health threats more easy.

For the food lines law, officers can easily check whether or not groups have the required permits, and officers will now easily be able to spot those persons who are sleeping in doorways against a property owner's wishes, Butts said.

"For efficiency of enforcement, they are wonderful (ordinances)," he said.

Homeless activists have vowed they will legally challenge the city's new laws, which they say unfairly target the homeless and violate the constitutional rights of food distributors and the poor.

The pair of laws were enacted after a

long and in-depth debate by council members Tuesday on Santa Monica's policies toward its homeless population. Previously, the council heard nearly four hours of public testimony — from both homeless, activists, businesses interests and residents — at its meeting two weeks ago.

Council members said the city is continuing its compassion toward the homeless by forcing them into social service programs designed to lift them off the streets, instead of making it easier for them to remain there with easy access to free food and places to sleep.

"I haven't heard about people who had too much to eat. What I've been hearing about are people that have had too much to drink."

— KEVIN MCKEOWN
Santa Monica Mayor Pro Tem

Some council members voted for curbing meal programs in the parks to force the charitable organizations to link their programs with city-funded social service agencies.

Efforts over the past few weeks to voluntarily link the two groups have failed, and both sides report there is little room for negotiation. The charities say there isn't enough space at the social service buildings to hold their meal programs, and social service providers say charities aren't willing to negotiate on the time and days they run their operations.

Councilman Ken Genser said he hopes the new regulations on public meal programs, which take effect during the holiday season, will force charities back to the bargaining table.

But Schwartz, who has been closely involved in the deliberations, said that was unlikely.

"Frankly, I don't believe we can force food distributors to do anything," he said. "They are private groups that we have no control over."

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Unions also spend heavily to pass living wage measure

HOTELS, from page 1

"These numbers show that the Santa Monica hotel industry is determined to spend whatever it takes to keep workers from earning enough to support their families," said Vivian Rothstein, director of Santa Monicans Allied for Responsible Tourism, or SMART. "We believe that voters will see through this big money campaign to deny hotel workers a fair wage."

The living wage ordinance requires businesses near the coast that make more than \$5 million in annual revenue to pay their employees between \$10.50 and \$12.25 an hour, depending on whether health benefits are provided. Voters will decide on Nov. 5 whether to enact the law, which is known as Measure JJ.

Santa Monica's proposed living wage law has drawn national attention because it's the first of its kind to regulate salaries paid by businesses with no direct financial ties to a municipality.

Political pundits believe Santa Monica's ordinance could act as a test case for more such wage laws nationwide, and each side of the issue is expected to raise and spend millions to convince voters of their views.

On the other side of the issue, Santa Monica Coalition to Protect the Living Wage reported raising only \$24,099.36 during that same time period. The organization is the political wing of SMART, which is financed by the Hotel Employees & Restaurant Employees Union.

HERE donated \$6,000 to the campaign and an additional \$1,500 in office space for SMART workers. The Los Angeles

Alliance for a New Economy paid SMART employees \$11,500 in salaries and gave \$1,051.25 for SMART's utility bills.

The remainder of SMART's money came from numerous \$100-500 contributions from private individuals.

While more than 75 percent of the money raised by the group came from LAANE, which is partially funded by unions, and the HERE union, spokesman Danny Feingold said the report shows the group has many grassroots supporters.

"Our contributions come in small increments, but we have a lot of people who support us and continue to contribute to the campaign," Rothstein said, adding that more than 4,000 Santa Monica residents have contributed to the living wage campaign.

Jacobsen said HERE union officials are waiting until the last minute to contribute large amounts of money so the living wage campaign can paint their struggle in terms of David vs. Goliath.

"But if you look at where their money is coming from, most of it's from outside of Santa Monica," he said. "And then if you look at where our money is coming from, it's from local businesses that would actually be affected by this unfair and dangerous measure."

Rothstein denies the campaign is hiding any union-financed slush fund and said FAIR's campaign is far from local.

"FAIR's money is coming from big multi-national corporations that have an outlet in Santa Monica but they don't represent Santa Monica voters or residents," she said. "If these corporations put this much money into paying their workers, we wouldn't have this problem. It's really an outrage."

Local creates hi-tech eyewear

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frame to the minicomputer and ... the minicomputer to the PC, we're going to have a switch to wearable, which is going to completely change the way people think about computing."

One company, San Jose, Calif.-based Infineon Technologies, has designed a jacket with a built-in MP3 player controlled by voice recognition and a flexible keyboard sewn into the sleeve.

Another — Microvision, Inc., based in Bothell northeast of Seattle — markets a personal display system called Nomad. It's a headset with a two-dimensional display window that hangs in front of one eye.

Surgeons are beginning to use it during image-guided operations like hip replacements. Normally, they'd have to turn their heads to watch a television monitor showing them where they're supposed to cut. When they wear a Nomad, the images they need to see are right in front of their eyes, superimposed on the patient.

Some small-plane pilots use the devices so they can keep their eyes on the sky and their gauges at the same time.

"They're retailing at \$10,000, which obviously you and I can't buy," Microvision spokesman Matt Nichols said. "But with volume, you've got a product where the components are only \$40 or \$50."

The sixth annual symposium, sponsored by the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers, runs through Thursday.

Tuesday's lineup included a fashion show where models showed off MP3-wired jackets, arm-mounted keyboards,

jackets that monitor your heart rate and various head-mounted display systems.

Some concepts aren't yet ready for the marketplace, but to wearable computer gurus, ideas can be as exciting as actual products.

Imagine, for example, a system that would help firefighters storming into a smoky building pinpoint the source of the blaze by linking up with electronic heat sensors installed throughout the building.

Or, say, a battalion chief with a computerized display of a burning building's layout guiding firefighters as they rush through hallways.

"He says, 'No. 3, you need to go there,' and No. 3 sees an arrow telling him where to go," said Tom Furness, director of the UW's Human Interaction Technology Lab.

Sounds sci-fi, but Furness said it's no pipe dream.

"It's really mainly a repackaging of a lot of technology that already exists" Furness said.

With the prevalence of cell phones, personal digital assistants and global positioning systems, some argue the only challenge left is figuring out how to sew them all into shirts and pants.

"Wearable computing is inevitable," said Mark Billinghurst, director of the Human Interface Technology Laboratory in New Zealand and chairman of this year's conference. "Over the last decade, we've seen computers migrate from the desk side to the desk top, then to the lap and to the hand. It won't be long before the computing power of today's handhelds will be embedded into clothing."



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Despite obstacles officials say SoCal water supply is secure

BY LAURA WIDES
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES — Even though the state's largest water district has rejected a major water storage plan, officials said they still will be able to provide enough water for Southern California.

Officials with the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, which serves 17 million people, said they can still rely on a mix of water from Northern California, regional transfers, conservation, recycling and other storage projects to keep the water flowing. The task will not be easy, however, with a severe drought occurring along the Colorado River.

The MWD voted Tuesday to reject a \$150 million project with Santa Monica-based agricultural company Cadiz Inc. to store water beneath the Mojave Desert.

As part of a seven state agreement, California must present a plan by Dec. 31 to reduce its over-reliance on the Colorado River water or face drastic, immediate cuts from the federal Department of the Interior.

The MWD is the largest recipient of the river's water.

The agency must find a way to cut its use by up to 800,000 acre-feet a year, enough water for about 6.4 million people.

The loss of the Cadiz Water Storage project — which would have stored water under the Mojave Desert and pumped that water to the district during times of drought — won't impact the plan, MWD officials said.

Drought conditions on the Colorado River mean it's unlikely much surplus water would flow to California in the near future anyway, said Adan Ortega, spokesman for the MWD.

Ortega noted that the district already has other storage sites up and running if there is extra water.

Another critical point that remains unresolved deals with a water transfer proposal between the Imperial Valley and San Diego.

California's Colorado River diet hinges on a complicated deal that would transfer water savings from Imperial Valley's agri-

cultural hub west to the taps and lawns of metropolitan San Diego and north to farmers in the Coachella Valley.

The San Diego deal is on hold as the two sides argue over its environmental and economic effects on the Imperial Valley and a neighboring bird refuge.

Both sides planned to continue negotiations over the weekend.

Ortega said he is confident they will reach an agreement by their self-imposed Oct. 15 deadline.

**"We're very concerned
about being able to
provide water for
Southern California."**

— STEVE CANE

State Water Resources Control Board
Los Angeles region spokesman

"We can't afford not to make this deal happen," he said.

But with no sign of a break in the drought, MWD is expanding its options. On Monday, district officials urged its board to increase a proposal for turning sea water into drinking water.

The district, which has long been in the forefront of water conservation, is also adopting new measure to reduce and recycle water in homes and businesses.

But with population growth expected to rise, these sources must provide more than the current demand. The district must come up with an estimated one million extra acre-feet by 2020, according to MWD documents.

"We're very concerned about being able to provide water for Southern California," said Steve Cane, spokesman for the Los Angeles regional office of the State Water Resources Control Board. "We've got people working on this 25 hours a day," he said. "But we're confident we can meet the needs."

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Prosecutors ask to drop drug charge in Ryder case

BY ANTHONY BREZNICAN
AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES — Prosecutors asked a judge Wednesday to dismiss a felony drug charge against actress Winona Ryder.

The district attorney's office said Ryder's defense offered a sworn statement from an individual suggesting the actress had reason to possess the pills, which were a generic form of the prescription painkiller Percocet.

Los Angeles County District Attorney's office spokeswoman Sandi Gibbons refused to say who provided the statement, but said it made it clear that Ryder did not have "the requisite criminal knowledge" necessary to support the drug charge.

A source close to the case said Ryder's defense attorneys provided evidence that she received the pills from a doctor.

Ryder's attorney, Mark Geragos, said he was pleased with the district attorney's decision. "It simplifies things immen-

ly," he said.

Asked what was contained in the declaration, he would say only, "we gave them additional support for the prescriptions we had already supplied."

The star of "Girl, Interrupted" was arrested in December at the Saks Fifth Avenue store in Beverly Hills for allegedly stealing nearly \$6,000 worth of designer merchandise and illegally possessing the medication.

Beverly Hills Superior Court Judge Elden S. Fox received the two-page motion to dismiss the charge and is expected to make a ruling on Oct. 15, the day Ryder is scheduled to stand trial on charges of felony grand theft, commercial burglary and vandalism.

A store official testified during a preliminary hearing earlier this year that she saw the actress cutting security sensor tags off the items. A criminalist testified that two pills found in Ryder's possession were a generic form of Percocet, a prescription painkiller.

Drink coasters that can detect 'date-rape drugs' may backfire

BY MARGIE MASON
Associated Press Writer

SAN JOSE — Colleges around the country are buying millions of coasters that test for "date-rape" drugs in drinks. But some experts say the coasters are ineffective and could lead to more assaults by creating a false sense of security.

The manufacturers — who also make fake snow and party foam — say the 40-cent paper coasters are 95 percent accurate. The coasters have test spots that are supposed to turn dark blue in about 30 seconds if a splash of alcohol contains drugs often used to incapacitate victims.

In tests at the Michigan State Police Crime Lab, however, the coasters failed to react clearly to drinks spiked with gamma hydroxybutyrate, a major date-rape drug known as GHB, said forensic scientist Anne Gierlowski.

"We tested red wine, cola, whiskey and orange juice and because three out of the four have color already, it was very hard to decipher a color change," she said. "It's a nice idea, but it's probably a nicer idea for the people selling them because they've probably made a lot of money."

Plantation, Fla.-based Drink Safe Technologies Inc. has sold about 50 million of the coasters since March, mostly to colleges and convenience stores, said president Francisco Guerra.

That would add up to as much as \$20 million in revenue. Guerra wouldn't comment on the privately held company's profits.

Guerra likens the coasters to condoms: While not 100 percent safe and effective, they are a good prevention tool.

"I've had 100 people say this saved them from getting raped," said Guerra, a former magician. "Before me, there was no way to detect it. It's nice to be able to do something about it."

A federal task force recently estimated that college drinking leads to an estimated 70,000 sexual assaults or rapes annually.

Yasmine Timberlake, a sophomore at San Jose State University, was grateful for

the coasters handed out by the YWCA at a bar near campus.

"We're girls, and we've got to be careful," she said, putting a handful in her purse. "That's all we can do."

And students are now openly talking about date rape at St. Mary's University in Halifax, Nova Scotia, which bought 800 coasters to pass out to freshmen.

"That's the purpose: to educate them and to make them more aware," said Donnie Jeffrey, who runs St. Mary's alcohol-awareness program.

The coasters' labels promise they will help "identify the presence of illicit drugs in beverages." But in response to questions from The Associated Press, co-inventor Brian Glover, a New York dentist who dabbles in chemistry, acknowledged that the coasters can identify just two of the many date-rape drugs — GHB and ketamine.

There are 36 drugs on the street classified as date-rape drugs, too many for police field tests to detect, said Trinka Porrata, a retired Los Angeles detective who is an authority on GHB.

"I'm horrified to think people are actually buying it and passing it out. I think it will do more damage than it will ever do good," said Porrata, a board member of Project GHB, a prevention and education organization. "If it was that simple, we could shut down all of our crime labs."

Porrata tested different varieties of drugs on the coasters. Some test spots turned a slight shade of blue within 30 minutes; others did not change color until hours later, she said.

The Drug Enforcement Administration also advises against putting faith in tests that cannot keep up with the constantly changing chemistry of illegal drugs.

"In cases where there are scientific advances, the bad guys get around it faster than the good guys can," DEA spokeswoman Rogene Waite said. "I would urge people to be really, really, really careful. It's so dangerous, I wouldn't want them to rely on one thing."

NATIONAL



Copyright case debates future of movie classics

BY GINA HOLLAND
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court heard a real Mickey Mouse case Wednesday, a fight over a 20-year copyright extension for thousands of songs, books, cartoon characters and other creations and the millions of dollars they bring in.

The Hollywood-style case will determine how soon classics will become available for public use — without costly licensing fees.

For everyday people, the potential impact is sizable. Hundreds of thousands of books, movies and songs were close to be released into the public domain when Congress intervened in 1998 and made copyrights longer. Those works could have been freely available over the Internet or in digital libraries.

The Supreme Court will decide if the 20-year extension, named for the late Rep. Sonny Bono, R-Calif., was unconstitutional.

Hanging in the balance are hundreds of millions of dollars for entertainment giants like The Walt Disney Co. and AOL Time Warner Inc., which benefit from copyrights. AOL Time Warner said if the extension is abolished, it would threaten copyrights for such movies as "Casablanca," "The Wizard of Oz" and "Gone With the Wind."

The copyright of Mickey Mouse portrayed in Disney's earliest films, such as 1928's "Steamboat Willie," would also expire soon.

Congress passed the copyright law after heavy lobbying from companies with lucrative copyrights.

Some justices seemed bothered by the retroactive extension. They seemed equally concerned about their standing to overturn it.

"I can find a lot of fault with what Congress did," Justice Sandra Day O'Connor said. "This flies directly in the face of what the framers of the Constitution had in mind, but is it unconstitutional?"

The Constitution allows Congress to give authors and inventors the exclusive right to their works for a "limited" time.

"If this (extension) is permitted, then there is no limit," Stanford Law School professor Lawrence Lessig argued on behalf of a New Hampshire Internet publisher, Eric Eldred, who challenged the law.

Lessig also said the extension violated First Amendment free speech rights.

The ruling's impact will affect movie studios and heirs of authors and composers. It would also affect small music publishers, orchestras and church choirs that must pay royalties to perform some pieces.

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Supreme Court justice

Congress has repeatedly lengthened the terms of copyrights over the years. Copyrights lasted only 14 years in 1790. With the challenged 1998 extension, the period is now 70 years after the death of the creator. Works owned by corporations are now protected for 95 years.

Solicitor General Theodore Olson told justices that while they may personally disagree with the latest extension, Congress had the authority to pass it.

Eldred, who runs a Web site from his home, said after the argument that he would like to put the Robert Frost poem collection, "New Hampshire," on his site for people like Justice David H. Souter to enjoy, but it was delayed by the law. Souter is also from New Hampshire.

Copyright experts predicted Eldred will have a tough

time winning the case.

There was no talk Wednesday of Disney characters, though there were references to the Bible and Shakespeare.

Justice Stephen Breyer said he was concerned that a ruling against the law could affect previous copyright extensions. "The chaos that would ensue would be horrendous," he said.

Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist seemed unsympathetic to those who want the law overturned.

"You want the right to copy people's works verbatim," he told Eldred's lawyer.

Bono's widow, Rep. Mary Bono, R-Calif., attended the argument and said later that the 20-year addition was reasonable.



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NATIONAL

Bush gains more support for Iraq war resolution

BY TOM RAUM
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — President Bush gained important new Democratic support for his war resolution Wednesday, bolstering his expected margin of victory in Congress for broad authority to use force against Iraq. But the administration was having less success on the international front.

A 25-minute phone call between Bush and French President Jacques Chirac failed to produce a breakthrough over wording of a new U.N. Security Council resolution to disarm Saddam Hussein. "This is intricate diplomacy and we are continuing our consultations," said White House spokesman Sean McCormack. He cited a "mutual desire" to find common ground.

Both the Republican-led House and the Democratic-ruled Senate forged ahead with debate on a resolution giving Bush authority to use U.S. force against Iraq — with or without U.N. participation.

The White House cited a new CIA assessment — suggesting Saddam might launch terrorist attacks if he concluded a U.S. military attack was inevitable — as further justification for strengthening the president's hand. Opponents used the same document to argue against a U.S. first strike.

But more Democrats closed ranks with the president and leaders of both parties were predicting passage by wide margins by week's end.

Sen. Harry Reid of Nevada, the Senate's No. 2 Democrat, announced he would vote with the president, while cautioning Bush to use the power with discretion. "As president of the United States, you are the leader of the free world, not its ruler," Reid said.

Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., a decorated Vietnam war veteran who had been in the go-slow camp, said he too would support the resolution "because I believe that a deadly arsenal of weapons of mass destruction in (Saddam's) hands is a real and grave threat to our security and that of our allies in the Persian Gulf region."

In what may have been a sign of votes to come, the Senate turned back, 88-10, an amendment by Sen. Bob Graham, D-Fla., to expand Bush's authority for pre-emptive military action to include five terror organizations.

Graham, chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, said focusing solely on Iraq could distract from the war on terrorism and "increase the risk at home." But administration allies said it would complicate matters.

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— ARI FLEISCHER
White House spokesman

All 10 votes for Graham's proposal came from Democrats, while 39 Democrats joined Republicans in voting to block it.

Senate Minority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., told reporters the war resolution has support from possibly all of the Senate's 49 Republicans and was gaining substantial Democratic backing. A Senate vote Thursday morning to stifle delaying tactics "will pass overwhelmingly," Lott predicted.

Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., said despite continuing divisions among Democrats, "my determination is to finish debate before the end of this week." Daschle has not said whether he will vote for the resolution.

Senate Robert C. Byrd, D-W.Va., a foe, pressed his effort to block or delay the final vote. "This is a question that involves peace and war, a question that involves great sacrifice to this country," Byrd said. Still, he all but conceded defeat.

"The wheels have been greased," said Byrd.

Despite Bush's call for a quick U.N. resolution, the five veto-wielding members of the Security Council remained divided on whether to authorize military action if Iraq does not comply with U.N. weapons inspectors.

The United States and Britain have demanded a green light to attack Iraq in case it blocks inspectors again. France, Russia and China insist Saddam should first be given a chance to cooperate.

McCormack, the White House spokesman, said that Bush stressed in his phone call with Chirac that the stronger the U.N. resolution, "the more likely this matter can be resolved peacefully."

In Paris, Chirac spokeswoman Catherine Colonna said the French president was open to strengthening the powers of U.N. weapons inspectors in Iraq — but still could not accept making military recourse an automatic response should they be hampered.

Secretary of State Colin Powell has found grounds for encouragement on the U.N. resolution in the past few days. "There is some convergence on the concepts" of what the Security Council should do, State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said Wednesday.

But, he added, "we haven't started on words or a text," and two other U.S. officials said neither France nor Russia had swung over to the U.S. approach.

In Moscow, Deputy Foreign Minister Yuri Fedotov told reporters his country could accept a new U.N. resolution if it did not entail an automatic use of force should Baghdad fail to comply.

A letter to lawmakers from CIA Director George Tenet became a factor in congressional debate.

Tenet suggested a chemical or biological attack by Saddam on U.S. interests did not seem imminent. But he also warned that Saddam might use those weapons for terrorist purposes if provoked by an imminent U.S.-led attack.

"The fact that people say he has these weapons, he may use these weapons, despite the fact he denies he has them," said White House spokesman Ari Fleischer. "Blackmail is something the United States has to consider."



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Wounded Marine in Kuwait



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Kuwait's Defense Minister Sheikh Jaber al Mubarak al-Sabah, right, visits at Kuwait's Armed Forces Hospital Wednesday an unidentified U.S. Marine that was wounded in a gunfight with two Kuwaitis at Failaka Island, Kuwait, on Tuesday that resulted in the death of another US Marine. The attackers were killed by Marines, the Pentagon said.

Peak economic recovery may not take place until 2003, economists say

BY EDITH M. LEDERER
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UNITED NATIONS — The global economy will grow more slowly than had been expected this year and next, due largely to uncertainty in the Middle East, declining U.S. stock prices, and economic turmoil in Latin America, according to a revised U.N. forecast issued Wednesday.

At a meeting in April, economists predicted the economic recovery would reach full momentum in the second half of this year. But the new report forecasts that peak economic recovery will not take place until around mid-2003.

"Not only that, the sustainability of the ongoing recovery remains subject to a number of uncertainties," it said.

Chief among those concerns are the "geopolitical tensions" in the Middle East; the corporate scandals in industrialized countries; the decline of equity prices, especially in the United States; and the worsening fiscal predicaments in Latin America, the report said.

Increasing tensions in the Mideast have seen oil prices rise by more than 50 percent from January through September, adding to economic problems in many countries, it said.

"These new factors, plus the havoc wreaked by unusually large natural disasters such as floods and drought in a number of economies, have exacerbated the original weaknesses in the world economy," the economists said. "In fact, in mid-2002 these developments almost aborted the tentative recovery."

The Global Economic Outlook is based on submissions by global economists ahead of this week's meeting in Bologna, Italy, of Project LINK, a cooperative, non-governmental research effort coordinated by the U.N. Department of

Economic and Social Affairs and the University of Toronto.

The outlook forecasts global economic growth this year of 1.7 percent, down from 1.8 percent forecast in April — and next year's growth at 2.9 percent, down from April's 3.2 percent projection.

The economists said other factors have also been a drag on the global economy including "tepid" capital spending by businesses, the protracted consolidation in the global information and technology field, and the excess investment in developed countries in the late 1990s.

"Following the mild recession of 2001, the United States has been on a path of economic recovery, but the strength of the mending process has remained anemic," the report said.

The current forecast "shows that the economy of the United States will continue to lead the global recovery, but with not much momentum," it said, forecasting 2.3 percent economic growth this year and 3.2 percent in 2003.

Elsewhere, it said, economic recovery in Japan and Western Europe "will remain fragile," with the Japanese economy continuing "to be dragged down by fiscal and debt difficulties" and European economies constrained by fiscal and monetary policies.

The biggest drag on the world economy is Latin America, primarily because of an estimated 12 percent contraction in Argentina's economy this year, it said.

Concern about Brazil's large debt has been exacerbated by uncertainties about its future government policies — and events in Argentina have affected Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay, it said.

China remains the top performing economy, with expected growth of 7.7 percent this year and 7.5 percent next year, it said.

U.S. investigates al-Qaida link to shooting attack

BY DIANA ELIAS
Associated Press Writer

KUWAIT — Friends and relatives of two Kuwaitis who attacked U.S. Marines on a Persian Gulf island said Wednesday that the cousins had been to Afghanistan — long a training ground for Muslim militants — and acted to avenge the killings of Palestinians by Israelis.

U.S. officials said they were investigating whether al-Qaida had any links to the gunmen, who killed one Marine and wounded another before other troops shot them to death.

Kuwaiti authorities said Wednesday that they have detained four people as suspected co-conspirators in Tuesday's attack, two U.S. defense officials said in Washington.

Kuwait called Tuesday's attack on a training exercise on Failaka island a "terrorist act" and detained more than 30 people in a search for accomplices of the gunmen.

Two gunmen drove up in a pickup truck and opened fire on Marines engaged in urban assault training. The attackers then drove to a second location and attacked again before being killed by Marines.

White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said the United States had not ruled out that the gunmen were linked to al-Qaida. "The investigators will have to look at any possible connection with terrorist groups," State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said.

Anas al-Kandari, identified by Kuwait as one of the gunmen, had "chosen to walk in the footsteps of Osama bin Laden," Mohammed al-Awadi, a Muslim cleric who said he was a friend of the two cousins, said Wednesday.

Al-Kandari spent 18 months in Afghanistan, and his cousin Jassem al-Hajiri, identified as the other gunman, joined him there for six months, al-Awadi

said. Both returned days the Sept. 11 attacks, he said.

Also Wednesday, a U.S. serviceman fired his weapon at an unidentified civilian vehicle that was overtaking his Humvee in Kuwait after someone inside pointed a gun at him, U.S. officials in Washington said.

The officials said that after the shots, U.S. servicemen in the Humvee saw the other vehicle veer off the roadway. It was unclear whether anyone in the civilian vehicle was hit by the U.S. gunfire.

In Tuesday's attack, two gunmen drove up in a pickup truck and opened fire on Marines engaged in urban assault training on Failaka, 10 miles off Kuwait City. The attackers then drove to a second location and attacked again before being killed by Marines, the Pentagon said.

The Pentagon identified the slain Marine as Lance Cpl. Antonio J. Sledd, 20, of Tampa, Fla. The wounded Marine was not identified.

Al-Kandari was very moved by footage of Palestinians killed in the days before the attack, the cleric said. An Israeli raid Monday in the Gaza town of Khan Younis that left 16 Palestinians dead and more than 100 wounded has been heavily covered by Arab television.

"Every Muslim believes Americans are helping Jews, and he was burning to do something to help," Al-Kandari's brother, Abdullah, said.

Al-Kandari was born in 1981, his cousin in 1976, according to the Kuwaiti Interior Ministry.

The two attackers were buried Wednesday.

A member of al-Kandari's clan, though not a close relative, is among 12 Kuwaitis held by U.S. forces in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, said Khaled al-Oda, who heads a non-governmental group campaigning for the prisoners' release.

Men held in Lebanon admit to membership in al-Qaida

BY BASSEM MROUE
Associated Press Writer

BEIRUT, Lebanon — Two Lebanese men and a Saudi citizen arrested last month in Lebanon have admitted they planned to open an al-Qaida training camp in Lebanon, a government official said Wednesday.

Prosecutor General Adnan Addoum told reporters that Ihab Dafa, a Saudi, and Lebanese citizens Khaled Minawi and Mohammed Sultan confessed to trying to "undermine internal security of the state by forming a terrorist group to commit crimes against people and carry out terrorist attacks."

The men were arrested Sept. 28. Addoum said military intelligence officers have been interrogating the three.

According to the information they provided, he said Minawi planned to form a group that would provide refuge to al-Qaida members fleeing to Lebanon, as well as other extremists believed to be hiding in the Palestinian refugee camp of

Ein el-Hilweh.

They also planned to provide military training and went to Germany in the past to collect money for the network. He said all three were helped by a Saudi, a Yemeni and a Filipino explosive expert, none of whom were identified.

Addoum said Sultan met with an al-Qaida operative in Turkey named Abdullah the Turk, or Obeida, and they talked about opening a restaurant in Tripoli, northern Lebanon, to employ al-Qaida members.

Lebanon, which borders Syria and Israel, said it supports the U.S. war against terrorism, and froze some bank accounts belonging to Lebanese and foreign nationals on suspicion of money laundering.

However, Lebanon has refused U.S. demands to freeze the assets of the militant Hezbollah group, which Washington considers a terrorist organization. The Lebanese government says Hezbollah is a legitimate resistance movement that fought Israeli occupation forces in Lebanon.



SPORTS

Angels beat Twins to tie series

BY JOHN NADEL

AP Sports Writer

MINNEAPOLIS — After a one-game absence, the Anaheim Angels' potent offense resurfaced Wednesday night.

Now, the Minnesota Twins know how the New York Yankees felt.

Held to four hits by Joe Mays and Eddie Guardado in Game 1 on Tuesday night, the Angels equaled that total before a batter was retired in the second inning of Game 2. They finished with five extra-base hits in beating the Twins 6-3 to even the AL championship series.

Game 3 in the best-of-seven series is Friday night in Anaheim with 18-game winner Jarrod Washburn pitching for the Angels against Eric Milton in a matchup of left-handers.

The Angels like to talk about putting offensive pressure on the opposition, something they didn't do in Game 1 when they failed to get a leadoff hitter on base and went hitless in 14 at-bats after getting two strikes.

In addition, they were held without an extra-base hit for the first time since July 30 in losing 2-1.

The Angels put plenty of pressure on Rick Reed and the Twins in Game 2, and it started right away with an extra-base hit.

After David Eckstein grounded a two-strike pitch to the mound, Erstad hit an 0-2 pitch into the folded up football seats in right-center at the Metrodome to end the extra-base drought as well as the string of two-strike outs at 15.

Glaus opened the second with a single to right, going the other way on a 1-2 pitch, to become the first Anaheim leadoff hitter to reach base in its 11th inning of the series.

That set the stage for a three-run inning that

included some help from the Twins.

Brad Fullmer and Scott Spiezio followed with doubles, and Eckstein hit an RBI single later in the inning, enabling the Angels to surpass their hit total of Game 1 after only 10 batters.

Eckstein's two-out hit made it 4-0 and came after the Twins botched a rundown. Reed had Kennedy picked off first, and Doug Mientkiewicz chased him between first and second.

Mientkiewicz threw home to try to get Spiezio, but his leg knocked the ball out of catcher A.J. Pierzynski's glove.

Glaus tripled with one out in the sixth and Fullmer followed with his homer, giving the Angels a 6-0 lead and chasing Reed. That gave Anaheim two doubles, a triple and two homers among its eight hits.

The Angels wouldn't score again, but wouldn't need to because of the work of their bullpen.

The Angels, who led the majors with a .282 average during the season, batted a postseason-record .376 in beating the four-time defending AL champion Yankees in the division series, averaging 14 hits and nearly eight runs in the four games.

And they had 19 extra-base hits including nine homers.

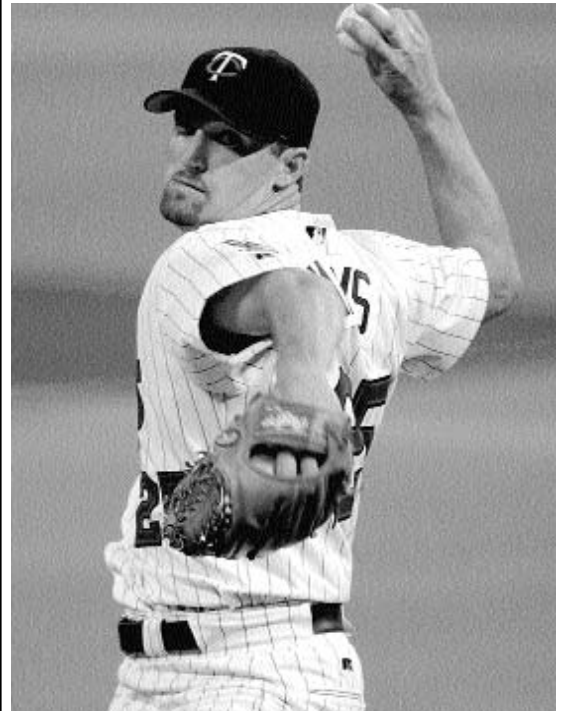
One player who didn't contribute Wednesday night was No. 3 hitter Tim Salmon, who came out of the game in the third because of a tight right hamstring.

There was no immediate word as to the severity of the injury.

Salmon, who flied out to right leading off the third, was replaced by Orlando Palmeiro when the Angels took the field in the bottom of the inning.

Salmon is 0-for-5 with a walk in the ALCS after going 5-for-19 with two homers and a team-leading seven RBIs against the Yankees.

Angels face an ace



Michael Conroy/Associated Press

Minnesota Twins starting pitcher Joe Mays throws against the Anaheim Angels during Game 1 of the American League Championship Series, Tuesday, in Minneapolis.

As many as 20,000 line up for World Series tickets

BY CHELSEA J. CARTER

Associated Press Writer

ANAHEIM — Anaheim Angels fans, known for their laid back 'tude, were anything but as they scrambled Wednesday to buy World Series tickets at the ballpark.

Gone were good manners and slow motion as up to 20,000 fans charged the gates and riot police waded through the crowd that wrapped around Edison Field.

Fans drove from as far away as Las Vegas and San Francisco for a chance to get a wristband just to participate in the ticket lottery, which limited them to a maximum of four tickets per home game.

"I've been here for three hours and I don't even have a wristband," said Dwight Hanson, 33, of Irvine, who was among those who didn't get a wristband. "It's kind of weird to see police in riot

gear. I've never seen anything like this."

The unofficial crowd estimate was between 15,000 and 20,000, Anaheim Sgt. Rick Martinez said.

Tickets were also sold online.

For the tickets to be worth more than a refund, the Angels must defeat the Minnesota Twins in the AL championship series and advance to their first-ever World Series against the winner of NL championship between the San Francisco Giants and the St. Louis Cardinals.

Only cash was accepted at ticket windows, where prices ranged from \$60 to \$175 per ticket for the four possible home games.

For many who showed up in the early morning hours after police banned people from camping out at the ballpark, just the chance to buy World Series tickets was a once in a lifetime experience.

But 25-year-old Josh Cagle of Covina

not only got a wristband. He got tickets to four games.

"It's an opportunity to go to the World Series. That's a once in a lifetime opportunity, especially if you're an Angels fan," he said.

Diane Myers, 42, of Villa Park sat in the ballpark's parking lot away from the crowds doing a crossword puzzle.

"We just stayed back here because we thought it was safer. It's getting a little crazy over there," she said. "I don't want them to kick us out of here."

Police in riot gear joined motorcycle officers to patrol the crowd and stood guard at the ticket line and ticket window for those who were lucky enough to buy tickets. Although several shoving matches broke out, by midday no fights or arrests had been reported.

The crowd cheered and whooped as a

ballpark employee called wristband numbers.

Among those who won the lottery was 10-year-old Lauren Saner, who missed a day of school for a chance to go to the World Series.

Saner took \$2,600 and a list of game days and ticket possibilities from her mother. She returned later, mission accomplished — four tickets for each of the four games.

"It was easy. They just said 'Hi, how can I help you?'" she said. "I gave them the list and the money."

Her mother, Deanna Saner, 34, of Cypress, watched her daughter go through the line.

"Security understood. They kept an eye on her too," she said.

Tigers hire Trammell, others still searching for managers

BY HAL BOCK

AP Sports Writer

One down, five to go.

Detroit became the first team to hire a new manager Wednesday after a half-dozen jobs opened in the days following the end of the regular season. The Tigers reached into their past for Alan Trammell, who played shortstop for them from 1977-96.

Trammell, a coach with the San Diego Padres the last three years, was introduced at an evening news conference.

That left the New York Mets, Chicago Cubs, Milwaukee Brewers, Texas Rangers and Tampa Bay Devil Rays still in the hunt for a new skipper. Buck Showalter, fired twice in the last seven years, seems to be the most popular candidate.

Showalter was dismissed first by the New York Yankees in 1995 and then by the Arizona Diamondbacks in 2000, each time after taking those teams to the playoffs. Each team went on to win the World Series the next year.

Those successes placed the ESPN baseball commentator high on the lists of the teams still shopping. Showalter has talked with the Chicago Cubs and New York Mets, and the Milwaukee Brewers, Texas Rangers and Tampa Bay Devil Rays have expressed interest as well.

Showalter is one of three candidates interviewed by the Mets, who've also talked with batting coach Chris Chambliss and Yankees third base coach Willie Randolph. Oakland Athletics bench coach Ken Macha has an appointment with them as well.

Newsday reported Wednesday that the Mets have settled on San Francisco manager Dusty Baker as their top candidate and will pursue him as soon as the Giants' season is over. Baker's team opened the NL championship series at St. Louis on Wednesday night.

Macha, a candidate for the Boston Red Sox job before it went to Grady Little last spring, is also on the lists of the Cubs, Brewers, Devil Rays and Detroit Tigers.

Bob Melvin, Arizona's bench coach, will be interviewed by Milwaukee on Thursday and could also be a

candidate with the Cubs. Ex-Boston bench coach Mike Stanley has been mentioned for the Tampa Bay job.

Randolph, who nearly went to Cincinnati before Bob Boone took that job two years ago, will talk with Milwaukee on Thursday and Tampa Bay on Monday.

The Devil Rays began their managerial search Wednesday, interviewing bench coach Billy Hatcher. Third base coach Tom Foley gets his turn Thursday followed by Yankees first base coach Lee Mazzilli on Friday.

Detroit talked with Randolph during the Yankees play-off series with Anaheim and also had Triple-A Toledo manager Bruce Fields on its list. But the Tigers decided on Trammell as they try to recover from a 106-loss season.

Besides Showalter, the list in Texas includes Trey Hillman, the team's director of player development, bench coach Terry Francona, first base coach DeMarlo Hale and ex-Tiger and Colorado manager Buddy Bell.

Milwaukee has Showalter, Macha and Melvin on its list, along with fired Texas manager Jerry Narron.

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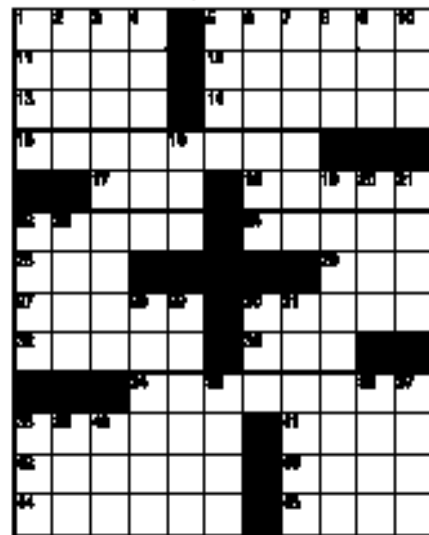
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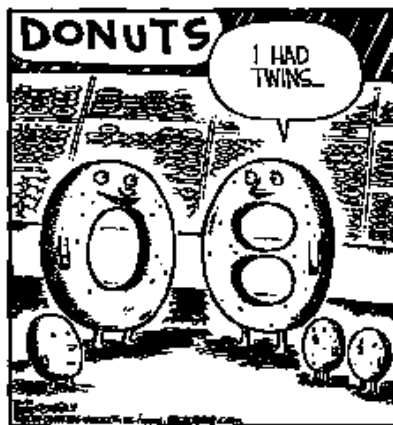
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Sweet Home Alabama (PG-13) 11:00, 11:30, 1:40, 2:15, 4:30, 5:00, 7:10, 7:50, 10:00, 10:30. The Banger Sisters (R) 11:10, 1:50, 4:40, 7:15, 9:50. The Four Feathers (PG-13) 12:15, 3:30, 7:00, 10:15. My Big Fat Greek Wedding (PG) 11:40, 12:15, 2:10, 2:45, 4:50, 5:30, 7:20, 8:00, 9:45, 10:20.
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1:40, 3:50, 4:30, 6:45, 7:25, 9:40, 10:15. Ballistic: Ecks vs. Sever (R) 2:10, 4:35, 7:10, 9:25. Barbershop (PG-13) 2:00, 4:45, 7:10, 9:35. City by the Sea (R) 4:20, 7:00. Jonah: A Veggie Tales Movie (G) 1:05, 3:10, 5:15, 7:15, 9:15. Signs (PG-13) 1:20, 4:10, 7:30, 10:00. Trapped (R) 1:50, 9:30.

1:30, 4:15, 7:15, 9:45.

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Getaway lawn mower

By The Associated Press

FAIRFIELD, Ill. — It's hardly the fastest thing on the road, but police say a red riding lawn mower was an effective getaway vehicle for a burglar.

Witnesses told police they saw the suspect driving the mower away from a home where an intruder made off with more than \$1,000 in jewelry Monday.

"We believe he rode the mower to the crime scene as well," said Fairfield police Sgt. Steven Sons.

Fairfield, in southeastern Illinois, is about 30 miles west of the Indiana state line.

Sign of the times

By The Associated Press

MOCKSVILLE, N.C. — Look at the street signs and you might think people in Davie County don't like visitors.

There's Staya Way and Getta Way, Keepa Way and Outatha Way. The people who live on the streets say they're friendly.

"When we named the road, we didn't even think it was odd," said Keretha Shore, who lives on Staya Way. "We just thought it was funny."

The Shores' former neighbor, David Plott, suggested the name when the county mandated several years ago

that all roads have names so that emergency vehicles could find them. Other neighbors liked it, too.

Briggett Ferrell said she hoped the name might discourage people who sometimes park in her family's back yard and fish in the lake behind their house. Her son, Joey, said the signs don't discourage anyone.

"People always laugh," he said. "People ask if we're joking: 'You're lying to me, right?'"

All four roads are private, so property owners along the roads had naming rights. As long as the names didn't offend anyone and didn't duplicate any existing names, they were OK, said Tim Barba of the Davie County Planning Department.

Rick Franklin, who named Getta Way, said he doesn't want people to think he's antisocial. Just last weekend, he had 160 people over for chicken stew, he said.

"I ain't put up the gate yet," he said.

The man who wanted to be God

By The Associated Press

LAKE CITY, Fla. — A man who wanted to change his name to God chose a new name when a judge turned down his request.

The former Charles Haffey's new name is I Am who I Am.

The former Haffey said after his first choice was rejected in April, he went to the Bible to find a backup. He drew on a passage where Moses asks God who he is and hears: "I am who I am or I will be who I will be."

"That's kind of wordy, so I'm just going for 'I Am Who I Am' as my full legal name," he said. "My first name, of course, would be 'I Am.'"

The 55-year-old said he sought the name change as a way to gain release from feelings of anxiety and rage that have plagued him since he served in Vietnam.

"I was fatally wounded in the mind and the spirit," he

said. "I didn't suffer any bodily injury. It's just what I saw, what I did. I killed myself."

Who I Am said he became a Christian and was baptized in April. It was shortly after that when he decided to change everything, beginning with his name.

Last week, he bought a tombstone to be inscribed with his former name. He plans to plant it in the tall grass on his property.

He said it will read, "Charles Walter Haffey, born Sept. 23, 1948, and died Oct. 21, 1968, Republic of Vietnam."

Holy mackerel

By The Associated Press

WILMINGTON, N.C. — Jim Cone didn't need to pick up dinner last weekend. It came to him.

Cone said he was boating on the Intracoastal Waterway last Saturday when he crossed paths with a large, leaping Spanish mackerel.

The fish went airborne and grazed the head of Cone's daughter. It smashed through the half-inch-thick plastic windshield before bouncing off Cone's chest and landing on his wife's leg.

"I was screaming because I didn't know what happened," said Patti Cone. "And there was a fish in my lap."

Spanish mackerel don't jump frequently, but they do jump, said Rich Carpenter, district manager for the Southern Region of the N.C. Marine Fisheries Division.

"He could have been chasing something," Carpenter said. "Or something could have been chasing him."

Apart from some small cuts on Cone's chest, the broken windshield and some moments of panic, the boaters were OK.

After catching their breath, the Cones took the fish home and cooked it for dinner.

"It was good and fresh," Cone said. "I guess you could call it a free lunch, except for the windshield."

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