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A newspaper with issues

Lithuanian hijacker's murder trial begins

BY ANDREW H. FIXMER
Daily Press Staff Writer

The trial of a 1970s Lithuanian hijacker who allegedly murdered his father in Santa Monica began this week.

Albert Victor White, who 32 years ago helped his father Pranas "Frank" Brazinkas hijack a Soviet commercial jetliner to escape Cold War-era Lithuania, stands accused of beating to death his 77-year-old father on Feb. 5 during a struggle at their 21st Street apartment.

White, also known as Algirdas Brazinkas, is being tried for first degree murder before a jury in the courtroom of Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge William C. Ryan in the Airport Court, located in Westchester.

Officials said they expect the trial, which began Oct. 15, to last between two to three weeks.

Five days before the trial began, Los Angeles County Deputy District Attorney Alyson Messenger assumed the case from Deputy District Attorney Anne Rundle. Neither Rundle nor Messenger were available for comment Friday and court officials said it was unknown why the switch was made.

White's attorney, Jack Alex, is arguing his client was acting in self-defense because his father had threatened him with a pistol.

"(The father) was basically a terrorist," Alex said. "Albert is not a bad person."

No shots were fired during the argument. But prosecutors handling the case said White deliberately murdered his father with eight blows to the head with a "heavy, blunt object," crushing his skull.

Detectives have not produced a murder weapon, and White has not admitted to what he used to allegedly kill his father.

The first debilitating blow to the head may have been self-defense, but the other seven were not, prosecutors said.

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— JACK ALEX
Albert White's attorney

They paint a picture of White as a violent man with a violent past, who resented his father and wanted him dead.

But White's attorney describes his client as a caring, nurturing son who stayed home to take care of his father instead of joining his wife — a U.S. State Department attaché — when she was posted to the U.S. embassy in Malaysia.

However, police say that at the time of the murder, Brazinkas had a duffel bag full of loaded guns in the apartment. Alex said Brazinkas was paranoid the KGB would eventually come after him for killing two of their agents during the hijacking, Alex said.

In Lithuania, Brazinkas was wanted for smuggling guns and running criminal rackets, Alex said. He fled his country not because of political discontent but he faced a death sentence or life in a Siberian prison.

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On any given Sunday ...



Art Haynie/Special to the Daily Press

... you'll find football orphans at their local watering holes cheering on their favorite teams. On this Sunday, Eagles fans were flying high at The Shack on Wilshire Boulevard as they watch their team crush the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, 20-10. The Shack makes Philly transplants feel at home in Santa Monica.

By Daily Press staff

It seemed like an idea worthy of Santa Monica a few weeks before our always-heated elections: Why not have a guy with a manifesto write about his cause "live" from one of our watering holes? Granted, Dan Dunn's crusade is to bring a football team to the area — not so he can root for them, but so his beloved Philadelphia Eagles can beat them from time to time. And he feels others share his pain.

Dunn, who writes frequently for this paper, is one of what he calls "Football Orphans." Those folks who have left their home teams behind and now roam about Los Angeles, taking comfort in establishments that cater to their culinary, cultural and sporting needs.

His tongue-in-cheek manifesto and the results of our experiment in "live writing" appears on today's sports page.

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Doc's methods to stop crying babies create buzz

BY LINDSEY TANNER
AP Medical Writer

CHICAGO — Believers call Dr. Harvey Karp a miracle-worker whose godsend to new parents is a bag of old tricks that work wonders with crying babies.

Almost like an automatic "off" switch, this Santa Monica pediatrician claims to get even the fussiest infants to



Dr. Harvey Karp

stop. No sleight of hand, potions, or pills. Just five comforting methods that he says can trigger almost opium-like serenity within seconds.

"Miraculous is the only word I could use," said new dad Mark Skoultschi, a New York marketing firm employee. Skoultschi says he and his wife first tried Karp's methods on their "incredibly colicky" month-old daughter, Anna, last weekend. "It immediately sort of turns her off."

It sounds too good to be true, and some pediatrics experts say there's no science to support the claims. Others say there's nothing new about the pedi-

trician's methods — which is true.

Karp says some babies need all five — swaddling, side or stomach position except for sleeping, shushing, swinging or rocking, and sucking (breast, bottle or pacifier) — and some just need a few to help induce what he calls the "calming reflex."

The methods appear in his new book and video, "The Happiest Baby on the Block," which have become the talk of pediatric circles. They've landed Karp appearances on national television and at medical meetings, including a patient education conference next month co-sponsored by the American Academy of

Family Physicians.

Critics say Karp is riding to fame on the strength of his patients' VIP parents, who include Michelle Pfeiffer, Pierce Brosnan and Madonna. Endorsements from several stars appear on his book jacket and video cover.

Still, watching Karp demonstrate has converted some cynics.

"I was skeptical," said Dr. Rosanne Oggoian, a pediatrician in Lake Villa, Ill., who saw Karp promote his techniques on TV.

But then she tried them on patients,

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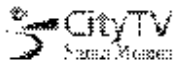
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♈ ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Unexpected developments have you rushing left and right. Reach out for someone at a distance. Take charge and understand what is expected on both sides of the fence. Curb your possessive nature with a friend. Tonight: Deal with the budget.

♉ TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ You are feeling your Wheaties. No one can get a straight answer from a loved one or a boss. Recognize your limits, within reason, with others. You might decide to shoulder more responsibilities than necessary. Consider other ways before you race into a difficult situation. Tonight: Just ask.

♊ GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Meetings draw the kind of results you want. Carefully consider your options that surround a loved one or a friend. Emotions could be a bit hyper right now. Use a friend as a sounding board, and clear out an obstacle. Tonight: Where your friends are.

♋ CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Take your time right now. If you feel out of sorts, consider what might be happening within your circle of friends. Reach out for a friend if you have a question or two. What you see going on, others might not. Tonight: Do your thing.

♌ LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Take a stand with a boss, but do it very carefully. Others might not be as stable as you think. Where you mean to rattle the status quo a bit, you could cause an earthquake. Remember that others could be more fragile than you're aware of. Tonight: Work late.

♍ VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Dealing with others might take some distancing and handling. You might want to think through a problem by dialoguing on a less emotional level. Reach out for a loved one or an expert you can trust. Conversations open doors. Tonight: Catch up on mail or e-mail.

♎ LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Defer to someone you care a lot about. This person needs to know that you trust his or her judgment. By expressing your deeper feelings and confidence, you make this person's day. Deal with financial matters with a hands-on approach. Tonight: Togetherness works.

♏ SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Others run with the ball. You might want to hide out, but too many requests come in from left and right. You also realize that your energy is limited. Defer as much as you want, but be reasonable when dealing with a partner. Tonight: Accept an inviting suggestion.

♐ SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Work and more work marks your day. You might want to throw your hands in the air and change this pattern. Timing isn't with you. Think in terms of making a positive change in the near future. Review your options during the next few months. Tonight: Crawl home!

♑ CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Your playfulness eliminates a lot of tension at the workplace and within critical relationships. You're able to come up with solutions when others cannot. Use your unique skills to improve your immediate environment. Tonight: Enjoy a loved one.

♒ AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Handle family and domestic matters directly. You cannot put off a problem. You really do need to deal with a personal matter head-on. Basics do count, and right now you need to cover all your bases. A loved one or a child could be extremely emotional. Tonight: Happy at home.

♓ PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Your willingness to make the first effort can make quite a difference to others. Be open to others in your life. Your laughter and happy ways help ease a problem that might be heading in from left field. Be more sensitive. Tonight: Out and about.



QUOTE of the DAY

**"I have never liked working.
To me a job is an invasion of privacy."**

— Danny McGoorty (1901-1970)

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LOCAL



Gavel II Gavel

From the people's court in the Byron Y. Appleton Honorary Courtroom in Santa Monica.

By John Wood

Too small for small claims?

A \$50 lawsuit may seem like a waste of time to some people, but for Santa Monica bookseller Etan Boritzer it was a matter of principle.

Unfortunately for him, the small claims judge who heard his case didn't see it that way. The judge last week ruled against Boritzer and called his lawsuit a "supreme waste of the court's time and resources."

"To put the whole system through this," said Santa Monica Superior Court Judge Pro Tem Sheldon Cohn, "is not right."

Boritzer, publisher and author at Veronica Lane Books in Santa Monica, originally sued Wilmington-based book distributor World Education Guild for \$471.60 for a shipment of children's books delivered last March.

A month before going to court, World Education Guild settled its bill with Veronica Lane. They returned the portion of the books still unsold and wrote a check for the remainder.

So Boritzer agreed to dismiss the claim, but asked the laggard distributor to reimburse his filing fees and other court costs, totaling \$50.

When the distributor refused, Boritzer decided to keep the court date and let a judge decide who should foot the bill.

Reuben Reinoso, an accountant at World Education Guild, claimed he returned the unsold books and paid for the others before the suit was brought against him, and therefore should not be held responsible for the court fees.

"I took care of everything, wrote the check, and then I was served (with court papers)," said Reinoso, who made a \$25 settlement offer to appease the bookseller, but refused Boritzer's counter-offer of \$35.

"He just wanted to waste my time," Reinoso added. "That's what I really think." Boritzer denied receiving payment before he filed suit.

"This is not our practice, this is not valuable for our time," Boritzer said. "If I had the books in hand and the check, I would not have (filed a lawsuit)."

The book distributor let numerous messages go unreturned and did not respond to his invoices, Boritzer said, calling their refusal to pay court costs "ridiculous."

Judge Cohn was not sympathetic.

After reviewing tracking records showing Veronica Lane received the books three days before Reinoso was served with court papers, he ruled against the plaintiff and scolded him for wasting the court's time.

surf report

Information compiled by Jesse Haley

The weekend's west swell is on the decline, but on its heels is a northwest swell of good size. The initially steep-angled swell, 300 degrees, shifts more west today, better exposing L.A. County's west facing surf spots. Locations where west and northwest combine see the most size, averaging waist-to-shoulder-high, with plenty of opportunity for head-high and over-head sets at the best tides.

Forecasts call for a slight decrease in swell activity Tuesday afternoon due to another shift in swell angle as the storm is expected to move north and away from L.A.'s exposure window. However, we'll still see continual three to four-foot sets throughout the day.



Today's Tides:

Low-	3:40 a.m.	1.18'
High-	9:42 a.m.	5.40'
Low-	4:23 p.m.	0.40'
High-	10:22 p.m.	4.28'

Location	Monday	Tuesday	Water Quality
County Line	4-5'/Fair	4-5'/Fair	A
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Surfrider	2-4'/Fair	2-4'/Fair	A
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But there is a solution: Hold auditions for performers before the city hands them a permit to dance or sing — or sometimes screech — their hearts out. If they don't make the cut, then they don't get a permit

to perform.

So this week's Q-Line wants to know: "Should the city create a committee that will audition street performers before they receive a permit to entertain us?"

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OPINION

LETTERS

Stop whining about having no home

Editor:

To the gentlemen who wrote the article in the Santa Monica Daily Press called "Let's be creative and find a solution to homelessness."

My reply is, yes, why don't YOU do something creative for change. It is always a "WE" when it comes to people destroying my ability to have a good, hard-worked-for lifestyle. I was rather incensed by your "wake up" approach. I assure we are wide awake to the problem. Are you?

To reply to your points. I find it hard to believe that a person who is sober and going to college with a job is incapable of finding a room to sleep in. What is wrong with you? Seven years you have been on the street and in college since 1998. Put up a sign at SMC looking for a room. Look in the paper. Can't pay? Get a better paying job. I have five friends in college AND working. They all have homes of some sort. I have to feel sorry for you because you are trying to better yourself? I applaud you. I do not feel sorry for you. Want socialism? Move to Sweden. Get the homeless together and use the panhandling money to buy a utopia in Oregon. I don't know. You have the problem. You accuse "us" of creating it. You just don't want to change.

We all agree these are hard economic times. But why did the homeless problem not ease during the good economic times of the '90s under Clinton. You attack us for pricing our way out of the market. What's new? Where have you seen economies go backwards when they can go forward? Wake up! We are not using the homeless as a whipping post for our ills. This was going on way before there were bad times. The homeless were doing well in good times. Getting more money panhandling. What did they do with it?

We realize that probably 80 percent of the homeless are addicts in some form or another. Now you want ME to do something about protecting myself from them. I am a recovering addict. I got NO help. It is common knowledge that all the interceptions in the world are hopeless unless the addict WANTS to quit. Addicts have to learn to help themselves. You cannot support an addict. You just end up supporting the habit. I do not mind helping out the occasional person down on their luck. But you can only help so much before the helper becomes a crutch.

I got the help I needed. I was also a victim of rent de-control. I bounced a check for five minutes and was evicted because the landlord wanted me out to get a higher rent. The Santa Monica legal aid was hopeless. The lawyer there was "scared" to call a judge on a weekend. Poor me. I was homeless for six months. I pulled myself together and got another home. Now you will probably say, I had friends to stay with, etc. Yes, for about a month. I slept in my car and bathed at the gym. I just refused to be on the street. It was VERY tough. But I managed.

I understand we need to help those with mental problems and a great deal needs to be done in that field. But we tried to feed the homeless. It just got worse as more and more homeless flooded into Santa Monica. I gave money daily to transients on the Promenade. Did not help. Then I gave money to organizations that fed the homeless. Did not help. Why should I, who have worked very hard for a roof over my head, have to suffer because you chose not to? I know homeless people. Some sober, who ARE taking care of themselves! Why must my safety be affected? Why do I have to move from a tennis court because the smell of a homeless person is so bad? I have HIV, was homeless, had no job and lost all of my friends, had a massive drug and alcohol problem and still managed to care for myself, while very ill.

I am tired of your moaning. Do something yourself. Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat in the bus. The blacks marched on Montgomery. The gays fought tooth and nail to get rights and fair treatment.

Your story is full of excuses. Quotes from Einstein and how incredible it is to be an artist? How you are different and we are all the same? Reality is staring you in the face. Our mayor came here in a Volkswagen bus as a hippie philosopher. Times change. You just don't want to. There is an old saying, "Change or die." You say you are creative. It is the "core of brainstorming." Well, BE creative. Do some brainstorming. You sound like a leader. Lead your people. Do something. Don't sound off in an ill-conceived tirade against me because I managed to pull myself together. Why attack people who have become wealthy, learn from them. I know. It takes commitment and work, sorry.

Colin Hadlow
Santa Monica

Red flags abound in election reform initiative

Since moving to Santa Monica several years ago, I've exercised my right to vote in local elections. In doing so, I have been able to cast a vote affecting every at-large seat on the city council. We all enjoy a city government where seven council members are accountable to each of us and must listen to our concerns, whether we live in Pico neighborhood or North of Montana. The council elects a mayor to run and manage council meetings and represent the city outside our borders.

For a city our size, it all seems like a pretty workable system. After all, under this governing model Santa Monica has prospered handsomely. We have become an international tourist destination and one of the most desirable places to live in Southern California.

As a renter, I'm particularly appreciative of an at-large council system, where renters and low- to middle-class Santa Monicans have the opportunity to gain a powerful voice on the council.

But there are some, basically representing a well-heeled, vocal minority, that bitterly resent the fact that their conservative, anti-renter agenda is consistently out-voted. In their eyes, the rest of us in the mainstream majority of Santa Monica are the problem.

This well-heeled faction is now scheming to break up our modest sized city of 85,000 into seven city council "districts," essentially creating seven

political fiefdoms. In addition, their plan would create a "strong mayor." They have nicknamed their plan "VERITAS," or "truth." You must be kidding. Their measure, better known as Proposition HH on the Santa Monica ballot, could not be more disingenuous.

There are a number of red flags that should illicit a No vote for Proposition HH on Nov. 5.

Red Flag #1: This disastrous plan is essentially a conservative, anti-renter power grab. Its principle sponsor told the Los Angeles Times he wanted to bring "less ideological people" to the city council. Well, to given who is there, he isn't talking about fewer conservatives.

Red Flag #2: The sponsors conveniently went ahead and drew up the city council district lines for their new district council structure. They didn't bother leaving the development of boundaries to a commission, judge or other credible body to draw up once the concept of a council district system was adopted. In fact, there was really no public process in the development of HH at all. So we're not just voting on whether we favor the concept of district council elections. We're voting on whether or not we like the sponsor's prescribed city council boundaries. Herein

lies the not-so-well-hidden agenda. Under the prescribed boundaries, tenant protections will be put to a roll of the dice. How's that for the truth?

Red Flag #3: The sponsors of this scheme also make provisions for a "strong," independently elected mayor. Translated, this means they want a shot to get one of their well-funded, conservative friends elected mayor, who will veto any city council effort to protect renters, workers or anything else that doesn't share their ideological bent.

Red Flag #4: The sponsors of VERITAS claim at-large city council elections are too expensive. But do they really expect competitive, high-profile battles for mayor to be cheap? More than ever, Santa Monica will be a magnet for special interest money and expensive, negative elections.

Red Flag #5: This plan will cost us as taxpayers and put voter turnout at risk. Those pushing HH have devised a scheme requiring special elections and runoffs outside the November election cycle, when most voters show up to the polls. Well, it costs money to run additional elections. What's more, elections outside of November draw fewer voters, which will result in fewer people choosing who represents us on the city council.

They call it VERITAS. But if they really want to speak truth to power, they may want to look in the mirror. Most disingenuous is their use of the Pico neighborhood as a pawn in their efforts. It is true. Our city is long overdue for an elected council member from this part of town. But this isn't the way to do it. Candidate development and recruitment is the answer. A member of the Pico neighborhood is on the Nov. 5 ballot. Voters already have a choice from this underrepresented area. We don't need to turn our system of governance upside down to do it.

If the city we want to become is one that shuts out renters, workers and other middle class consumers, then by all means vote for the city council "district system" and "strong mayor" proposed in Proposition HH.

But if you believe, like I do, that the last 20 years of strong renter protections and largely progressive policy decisions have made Santa Monica a profitable, forward-looking and wonderful city, then please say No to Proposition HH. Our system of government works for Santa Monica.

Todd Flora is a former Western director of the Concord Coalition, and is currently director of education programs for the California Clean Money Campaign.

Guest Commentary

By Todd Flora

Opinions expressed are those of the writer and do not necessarily reflect those of the Santa Monica Daily Press staff. Guest editorials from residents are encouraged, as are letters to the editor. Letters will be published on a space-available basis. It is our intention to publish all letters we receive, except those that are libelous or are unsigned. Preference will be given to those that are e-mailed to sack@smdp.com. All letters must include the author's name and telephone number for purposes of verification. Letters also may be mailed to our offices located at 1427 Third Street Promenade, Suite 202, Santa Monica, 90401, or faxed to (310) 576-9913. All letters and guest editorials are subject to editing for space and content.

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LOCAL



Local library on the move

BY SARA VAN DYCK
Special to the Daily Press

Starting in November, our Main Library will quite literally be moving. The Sixth Street building will close in December, preparatory to being demolished, with library services reopening January 2003 in temporary quarters at 1324 Fifth St., less than two blocks away. Since the temporary library building is only about one-third the size of the current one, some materials will be placed at the branches and others stored, while the children's collection will be relocated largely to the Ocean Park Branch on Main Street.

During the month of the relocation, service will be available at the branch libraries, via interactive 24/7 and e-mail reference service, plus the online catalog and a host of databases available from home, work or school. Library patrons will find details on locations of materials and programs in next month's column, at the branches, and on the library Web site, www.smpl.org.

Meanwhile, the library continues to offer as many services as possible. The children's department will celebrate Children's Book Week, November 18-24, with a display of children's books and posters. This year's theme is "Book Time."

In addition, the library has added even more subscriptions to its amazing array of

magazines, which will be available at the temporary library. A sampling of recent acquisitions includes:

History and current affairs: The American Historical Review; The Village Voice.

Homes and gardens: House & Garden; This Old House.

Children: Complete Sourcebook on Children's Software; Exceptional Parent; Babybug.

And to show what Santa Monicans are truly dedicated to, patrons interested in physical and psychological health can now choose from: Cooking Light; John Hopkins Medical Letter Health After 50; University of California at Berkeley Wellness Letter; Joe Weider's Muscle & Fitness; Shape; Spirituality and Health; and Yoga Journal.

Head reference librarian Nancy O'Neill also calls attention to a new book, "The World From Here: Treasures of the Great Libraries of Los Angeles." It is the catalog of the exhibition of the same name shown at the UCLA Hammer Museum, and Santa Monica Public Library ranks as one of the "great libraries." According to O'Neill, "The exhibition was quite well-received and reviewed so anyone who saw it might want to revisit it in book form and anyone who did not see it might want to take advantage of this second chance."

New prosecutor assumes White murder trial

TRIAL, from page 1

In 1970, prosecutors say Brazinskas and his then 13-year-old son hijacked an Aeroflot jetliner and re-directed the airplane to Turkey.

During the flight, Soviet guards on board opened fire. A female steward was killed in the crossfire, and the pilot and co-pilot were wounded. After the guards were subdued, the flight crew was still able to successfully fly the hijackers to Turkey.

There, the father and son were arrested, convicted of murder and sentenced to prison, but in 1974 they were released, only to be placed under house arrest.

The pair managed to escape custody and fled to the closest American embassy in Ankara to plea for political asylum. Brazinskas said if he and his son had not taken control of the airplane, he would have been put to death for participating in a Lithuanian resistance movement.

Their political asylum request was denied, and the father and son were released back into Turkish custody, but the Soviet Union angrily argued the pair should be extradited. The Turkish government denied the request, causing great international tension.

With pressure mounting, the Turkish government released the pair two weeks later. The father and son fled to Venezuela, where they quickly flew to Canada. But when the plane made a stop over in New York, the pair vanished.

They were arrested a few weeks later by the Immigration and Nationalization Service, but under the newly enacted 1980 Refugee Act, the father and son were allowed to stay even though for political reasons entrance visas would never be issued.

After a few short years living in Queens, N.Y., the father and son moved to Santa Monica to live among the city's large Lithuanian community. Ever since their dramatic escape from their home country, the pair have become icons among Lithuanian expatriates living in America.

The father and son's history will play heavily in the trial, Alex said. He plans to call witnesses who will testify that Brazinskas was a violent man who ran a black market gun business in Lithuania.

White remains in the Los Angeles County Jail on \$1.2 million bail. He faces 26 years to life in prison, if convicted.



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LOCAL

Pediatrician's work based on 25 years of experience

BABIES, from page 1

including one particularly fussy infant who was soon "just staring off to the side like she had an inner calm. I was so surprised. I had never seen this child like this before," said Oggoian, who now urges parents with fussy babies to try Karp's techniques.

Dr. Morris Green, author of two classic pediatrics textbooks, calls Karp's work "a tremendous help to parents who have babies who present with irritability and colic and discomfort in those first few months of life."

Dr. Steven Shelov, editor of the American Academy of Pediatrics' respected parenting guide, "Caring for Your Baby and Young Child," said he has recommended Karp's methods to friends and relatives.

"He takes some common sense things based on some good research and puts them in the hands of parents — and it works," Shelov said.

In an interview during a recent promotional visit to Chicago, Karp spent more than an hour passionately explaining his work.

It's based on 25 years of experience as a pediatrician and research — his own and others' — into infant-care techniques used by different cultures throughout history.

His methods are for babies in their first few months of life, when infants are more like fetuses than the smiling little angels parents-to-be dream about, Karp said. The methods work for the periodic fussiness common in early infancy and for colic, the persistent, inconsolable crying fits that affect some young babies. Some babies only need a few of the tricks to calm down, others require all five, he said.

Recreating the uterine environment, and starting with swaddling is the key, Karp said. To be effective, he said, swaddling must be done with a blanket large enough to wrap the baby papoose-style, arms-down, and tight to duplicate the cramped womb.

Shushing, the quieting noise parents worldwide use almost instinctively to calm babies, must be done loudly, since research has shown uterine noise is about twice as loud as a vacuum cleaner, Karp said.

"Shushing comes naturally but no one really does it loud enough," he said. "In babies' language, it means 'I love you, everything's going to be fine — it's their national anthem — but it has to be as loud as the crying.'"

With a tousled mane of graying brown hair, penetrating gaze and unabashed zealotry, the 51-year-old Karp could be called a brazen self-promoter. But there's also an air of earnestness about him. And he points out that many of the methods are explained for free on his Web site, www.thehappiestbaby.com.

"We've had all the ingredients in front of us all the time," Karp said. "It's just the way it's all put together."

Nonetheless, the book's subtitle calls the methods "the new way to calm crying." And Karp's occasional failure to identify whose theories he's borrowed has ruffled some feathers.

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— DR. STEVEN SHELOV
 "Caring for Your Baby and Young Child" editor

Chicago pediatrician Dr. Marc Weissbluth says his own popular guide to helping babies sleep better talks about young infants being fetus-like, "which (Karp) doesn't give any reference to."

Noted pediatrician Dr. T. Berry Brazelton, who said he hasn't read Karp's book, said he believed the methods were too simple.

Dr. Bradley Thatch, a Washington University pediatrics professor and prominent Sudden Infant Death Syndrome researcher, says Karp's methods could potentially be dangerous. Overzealous parents may swaddle too tight and interfere with the infant's breathing. Or, Thatch said, they might misinterpret Karp's advice to calm babies by putting them on their sides or stomachs, and instead have them sleep in those positions — which increases the SIDS risk.

Karp says babies should be moved to their backs for sleeping and his book mentions the SIDS risk — but Thatch says not prominently enough. The paperback version coming out next year will emphasize the risk even more, Karp said.

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STATE



Davis woos farmers in two-day swing through state

BY ALEXA H. BLUTH
Associated Press Writer

COACHELLA — Gov. Gray Davis began a two-day swing through the state's rural reaches to rally farmworkers and voters in the southern deserts and coastal farmlands.

"I am putting my faith ... in your hands," Davis told about 500 students and farmworkers at an afternoon rally held Sunday at the Coachella Valley High School gymnasium. "I am asking you to work hard between now and Nov. 5, to walk precincts, to tell your neighbors to vote."

The statewide tour is part of two busy final weeks of campaigning for Davis and GOP challenger Bill Simon, who spent Sunday lunching with Central Coast Republicans and seeking support in San Jose, the heart of high-tech Silicon Valley.

During a brief news conference in San Jose, Simon urged Davis to defend his fund-raising tactics. Simon has made Davis' prolific fund-raising a key issue in his campaign, frequently calling Davis the "coin-operated governor."

Simon said his concerns included a report in the San Francisco Chronicle on Sunday that linked campaign donations by wealthy Californians to requests some had pending before the California Coastal Commission.

"I think that the governor should provide explanations for some of the situations that have appeared in the press," Simon told reporters at the San Jose Jet Center.

Simon deflected criticism that his is the worst run GOP campaign in the country, and jovially maintained that he would win the Nov. 5 election.

At a central coast stop at the Avila Beach Golf Resort, Simon told about 200 people that the governor has his eye on the White House.

"If Gray Davis wins, his transition team is going to be focused on Washington, D.C., and getting elected President of the United States," Simon said. "My transition team, if I'm lucky enough to be elected, is going to be focused on all of you."

Davis has said he has no plans to run

for the presidency while in the governor's office.

For Davis, Sunday's rallies had dual purposes: Attracting voters from rural, traditionally conservative areas and rallying support from a passionate farmworkers lobby that won a key victory last month when Davis signed an arbitration bill.

He was whisked away on a small jet paid for by his campaign to rallies where he appeared by the side of labor leaders including United Farm Workers co-founder Dolores Huerta.

"Now they have the opportunity to see face-to-face the governor who's supported them on a lot of their issues," said UFW president Arturo Rodriguez. Davis last month signed a measure requiring binding arbitration between farmworker unions and growers when they reach an impasse.

After his visit in Coachella Valley, Davis headed to Oxnard, along the fertile coast between Los Angeles and Santa Barbara, where mushroom, lettuce and strawberry farms abound.

After the full day of campaigning, Davis jetted to the World Series in Anaheim arriving by the fifth inning, where he joined a star studded group of fans in the private suite of Angels general manager Michael Eisner, chairman of the Walt Disney Co.

Davis and his wife, Sharon, munched on tortilla chips and salsa. The governor did not reveal which team he was behind, even as the Giants scored two runs to tie the game.

"He's secretly rooting for the Angels," Eisner said smiling, as he paced across his suite wearing a Mickey Mouse T-shirt and red Angels hat and jacket. Actors Dylan McDermott from the television series, "The Practice," Dennis Quaid, Jim Belushi and his wife, Jenny, also were in Eisner's suite.

Simon didn't attend the World Series, but an airplane flew over Edison Field toting a banner that said: "Vote Bill Simon for Governor! Go Angels!"

On Monday, the second day of his fly-around, Davis will visit Chico, a college and farm town in Northern California's Central Valley and the north coast's Eureka.

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Indian tribal leader jailed for stabbing at rap concert

By The Associated Press

CHULA VISTA — A Viejas Indian tribe official, along with two alleged accomplices, were jailed without bail Sunday in the stabbing death of a man and stabbing and wounding another man after a concert by rap artist Nelly, police said.

Viejas Tribal Chairman Steven TeSam, 42, and his 26-year-old nephew, Hank Banegas, both of Alpine, were jailed without bail for investigation of murder and attempted murder following the stabbings late Friday outside the Coors Amphitheater in Chula Vista.

TeSam is chairman of the Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians, which operates a casino in Alpine, about 30 miles east of downtown San Diego.

Telephone messages left at the office of tribal vice chairman Bobby Barrett were not immediately returned Sunday evening.

An unidentified 16-year-old boy, also

arrested in connection with the stabbing, was detained in a juvenile facility, said police Sgt. Gary Guthrie.

Investigators did not immediately determine a motive for the attack, which killed Faitamai Tauanuu, 30, and wounded Sean Bowers, 27, both of San Diego.

Police were alerted to the attacks after Tauanuu's friends flagged down officers as they were taking him to a hospital in their own car, Guthrie said.

Tauanuu died of multiple stab wounds in the upper torso.

Meanwhile, friends of Bowers were involved in a traffic accident while they also were driving Bowers to a hospital for treatment of multiple stab wounds in the same attack, Guthrie said.

While Bowers' friends were speaking to police, they recognized the car and alleged assailants involved in the stabbing, Guthrie said.

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STATE

Thousands walk for AIDS

BY SANDRA MARQUEZ
Associated Press Writer

WEST HOLLYWOOD — Eleven-year-old Isabella Robbins has a message to share with the world. She has HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, and it's OK.

Isabella, together with her classmates and parents, were among some 20,000 people who participated Sunday in the AIDS Walk Los Angeles.

The fifth-grader and her friends stood out along the six-mile course dotted with walkers, baby strollers, and celebrities who joined forces to raise an estimated \$2.5 million and awareness for the disease that has claimed more than 450,000 lives in this country. Proceeds from the walk will help the AIDS Project Los Angeles, which provides services to men, women and children with HIV and AIDS.

Isabella walked with about 20 people who all wore T-shirts designed by the girl that read: "My friend has HIV and she is cool."

"I wanted to like sort of show our group and tell that I have HIV," said Isabella, a student at a private school in Pasadena, of her decision to make a special shirt for the event.

"If you have HIV, you are not weirder than everyone else," chimed in her friend Nora Lang, 11. "You are just the same. You just have a virus inside."

Isabella and her friends are approaching the age group that event organizers

had hoped to reach.

"Half of all new infections occur among teenagers aged 18-25," said Craig E. Thompson, executive director of AIDS Project Los Angeles. "You can't just go out and preach to them. Sometimes the messages have to be really subtle."

Los Angeles, which 17 years ago launched the nation's first AIDS walk, has figured out a formula for making its annual AIDS walk both fun and glamorous.

The approach calls for tapping the star power of such celebrities as Eric McCormack, who stars on the NBC sitcom, "Will and Grace" and Ming-Na, who plays Dr. Jing-Mei Chena on another NBC hit series, "ER," to remind people of the reality of AIDS.

"There still is AIDS. You still can get it. Nobody is immune and these pills are not a cure," said Thompson, referring to protease inhibitor drugs, commonly called an "HIV cocktail" that have been shown to delay the onset of AIDS in some patients.

Los Angeles Mayor James K. Hahn lent his voice to the chorus of pep talks as walkers gathered at the starting line.

"We want a cure. That is what we are marching for," said Hahn. "Thanks for caring about your brothers and sisters. Keep walking and we will beat this one day."

In all, 16,663 people are living with AIDS in Los Angeles County, according to the county's Department of Health Services.

UCSF develops faster, more sensitive mad cow detector

BY PAUL ELIAS
AP Biotechnology Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — Scientists at the University of California, San Francisco have developed a new mad cow disease detector they claim is faster and more accurate than existing models and could "significantly reduce human exposure" to the fatal brain-destroying malady.

UCSF researchers said their test can detect 10,000 more abnormal prions — the disease-causing proteins — per gram of tested tissue than conventional tests.

Such sensitive readings could spare cattle wrongly diagnosed as having the disease, known as bovine spongiform encephalopathy. The readings could also detect infected cows now misdiagnosed with false negative results, said Dr. Jiri Safar, who was lead author on a scientific paper discussing the research published online Sunday in the scientific journal Nature Biotechnology.

Other prion disease experts agree the UCSF test is the most sensitive reported, but question how it will improve upon the current methods of diagnosing mad cow disease. Tests already available are sensitive enough to detect most occurrences of mad cow disease, they said.

"This is a Cadillac when a Pinto is all you really need," said Dr. Pierluigi Gambetti at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland.

Still, Gambetti said the UCSF test is impressive and could open the door to blood testing, which would allow diagnosis of mad cow disease while the cow is still alive. Currently, mad cow disease is only diagnosed by examining the brains of dead cows.

More than 100 Europeans have died of

the brain-destroying Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease linked to eating infected cattle. Some 179,000 cattle have been found to have mad cow disease since 1986.

One of the biggest challenges in testing for prion-related disease is distinguishing the abnormal prions from naturally occurring healthy prions.

The UCSF test employs antibodies genetically engineered to seek out and bind with abnormal prions in tissue samples. Safar said the test performed flawlessly on 1,729 samples.

Safar works in the lab of Dr. Stanley Prusiner, who co-wrote the paper and who won the 1997 Nobel Prize in Medicine for discovery that abnormal prions cause mad cow disease. The research was funded by the National Institutes of Health.

Safar and Prusiner also hope to profit from the new test, which is being considered for commercial use by the European Commission. Both are investors in InPro Biotechnology Inc., a tiny South San Francisco startup launched by Prusiner in 2001 and which owns the commercial rights to the UCSF test.

The company hopes to have the test on the European market by sometime next year, said InPro president Scott McKinlay. McKinlay estimated the commercial market for such a test in Europe to be about \$200 million.

If InPro receives EC approval to sell the test, it will be challenging Bio Rad Laboratories Inc., which dominates the mad cow test commercial market. The Hercules, Calif.-based biotechnology company sells an estimated 75 percent of the tests now used in Europe and has sold about 12 million tests worldwide, a spokesman said.

NATIONAL



Seeking a telling pattern in a killer's scattered spree

BY CALVIN WOODWARD
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — There is almost certainly a pattern in the Washington-area sniper shootings. Finding it is the devilish detail.

More than two weeks of frantic investigation and even more harried speculation have kicked up a storm of leads, theories, odd facts and false twists — a mountain of meaninglessness that may contain telling information if it ever gets sorted out.

"Yes, there is a pattern but whether it's one that can be easily discerned is another matter," says Iain Murray, an authority on statistics. "We're talking about human beings and there's always some sort of rationality behind them."

"Unless," he went on, "he's a dice man — deliberately being random by rolling dice and acting according to the roll."

The few noticeable patterns in the sniper case were thrown into question Saturday night when a man was shot and wounded outside a restaurant in Ashland, Va., near Richmond.

Police could not immediately say if the attack was the work of the sniper. If so, it would have been his first shooting on a weekend and was much farther from Washington than the rest.

Ashland is 85 miles south of Washington along Interstate 95; Fredericksburg, where two sniper shootings have happened, is in the same direction, about 50 miles from the capital.

Geographic profilers, who use computer grids and their own logic to try to figure out where a serial killer lives or works based on where he shoots, have said the sniper must be following a geographical pattern because such killers do.

It's just that they don't know what it is.

Generally, they believe criminals of his type operate in an area familiar to them, but not too close.

A geographical pattern was claimed by the man accused of putting 18 pipe bombs in rural mailboxes in May, wounding six people. He said he was trying to make a smiley face over five states. Authorities didn't see it and didn't know whether to believe it when told.

The bombs were arranged in circles resembling eyes and what could have been the start of a mouth.

In the sniper case, police have given the public little more to go on other than that the killer is a man. They have released sample images of a white box truck and white or very light Chevrolet Astro and Ford Econoline vans — possible getaway vehicles. They have not ruled out multiple killers.

The first of 12 shootings linked by police happened Wednesday, Oct. 2, when a gunshot harmlessly pierced a window at a Michaels craft store in Montgomery County, Md. About 45 minutes later, James D. Martin, 55, fell dead in a nearby grocery store parking lot, the first known sniper victim.

Four people in the county were killed the next morning, one that evening just across the line in Washington. After that the killer began mixing up locations in the course of wounding two people and killing four more before a lull that followed a slaying in Falls Church, Va., on Monday night.

"Eventually you fall back into a pattern," said Tod W.



Montgomery County Police Chief Charles A. Moose walks past a barrage of cameras following a noon news conference in Rockville, Md. Moose refused to discuss any preliminary findings in the investigation about the white box truck reported Friday evening by workers at a car rental agency near Dulles International Airport in Virginia.

Burke, a criminal justice scholar at Radford University in Virginia. "He's trying his best not to create a pattern, but he's got a pattern."

The danger for police is being diverted by the wrong pattern or one that does not exist.

"It's all too easy to put things together and find a pattern that could be misleading," said Murray, research director for the Statistical Assessment Service, which analyses science and statistics in public affairs. "We all want to be Sherlock Holmes."

Among the theories of crime experts taking their best stab:

■ That he has begun reacting to police and other public officials. All but two of the shootings have been at well-defined commercial areas — shopping centers or gas stations. But he wounded a boy dropped off at school, right after a weekend during which the public was assured that children had not been targeted and would be kept safe while at school.

His attacks have grown, if anything, more audacious even as public figures have branded him a coward and as commentators have sniffed about his marksmanship. He shot Kenneth H. Bridges, 53, at a Fredericksburg gas station Oct. 11 despite the presence of a policeman nearby,

and he shot Linda Franklin, 47, three days later in a lighted, busy parking lot in Falls Church.

■ That he has a job with weekend hours or is otherwise engaged on weekends — a theory that comes apart if the Ashland shooting is linked.

His morning weekday attacks have been from 7:41 a.m. to 9:58 a.m. Only one attack has been in early afternoon, 2:30 p.m. The rest have been from 5:20 p.m. to 9:15 p.m.

■ That there is significance in the fact that his first shooting was at a Michaels store and that other stores in the chain are near most of the crime scenes — as are many outlets of other franchises.

"Part of the problem with statistics and probability is that a lot of things are very common; you just don't notice them," Murray said.



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NATIONAL

Prosecutor seeks time to investigate admission in Central Park jogger attack

BY SAMUEL MAULL
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK — More than 13 years after a jogger was found raped, beaten and near death in a muddy Central Park ravine, prosecutors are trying to determine whether five teenagers were unjustly convicted for the crime.

Prosecutors from Manhattan District Attorney Robert Morgenthau's office were returning to court Monday to say they need more time to investigate an imprisoned rapist and murderer's claim that he alone attacked the 28-year-old woman on April 19, 1989.

Matias Reyes' claim, backed by DNA evidence, has forced prosecutors to reinvestigate accusations that the defendants, all of whom were 16 or younger at the time, were railroaded by the justice system.

Defense lawyers, civil rights activists and politicians urging the court to set aside the 1990 convictions say authorities mishandled evidence and coerced confessions from the unsophisticated youths.

The five defendants have completed their prison sentences, but their lawyers have said the men now want to clear their names. Morgenthau has said he would file to nullify the convictions, if the evidence warranted that decision.

The prosecutor's office is interviewing the convicted men, detectives and witnesses in the park that night. Forensic tests are being conducted and 15,000 pages of court transcripts and other documents are being reviewed.

Reyes, 31, is serving a life sentence for raping and murdering a pregnant woman and raping three other women on Manhattan's Upper East Side. He told investigators that about three months before his arrest, he raped the jogger, crushed her skull with a rock and left her for dead.

Sometime after midnight, the jogger, an investment banker, was found nearly dead in a puddle of mud and blood.

Within 48 hours, Antron McCray, Kevin Richardson, Raymond Santana and Kharey Wise had confessed on videotape to beating and raping the woman one called the "jogging lady." A fifth teen, Yusef Salaam, also made admissions, detectives said.

Investigators found virtually no conclusive physical evidence that linked the youths to the attack or to the scene. Prosecutors relied instead on the suspects' statements to win convictions at two trials in 1990.

How those statements were obtained by police is the issue in dispute.

Michigan straits ferries being readied for watery grave

By The Associated Press

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. — Before the Mackinac Bridge was built to link Michigan's two peninsulas, a fleet of coal-fired steamboats ferried people and their cars across the straits.

Soon, the last of those ships, named the Straits of Mackinac after the waters it plied, will slip into a watery grave but find a new life as an artificial reef and recreational site for scuba divers.

The ship's new owners — a group of divers calling themselves the Mackinac Project — plan to sink the 201-foot ship nine or 10 miles off Chicago's Navy Pier.

"You just don't see ships like this anymore," David Wetherald said while standing on the ship's steel deck at its mooring on Chicago's Calumet River. "This was pretty high class in its heyday. It's from a different era. It was a completely different way of life."

After the ship is sunk, the club plans to cut holes in the deck, giving divers easy access. The group hopes perch, bass and other native species will take to the wreckage and turn it into a new habitat.

Built in 1928, the vessel was the flagship of a fleet of state-owned ships that

ferried people and cars across the waterway linking lakes Michigan and Huron.

Early in her career, the Straits of Mackinac survived collisions with sister ships. But when the Mackinac Bridge was opened in 1957, the state ended its service.

A group of other former crew members bought the Straits of Mackinac from the state and began service to Mackinac Island.

But the ship required a large crew and burned a ton of coal an hour, and the Straits of Mackinac made her last ferry trip in 1968. It then spent many years as a floating warehouse in Wisconsin, then was sold yet again in the 1990s and abandoned.

A date for the sinking has not been decided.

Its crew members over the years included former state Attorney General Frank Kelley, who was 15 when he got a job on state ferries by claiming to be 19.

"You ate together, you slept together and, especially on payday, you fought together," Kelley, now 77, said. "One of the happiest memories in my life were those days on those ships. Those ships had a certain mystery to them."

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Babies are born without knee caps. They don't appear until the child reaches 2-6 years of age.

INTERNATIONAL



Saddam grants amnesty to prisoners in appeal to Iraqis

BY SALAH NASRAWI

Associated Press Writer

CAIRO, Egypt — With a U.S. invasion looming, Iraqi President Saddam Hussein reached out to his people Sunday issuing a decree meant to empty his jails of everyone from pickpockets to political prisoners.

Freshly amnestied inmates were seen streaming out of Iraqi prisons carrying their belongings in plastic shopping bags and some chanting: "We sacrifice our blood and souls for Saddam."

The government called the amnesty a way of thanking the nation for re-electing Saddam last week in a referendum, but exiled Iraqis said the hearts-and-minds move was too little, too late.

U.S. officials dismissed it as a ploy to rally domestic and international support.

"They better watch out where the next door is that puts them right back in jail. I mean, this is typical of this man's use of human beings for these political purposes of his," Secretary of State Colin Powell said Sunday on ABC's "This Week."

Wahid Abdel Meguid of the Al-Ahram Center for Strategic Studies, a Cairo-based think tank, said Saddam's move is an attempt to buy time. "Saddam has zero credibility. Nobody will trust him," Abdel Meguid said in an interview.

Saddam's decree, read on national television, said the "full and complete and final amnesty" applied to "anyone imprisoned or arrested for political or any other reason."

In another broadcast, Justice Minister Munthir al-Shawi described the amnesty as "the leader's bounty bestowed on those who walked in the path of sin and wrongdoing in order to give them the chance to return to the nation's folds."

Al-Shawi said the amnesty will not cover those who spied "for the Zionist entity," referring to Israel, and the United States.

Amnesty International accuses Iraq of holding tens of thousands of political prisoners and of torturing and executing its opponents. There was no figure available as to



Jerome Delay/Associated Press

Iraqis storm the Abu Ghraib jail 35 kilometers (21 miles) northwest of Baghdad following the announcement by Saddam Hussein that most prisoners were going to be freed. Tens of thousands of prisoners were greeted by their relatives and friends upon their release throughout Iraq. The government called the amnesty, which includes political prisoners, a way of thanking the nation for re-electing President Saddam Hussein last week in a referendum.

how many inmates the amnesty would involve.

Saddam has made a number of recent attempts to rally public support. Several weeks ago, he ordered a series of measures designed to consolidate his shaky power base through gifts and stipends.

Under these new regulations, plots of land have been allocated to loyalists in the army, government and the ruling party. A mortgage bank, which closed down years ago, was reopened to provide interest-free loans to selected officials. Salon cars, mostly French Peugeots, were sold at discount prices.

Since Saddam's re-election, his lieutenants — known for their sharp tongues — have softened their diatribes against opposition activists in exile and urged them to

return to Iraq.

But Iraqi dissidents were quick to dismiss the invitation as "arrogant, scornful and meaningless."

"This is not an attempt to revise his catastrophic policy, but rather to humiliate those who fought his dictatorship and oppression," said Ali Abdel Amir, editor of Al-Massala, the mouthpiece of the Iraqi Writers' Union in exile.

Akram al Hakim, a member of the steering committee preparing an opposition conference on a post-Saddam Iraq, said the amnesty was a sign of "weakness and deep frustration."

He noted that similar weaknesses by the late shah of Iran led to his speedy downfall in 1979.

"If Saddam had known even with little certainty that he could stay in power, he wouldn't have taken this step," al Hakim said in an interview from London. "For the first time Saddam realizes that it's serious and this time he has got to go."

According to Abdel Meguid, of the Al-Ahram Center for Strategic Studies, Saddam made such concessions because he thinks he can buy time and drive a wedge between President Bush and U.S. public opinion on the one hand, and the United States and its Arab allies, on the other.

Iraqi opposition groups, like the Center for Human Rights, which is linked to the Iraqi Communist Party, have claimed that at least 2,000-3,000 inmates were executed in 1997-1999 during what the regime dubbed as "Cleaning the Prisons Campaign" supervised by Saddam's youngest son, Qusai. The reports could not be independently confirmed. The Iraqi government does not comment on such allegations.

Some 3 million Iraqis have fled the country since Saddam came to power in 1979, most of them after Iraq's defeat in the 1991 Gulf War.

Bush has called for Saddam to be toppled, accusing him of stockpiling weapons of mass destruction and harboring terrorists. The British government said the Iraqi regime has probably the worst human rights record anywhere in the world.

Ireland gives Europe green light for eastward expansion

BY ED JOHNSON

Associated Press Writer

DUBLIN, Ireland — To the relief of Europe's leaders, Irish voters dropped their objection to European Union expansion and gave a resounding "yes" to a plan for nearly doubling EU membership and extending the Union to the borders of Russia, official results showed Sunday.

Final official results, announced Sunday by Irish election officials, showed that 63 percent of the voters approved the expansion proposal during Saturday's referendum — the country's second on the issue.

Ireland, which rejected the plan in a vote last year, became the last of the 15 EU members to approve a treaty, negotiated in December 2000 in Nice, France, to admit 12 new members, mostly former communist countries of eastern Europe.

Irish approval was considered the most important legal obstacle standing in the way of the historic expansion — eagerly awaited by Eastern Europe since the fall of communism more than a decade ago.

"The Irish in their great wisdom have symbolically

taken the last brick from the Berlin Wall," said Pat Cox, an Irishman and president of the European Parliament.

EU leaders, who were dismayed by Ireland's shock rejection of the Nice Treaty in June 2001, welcomed the outcome.

"We can proceed with enlargement without any more obstacles," said European Commission President Romano Prodi, who had warned a second Irish rejection would have been a "disaster" for Europe.

Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi said the vote marked "a fundamental step for the historic process of Europe's reunification." French President Jacques Chirac said the vote "opens the path to...the unity of our continent."

"The people in Ireland were conscious of their great responsibility toward Europe," German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder said in a statement.

With the Irish now on board, EU leaders are expected during their summit in December in Copenhagen to issue formal invitations to 10 countries — Hungary, Poland, the Czech Republic, Slovenia, Latvia, Lithuania, Slovakia, Estonia, Malta and Cyprus — to join the EU in 2004.

Bulgaria and Romania are expected to enter the Union three years later, assuming they complete economic and political reforms.

Before the Irish vote, EU officials had warned that a second "no" vote would scuttle not only expansion but also EU structural reforms contained in the treaty, negotiated in December 2000 in Nice, France.

"Today is a historic day in our relationship with our sister states of Europe," said Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern, who campaigned aggressively for ratification.

Critics blamed the June 2001 defeat on a lackluster government campaign and a low, 34.8 percent voter turnout. Turnout in Saturday's vote was about 49 percent, election officials said.

The news from Ireland was warmly welcomed by the leading EU candidates who have grown frustrated by having to wait so long to join the rest of Europe.

"This is a reason for our joy because it shows that no internal problems can overshadow the great idea, which is expansion of the European Union," Polish President Aleksander Kwasniewski said.

With the institutional framework in place for expanding the EU by 100 million people, pressure now shifts to EU leaders who must resolve differences over farm subsidies and other issues standing in the way of Europe's dream of peaceful union.

Robin Williams brings levity to troops in the Afghan desert

BY CHRIS HAWLEY

Associated Press Writer

BAGRAM, Afghanistan — Robin Williams bounds into a bombed-out airplane hangar, his arms wide, his body cocked as if about to catapult into the crowd. It ain't Carnegie Hall, but no matter. Williams is ready to entertain.

"Good morning, Afghanistan!" he bel-lows, and the crowd of soldiers at Bagram Air Base erupts into cheers. Some clamber on top of shipping pallets, craning for a better view of the comedian.

"I had a lovely military flight, thank you," Williams says. "I love spiraling in — nothing like that to make your colon go, 'Fire in the hole!'"

The soldiers laugh knowingly, and Williams points to the bullet holes in the walls. "And I love the lovely Afghan renovation in the wall!" An aide adjusts his microphone; Williams grabs it and drops into a stage whisper.

"I feel like we're at a golf match," he says, and mimics a sportscaster's voice: "Here we are at the third hole of the Afghan Open. We can't play the 10th

hole because it's still mined."

On and on the jokes go, each manic gag getting a bigger laugh. After all, Bagram Air Base is a place short on humor — a harsh, dusty place where soldiers work 12-hour shifts, six and seven days a week, in pursuit of an elusive enemy.

"These guys work so hard, it's good when someone like this comes over and shows support," said Sgt. Jason Gray, 26, of Philadelphia, Pa.

Williams visited Thursday as part of a USO tour that also included bases in Kandahar and Qarshi, Uzbekistan. The

Army let reporters attend on the condition they not report on it until he left the country Sunday. Williams' manager had asked for the restriction because the comedian's family was worried about his safety in a war zone, Col. Roger King said.

Williams spent a day and night at Bagram. He didn't give a full show, but shook countless hands, ate dinner in the mess hall and signed autographs amid a stream of wisecracks. "Ah! Who's hand is that?" he squealed while posing for photos with a group of airmen.



SPORTS

Beer, football and orphan fans at The Shack

(Editor's Note: Memo from the Events Desk.

Re: "Live Column" event at The Shack, Wilshire Boulevard.

Overall our experiment in "live" writing went pretty well and will no doubt be recorded with Beat-generation prose experiments. However, there was some small room for improvement. It was, for example, unfortunate that our "author" so quickly discovered the ability of the huge monitor to (a) intimidate fans from other areas and (b) obtain free drinks. We greatly fear that the power diminished his pure objectivity. For example, in the future, the Events Desk might suggest that our writer refrain from sophomoric comments, like "Buck-an-ear, that's what, two dollars a head?" These are not generally helpful and while our readers from Tampa Bay no doubt enjoy a bit of good-natured fun, it could be that Mr. Dunn challenges their basic good nature.)

BY DAN DUNN

Special to the Daily Press

Like most good stories, this one begins with beer. One minute I'm "researching" good sports bars for potential Miller High Life promotions, the next I'm agreeing to write a column "live," in a room full of rabid Eagles fans, some of whom are also drinking the "champagne of beers."

(BEER BREAK)

But two mentions of Miller beer is enough before the game actually begins ... at least, it's enough according to my agent, who should know and who also — suspiciously enough — hasn't called me back in three days. Hopefully, he was telling the truth about the check being in the mail.

And now, on to business. Namely ... (BEER AND BATHROOM BREAK)

Tampa Bay sucks! In fact, not only does it suck, there IS no Tampa Bay. It's City of Tampa. Though I imagine the bay might be a good place to drown the clown from Chicago who's inexplicably rooting for Tampa.

After suffering two straight playoff trouncings at the hands of the Birds, Tampa Bay can't be feeling very good right now. (Right now being just moments before kickoff — this is, remember, a LIVE column.) I imagine Brad Johnson is experiencing that same sinking feeling the producers of "Bob Patterson" must have felt when they suddenly realized nobody EVER wants to see Jason Alexander on TV again.

(BEER BREAK)

Dave Mokus of Santa Monica just asked if it's difficult writing a column live, with all these people watching.

"Nah, writing live is easier than Carmen Electra," I told him. "Writing amid all these beer breaks, on the other hand ..."

And speaking of drink, will someone please get me a shot of Jameson ... quick! On overcast days like this, my alcoholism tends to act up a bit.

(Shot of Jameson break)



Carolyn Sackariason/Daily Press

Philly fan Dan Dunn pens his latest diatribe live from The Shack on Sunday.

They CAN'T beat us!!!! At least, all the beer I've drank is telling me they can't beat us. And you know what else it's telling me?

Good Lord, was that a fumble? A turnover already? I think so. High fives all around. Somebody started the E-A-G-L-E-S song, and I have to say we're getting better as this game goes on. You know, the thing about watching a game in a bar is the same kind of communal experience that you get in a stadium, so what if you're a few thousand miles away ... the Universe is all connected, and for all I know there's a whole theory of Quantum Physics that explains how my hatred of Tampa Bay becomes one with the hatred of others, and pushes a pass just beyond the receiver ... and, hey, here's some beer just when I need it, keeping the balance ...

(BATHROOM BREAK)

You know, this reminds me of the time I scaled Mt. Everest without oxygen ... or shoes ... with one hand tied behind my back ... yep, I'm a hard-ass, all right. But enough of me talking about me ... Moke, what do YOU think of me?

"Dan, you're like school on a Sunday ... no class."

(NOTE: OK, Moke didn't say that, I did. But that one just kills me ... it really does. Every time.)

There's a bit of a lull right now at The Shack. Could be pre-fourth-quarter jitters, or it could be that people are busy buying drinks? And speaking of that, where's my Jameson shot?

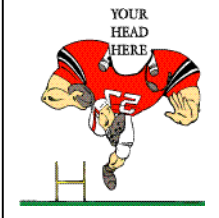
(GOOD-LOOKING WOMAN BUYING ME A SHOT BREAK)

Dan Dunn 310-555-1976 ... call anytime ... preferably when after you have drank too much ...

Where'd the loud-mouthed, Tampa Bay-loving jerk go???? Just when it was getting fun ...

I've just been informed that the loud-mouthed jerk was "fired" — permanently — from The Shack. Some ugly rumors about his tab, but then word that he was hon-

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1. WHEREAS: Professional football, as practiced in sublime near-perfection by the National Football League (hereafter: "NFL"), is a staple of American life comparable to bread, butter and bullets, and;

2. WHEREAS: professional football is contributing greatly to the virtue of our youth through positive life-lessons involving "big bank," specialization of labor and negotiation of performance bonuses, and;

3. WHEREAS: the community of Los Angeles (hereafter referred to as "El Lay") is certainly in the national borders of the United States if not always on Planet Earth, and (3:1) the community of El Lay is graced with transplants who have been, in various forms, kicked out of, and/or, voluntarily fled every decent place in the U.S. and various other sovereign nations, and;

4. WHEREAS: these kicked-out hordes (hereafter "Football Orphans") must INDEED SUFFER THROUGH bad seasons of their beloved back-home-town teams, and in some cases have borne great personal and financial sacrifice in somewhat reckless defense of the Honor of aforementioned back-home teams, (sometimes even unto the detriment/loss of basic human dignity, not to mention expenditures of monies usually reserved for rents, mortgages and in at least on case the final payment on an emerald-cut diamond engagement ring, and;

5. WHEREAS: it is unfair, uncivilized and unprofitable that the aforementioned Football Orphans cannot, in due course of human events, enjoy watching their home-town team either (A) beat the crap out of the adopted-town team or, in the alternative (B) lose only because of criminally poor officiating, and;

6. WHEREAS: the powers that be in this community of El Lay clearly have their cranium so far up their anal canal that achieving an NFL team continues to elude the nation's second-largest market, such elusion continuing even to the point of wondering if the team-attraction committee includes members of a certain "prosecution team" that once gained prominence in the investigation of one certain record-setting NFL running back;

7. THEREFORE, BE IT KNOWN HEREWITH: that the undersigned on this petition do humbly beseech and encourage the Powers That Be, civic and governmental and bartender-ial, to get off the dime and bring an NFL team to this great city, so that our beloved back-home heroes can come here and open an Economy Size can of WHOOP ASS upon the local team, and we further bemoan them to accomplish this Great Feat in time for us to make a killing off newly minted Expansion Team fans who still allow their alligator enthusiasm overrule their hummingbird gambling budget (or, in the alternative, lose to the locals and offer a chance to educate the newly-arrived fans to the terms like "Point Spread" and "Over and Under").

orable and paid in full — he just didn't fit in here. I reiterate, THEY CAN'T BEAT US!!!

20-10. Beautiful words. 20-10. But, glancing back, it's maybe one of those times you had to be there.

Biggest night of offense still not enough for SF Giants

BY JOSH DUBOW

AP Sports Writer

ANAHEIM — San Francisco's biggest night of offense this postseason wasn't enough to send the Giants home with a 2-0 lead in the World Series.

Four homers — including another monstrous shot by Barry Bonds — were wasted in the Giants' 11-10 loss to the Anaheim Angels in Game 2 on Sunday night.

Instead of returning to Pacific Bell Park with a comfortable lead and momentum from a memorable comeback, the Giants will have to regroup.

Rediscovering their offense won't be a problem.

Reggie Sanders, David Bell and Jeff Kent also homered for the Giants, who

have gone deep seven times in the first two games.

But despite the impressive display of longball, San Francisco and Anaheim are tied after two games.

The Giants looked like they were out of it after Russ Ortiz was hammered in a five-run first inning. It was most runs scored in the opening inning of a Series game in 23 years — when Baltimore did it against Pittsburgh.

Instead of being content with a split after a 4-3 win in the opener, the Giants rallied right away.

Bonds started it with the first of his three walks to lead off the second. He went to third on J.T. Snow's single and Sanders followed with his second homer in as many games.

When Bell followed with a homer —

just the 13th time players have gone back-to-back in World Series history — the Giants were right back in the game and dancing in their dugout.

San Francisco wasn't discouraged by Tim Salmon's two-run homer in the bottom half. The Giants got a run back quickly in the third when Kent led off with his first homer of the postseason.

When San Francisco put together a four-run fifth to take a 9-7 lead it looked like the Giants were in control.

Rich Aurilia started the rally with a double and Bonds was intentionally walked with one out.

Benito Santiago then singled off Ben Weber to load the bases. Snow's two-run single tied it and gave the former Angel four RBIs in the first two games.

With runners on first and third and two

outs, Bell hit a grounder up the middle. Second baseman Adam Kennedy made a diving stop and flipped to shortstop David Eckstein for the force.

Snow, running hard on the play, slid in and was ruled safe by umpire Mike Winters. Eckstein threw his arms up in disgust and briefly argued to no avail. Santiago scored the go-ahead run on the play.

Shawon Dunston added an RBI single to make it 9-7.

But the Giants didn't manage another hit until Bonds' two-out homer in the ninth off Troy Percival, which came too late to help.

San Francisco was the latest team to be shutdown by Anaheim rookie phenom Francisco Rodriguez, who struck out four in three perfect innings of relief.

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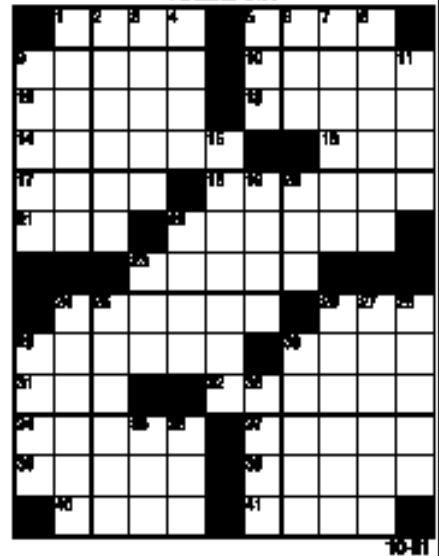
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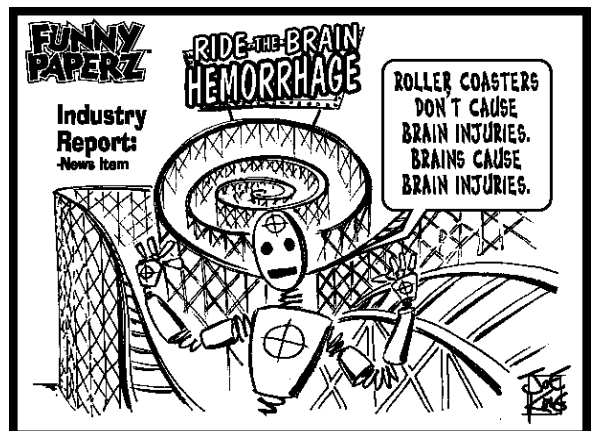
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Monday, October 21, 2002

movies

Loews Broadway Cinema
1441 Third St. at Broadway
Knockaround Guys (R) 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15
Welcome to Collinwood (R) 11:45, 2:15, 4:30, 6:45, 9:30
The Rules of Attraction (R) 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45
The Tuxedo (PG-13) 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00.

Mann Criterion
1313 Third St.
Sweet Home Alabama (PG-13) 11:30, 2:10, 5:00, 7:40, 10:20
My Big Fat Greek Wedding (PG) 11:15, 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 10:00
Punch Drunk Love (R) 11:00, 12:00, 1:40, 2:40, 4:15, 5:15, 7:00, 8:00, 9:40, 10:45
The Transporter (PG-13) 11:20, 1:50, 4:30, 7:20, 9:50.

AMC Theatre SM 7
1310 3rd Street
Red Dragon (R) 1:05, 4:15, 7:05, 10:05
Tuck Everlasting (PG) 12:20, 2:40, 5:05, 7:25, 9:45
Brown Sugar (PG-13) 1:25, 4:25, 7:35, 10:20
Formula 51 12:35, 3:05, 5:35, 8:05, 10:45
Jonah: A Veggie Tales Movie (G) 12:25, 2:30, 4:35
White Oleander (PG-13) 1:15, 4:00, 7:15, 10:00.

Landmark Nu-Wilshire
1314 Wilshire Blvd.
The Grey Zone (R) 11:00, 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45
Moonlight Mile (PG-13) 11:15, 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 10:00.
Laemmle Monica
1332 2nd St.
Auto Focus (R) 12:00, 2:30, 5:05, 7:45, 10:20
Real Women Have Curves (PG-13) 12:15, 2:30, 4:50, 7:15, 9:45
Secretary (R) 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:35, 10:05
Spirited Away (PG) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00.

Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave.
Below 5:30, 7:30, 9:30.

Today

Community

Toddler Time, 10 a.m. Barnes & Noble at the Promenade and Wilshire. (310)260-9110.

Santa Monica Strutters, a FREE program sponsored by UCLA Healthcare's 50-Plus Program! Walking programs for adults 50 or older looking for safe, low-impact exercise in a comfortable environment. The Santa Monica Strutters meet Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., at Santa Monica Place, Fourth St. and Broadway Ave. in Santa Monica.

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BACK PAGE

'Seventeen' magazine opens up hair spa salon for teens

BY JAMIE STENGLE

Associated Press Writer

PLANO, Texas — Tori Cecil doesn't hesitate when asked, "Do you like glitter?"

She certainly does, she assures the makeup artist, who begins turning Tori's eyelids a sparkly pink and marking her lips with a dark liner before adding a pink gloss.

Tori, a 15-year-old from Rowlett, is a new client at the nation's first Seventeen (a division of the magazine) studio spa salon. With pulsating music, sleek modern decor and makeup stations where customers are encouraged to dabble, the salon is dedicated to serving teenagers.

Marcia Blackburn, who was treating her granddaughter Tori to a haircut as well as the salon makeover, pronounced the salon cool.

"I thought it was very well done for the market they're attracting," said Blackburn, who describes herself as 50-plus. "I wish they'd had a place like this when I was her age."

It's just that sentiment that pushed founder Susan Tierney to develop the concept for the salon. "Teens were going to their mom's salon," she said. "They really didn't have a place of their own."

Jacqueline Blum, president of Primedia Enterprises, the licensing arm of Seventeen magazine's publisher, said the salon is another branding opportunity, like one already in place for products such as hair accessories.

"We felt that Seventeen was the right brand for a girl's first few experiences getting their hair done, getting their nails done," Blum said.

Tierney intends to locate 36 more Seventeen salons across the country by the end of 2006. The goal is to find markets with plenty of teens and plenty of money.

In that respect, Plano fits. Nine high schools are located within a seven-mile radius of Plano, a Dallas suburb of about 233,000. And the average median household income in Collin County was \$70,835 in 2000, the highest in Texas.

Parents pay the bill about 65 percent of the time,

though some teens have jobs, and others healthy allowances.

"It's a whole different generation — a very pampered generation," Tierney said.

Bill Steele, a household products and cosmetics analyst for Banc of America Securities in San Francisco, said teens tend to use their considerable income to buy products specially geared toward them — without regard for the big downers of the world, like saving for retirement.

"Teens historically have spent a vast majority of what's available to them," Steele said.

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— SUSAN TIERNEY
Founder

Anthony Liuzzo, professor of business and economics at Wilkes University in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., characterizes today's teenagers as the so-called baby boom echo. "We're seeing a larger number of people in the United States in that age category," he said.

The salon sells makeup, and hair and skin products. Teens test color possibilities at the "makeup bar." A cafe sells snacks, smoothies and even cappuccino. The young customers relax on a semicircular couch against assorted pillows while their feet get a makeover.

Looking for a little privacy? There are rooms for facials, massages or eyebrow waxings. To make the experience less stressful: No tipping allowed.

Customers browse computers featuring movie previews and polls aimed at teens. Music videos play on several televisions, and of course, the supply of

Seventeen magazines is endless.

A haircut, style and finish by a designer is \$30, \$45 for a senior designer. A makeup consultation and lesson costs \$40, an eyebrow tweezing and lesson, \$12. A spa manicure is \$25, a spa pedicure \$38. There's even a \$12 nail detail or \$15 buzz cut for the guys.

The spa also found brisk business booking parties for girls 12 and older. They can be tailored to include such luxuries as catering and limousines. A pedicure pit party, for instance, would cost \$40 per person.

"They come out of here feeling like a princess," said Krista Castillo, the events and promotion director.

Beauty experts suggest that getting girls hooked early on salon and spa services will make them loyal customers who are more willing to try new treatments.

"It'll become a lifelong discipline," said Melissa Yamaguchi, incoming president of The Salon Association, a nonprofit organization of salon and spa owners.

Such pampering may help boost the self-esteem of teens who are insecure about their appearance, said Kristy Hagar, a pediatric neuropsychologist at Children's Medical Center of Dallas.

But, she said, parents should make sure their children don't focus too much on appearance.

"It's important that it's not emphasized as an end-all-be-all to have perfectly manicured nails," she said. "I think that it can be positive as long as it's not taken overboard."

Fifteen-year-old Janie Rodriguez recently tried out the salon herself while also treating sister Holly to a day of beauty — hair, fingernails, toenails, makeup and facial — for her 18th birthday. The sisters were impressed.

"Everyone's real nice. It's real relaxing," Janie said as a manicurist worked on her hands. "It's a place where teenagers can hang out and have fun."

As her 13-year-old daughter got a haircut, Linda Cunningham flipped through a Seventeen magazine. "It hasn't changed a lot," she observed.

Cunningham said the prices seem to be in line with other good salons. "I think it's great for the kids."

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