

Santa Monica Daily Press

A newspaper with issues

L.A. may copy Santa Monica's feeding law

Opponents fear ordinance may quickly spread nationally

BY ANDREW H. FIXMER
Daily Press Staff Writer

A controversial Santa Monica ordinance regulating outdoor food programs has been introduced at the Los Angeles City Council, and the law's detractors say more cities across the nation may be considering similar legislation to control outdoor food programs, which officials believe may violate health codes.

L.A. City Councilwoman Janice Perry, whose district encompasses Skid Row, introduced a motion asking the City Attorney's Office to investigate whether a similar law is needed to protect that city's homeless population from health conditions that may make serving food out-

doors unsafe.

"I want to make sure we have some control over the number of feedings that take place and that they clean up after themselves," Perry said. "Right now, the programs are completely unregulated, and it's a serious health risk."

Perry said homelessness is a regional problem and public officials face similar problems in Santa Monica and Los Angeles.

"There are no walls between us and Santa Monica," she said. "This is a problem that flows from one city into the next."

The Santa Monica City Council enacted an ordinance last month in response to concerns from the city's business community which advocated for tighter controls on the public food programs commonly held in downtown parks.

Charities that run free food distribution

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Voters reject growth-related measures, both pro and con

BY LAURA WIDES
Associated Press Writer

With the number of Californians expected to hit 40 million by the next decade, population and growth loomed large on Election Day when voters decided more than 30 development-related measures on local ballots.

Yet voters rejected most of the measures, evenly trouncing proposals that both promoted and restricted development.

That so many even made it onto the ballot signifies a problem, said Bill Corcoran, Southern California regional representative for the Sierra Club.

"I think the fact these votes continue to happen, whether they win or lose, indicates broad dissatisfaction with quality of life in all these counties," Corcoran said.

The lack of support for the measures may signify voter impatience with a piecemeal response to the state's burgeoning growth, said Bill Fulton, an expert on California growth and planning and president of the Solimar Research Group.

"It may signify the voter interest in looking at the bigger picture and taking broader measures," said Fulton, noting that low turnout, and the tendency of conservative voters to cast "no" ballots contributed to their defeat.

Voters opted against expanding open

space in several cities, including in Tiburon, north of San Francisco, where a measure to protect a coastal ridge line from development lost. In Ventura County, a proposal to curb development in Simi Valley also failed.

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But voters also rejected moves to expand development. A measure to dot the city of Ventura's hills with nearly 1,400 homes and 40,000 square feet of retail space lost, as did an effort to expand development in nearby Santa Paula.

One growth-related proposal that did win was in Watsonville, where after years

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Post-election blues



Carolyn Sackariason/Daily Press

Campaign signs of winners and losers of Tuesday's election pile up at Hotel Employees and Restaurant Employees local 11 union hall, located at Sixth Street and Colorado Avenue. The union hall was the campaign headquarters for the living wage measure, which was narrowly defeated by voters Tuesday. The littered parking lot, which was pumping with supporters days prior, looked desolate as campaigners slept off their election hangovers Wednesday.

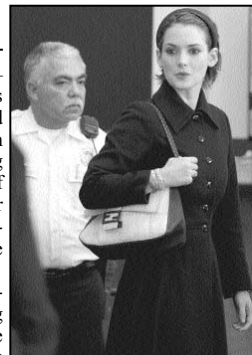
Ryder convicted of grand theft, prosecution won't seek jail

BY LINDA DEUTSCH
AP Special Correspondent

BEVERLY HILLS — A jury convicted actress Winona Ryder of grand theft and vandalism on Wednesday for stealing more than \$5,500 worth of merchandise during her notorious shopping excursion to a Saks Fifth Avenue last year.

The prosecutor dismissed any idea of putting the 31-year-old, two-time Academy Award nominee behind bars, but said she would seek probation, community service and restitution at sentencing on Dec. 6. The charges carried up to three years in prison.

Ryder showed no emotion after the jury, which included former studio chief Peter Guber, convicted her of felony grand theft and vandalism, the latter



Adrees Latif/Associated Press
Actress Winona Ryder walks into the Beverly Hills, Calif., Courthouse for her shoplifting trial Wednesday.

for cutting sensor tags off merchandise, and acquitted her of commercial burglary.

The actress withheld comment on her feelings

afterward.

"Thanks for asking," she said. "I just can't talk right now."

Los Angeles County District Attorney Steve Cooley said in a statement he hoped the court would "addresses the problems of the defendant that may have led her to engage in the criminal conduct of which she now stands convicted."

Cooley did not identify the problems and there was no testimony about any problems with which the actress may be dealing. Ryder in the past has said she has been treated for depression and exhaustion.

Defense attorney Mark Geragos said he will file a motion for a new trial on Dec. 6.

The bailiff said jurors did not wish to speak to

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★★★★ Laugh and work with the unexpected. A surprise proves to be delightful. Accept diversity and new possibilities into your schedule. So what if you need to reschedule a meeting or two? Work with what others offer right now. Tonight: Put up your feet, before someone asks you for a favor.

♎ LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Others seek you out, provoking some interesting ideas. Weigh the pros and cons before you leap. Your creativity mounts right now, when others feel out of control. Focus on getting the job done. Your efficiency does count. Tonight: Organize mail, bills, etc. Think long-term budget.

♉ TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ An associate supports a wild authority figure in your life. You find that going along for the ride is far easier, even if sometimes you might think you're at the top of a roller coaster heading down. Enjoy the many options life offers. Tonight: Pay bills. Check out a possible trip.

♏ SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Keep reaching for and seeking out answers. Your inquiring mind distinguishes you from the majority. You could opt to reverse direction about an investment or expenditure. A partner might not be happy. Do explain where you're coming from. Tonight: Dinner at a favorite spot. Help cheer up a loved one.

♊ GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Others present many options. You might need to revamp plans, as one grabs you as a distinct possibility. Don't underestimate the importance of flexibility, even if you feel like you are being pulled like a rubber band. Give a little more. Tonight: Do what you want first, then check in with a loved one or a friend.

♐ SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ You run a hard bargain. Taking risks seems to be innate to your sign, yet you could surprise others with the direction you decide to head in. Remember, ultimately, the person you answer to is you. Open up to the possibilities. Tonight: Treat a depressed friend to dinner.

♋ CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ You push hard to please a specific associate. Recognize the unpredictability of this person. Work with others as only you can. Sensitivity to your limits might also be important. Fatigue could set in. Consider cloning yourself! Tonight: Get some extra R and R. Screen your calls.

♑ CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Listen to others' reasoning, but ultimately take responsibility for your finances. You make strong decisions in this realm, anyway. A change in how you view your responsibilities could help. Claim your power this afternoon. Tonight: Know when to leave work.

♒ AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Clear as much work as you can during the daylight hours, when success naturally comes your way. You might not need to explain your actions. Still, it might be a nice thing to do. A child or loved one could be out of sorts. Tonight: Do your thing.

♍ VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ If you can work from home, do so. Test out ideas with associates or those with common interests. If you must go to work, add that homey touch to your environment. Demonstrate caring to those you work with. A relationship builds in intensity. Tonight: Make weekend plans. Think freedom.

♓ PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Take your place in the limelight. Others seek you out. Your spontaneity now helps you with the boss. Remember that no matter what, you have responsibilities. Schedule a meeting later in the day, when everyone can relax more. Tonight: Work as a team.

QUOTE of the DAY

"The world is a madhouse, so it's only right that it is patrolled by armed idiots."

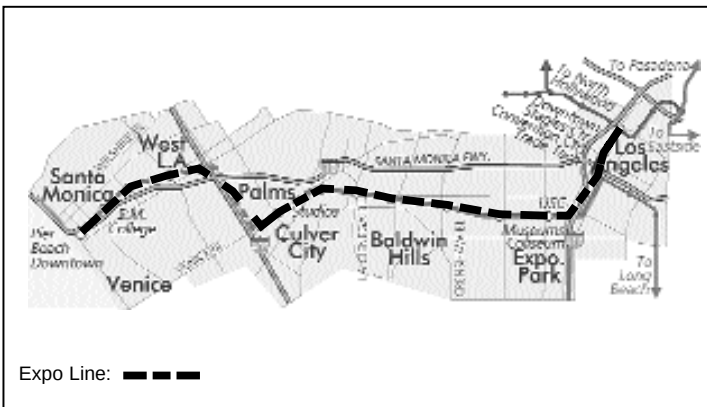
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File graphic

This is the route of the proposed light rail line which could run into downtown Santa Monica. A meeting on the plan is scheduled for Nov. 14 at the Ken Edwards Center at 7 p.m.

Light rail line to Santa Monica to be discussed

By Daily Press staff

It's well known that Southern California, especially the westside of Los Angeles County, leads the nation in both congestion and pollution.

It's not exactly a distinction to be proud of, most would contend.

What is not as well known is that early next year, a blueprint for how much federal dollars for transportation projects for the next six years will be approved.

Millions of dollars could be given to fund the Exposition Light Rail Project, also known as the "Expo Line," that would connect downtown Los Angeles to downtown Santa Monica. The line would run along what is known as "Exposition Corridor," roughly paralleling and adding the equivalent capacity of up to two more lanes to the Santa Monica Freeway, which is the No. 1 congested freeway in the nation.

The plan is both highly recommended by the Metropolitan Transit Authority and by the Federal Transit Administration in Washington. The fight for the federal dollars, however, remains fierce in these budget-scarce times.

There is a movement from westside residents who believe the rail line will improve their quality of life. They will discuss that notion next Thursday, Nov. 14, at 7 p.m. at the Ken Edwards Center in

Santa Monica, located at 1527 Fourth St., between Colorado Boulevard and Broadway Avenue.

There will be speakers present from Friends4Expo Transit, a volunteer grassroots citizens' group, Cycle Santa Monica! and the MTA. Also, a host of elected local, state and federal officials have been invited to support what some consider the most important relief effort to westside traffic in the near future. It's anticipated that most or all of the Santa Monica City Council will be present.

In addition to the Expo Line, the idea of future westside light rail projects, such as a Lincoln Boulevard Light Rail Line, as well as the impacts of mass and multi-modal transit efforts on the westside, will be addressed.

Speakers will also address such issues as can the westside get the rail line built by 2009, or will it be 2015, which is the end of the next transit funding budget cycle? And what can our elected officials do to ensure that westside taxpayers get their fair share of federal transportation dollars? As it is now, Californians get roughly 88 cents from every federal tax dollar they send to Washington.

Attend the meeting in search of answers to these questions.

The Web site of Friends4Expo Transit is www.friends4expo.org, or call (310) 393-9025 for more information.

surf report

Information compiled by Jesse Haley

It is looking sad out there for surfers. Left over swell is getting scarce and nothing new is expected until at least Wednesday.

Most spots in L.A. County aren't exactly worth surfing today as blown out waves turn to mush.

South Bay breaks like Porto have an advantage in term of size, showing some waist-high sets, but shape is fair at best, poor on average and closed out.

Some northwest swell is predicted Wednesday.



Today's Tides:

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Low-	2:56 p.m.	-0.91'
High-	9:10 p.m.	4.94'

Location	Thursday	Wednesday	Water Quality
County Line	1-2'/Fair	1-2'/Fair	A
Zuma	1-2'/Fair	1-2'/Fair	A
Surfrider	0-2'/Fair	0-2'/Fair	A
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LETTERS

A curse on traffic scofflaws**Editor:**

I am writing to announce that I have placed a curse on those residents of Santa Monica who are not using their turn signals. From now on, those who fail to signal will suffer from split ends, discoloration of the toenails and a constant fear of being unloved and lacking originality. And here's something extra for you knuckleheads who are talking on your cell phones when you turn without signaling: Your tongues will become atomic fireball candies and will burn and burn until you mend your ways.

Frances Northcutt
Santa Monica

DART: A highlight for community**Editor:**

I would like to thank the Santa Monica Fire Department for providing the Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART) training course. The instructors did an excellent job, teaching us practical, realistic solutions for emergency situations.

DART is a great asset to the community, and I encourage all residents to attend.

Joe Weichman
Santa Monica

Homeless on Main Street is criminal**Editor:**

My wife and I decided to take an evening walk on Main Street at about 10 p.m. on Halloween. We usually walk down Main as we live two blocks from there. I was born here in Ocean Park and love my community.

We were enjoying watching all the dressed up party people in their funny and unique costumes. It was very interesting and sometimes hilarious. We saw walking showers, a sexy nurse, '60s dress-ups and many others. One thing we also noticed was the unusual numbers of out of place homeless people (criminals?) who were cruising the streets seemingly looking for food or money or trouble. Many drink in the open on Main when no police are present. One lady we saw looked like she was shooting up something as we walked by!

One such person we had a startling and painful experience with. As we walked on the sidewalk, a large homeless man stepped into our way stopping us dead in our tracks. He leaned into our faces and said, "Do you have any change?" I said no and proceeded to walk with my wife on my arm. As we tried to squeeze by him, he hit me with his elbow,

striking me on my arm as we passed!! He penalized me for not coughing up "any change."

I was very angry, but held my temper and proceeded with my wife. Then I saw an LAPD car and told them what happened. They then stopped him. We had to wait for SMPD to show up, and it took about 45 minutes all in all. Just because I didn't give him change!

Turning a very nice evening into a not so pleasant experience. After making the report we just headed home to the safety of our own living room.

The nature of his panhandling was not aggressive, it was criminal!

This is not the first time we have had this kind of experience with these people who really don't seem like they are just homeless, but more like they are criminals searching for victims to terrorize or rob. They stare at you and your loved ones like you better give 'em something or you'll regret it.

Also we noticed that MORE of these types are on Main Street now that Bayside Corp. members have had them chased out of Third Street. They haven't left, just moved down to Main Street. If people will stop handing over money to these vagrants, maybe they will find another place where the people are so foolish as to think their cash handed to a person, who could be a criminal, is a good thing.

As for us, we are tired of this problem and want something to be done. We would like more police presence on Main Street as we pay taxes too!

I would like our city leaders to stop wasting out tax dollars on criminals, people who don't want to work, organizations that don't do what their contract promises and focus on solutions to stop this trashing of Santa Monica.

Derek Lantzsch
Santa Monica

Reduce our dependence on oil**Editor:**

The world's oil supply is limited. But if we were to insist on slightly better fuel economy for trucks and sports utility vehicles, the United States would not need any more Iraq oil imports.

We have the technology to produce better fuel economy in passenger vehicles, trucks and SUVs. For this reason, I applaud the decision made last week by the world's third-largest automaker to use hybrid gas-electric engines in all Toyotas by 2012. Combining 50 miles per gallon, a hybrid battery is charged throughout normal driving so that no plugging in is necessary. Tailpipe emissions of carbon dioxide are reduced to 40 percent less than traditional internal combustion engines.

So be patriotic and buy a hybrid vehicle. We don't need Iraq oil.

Hoyt Johnstone
Santa Monica

We mustn't allow interest to fade and spirit to die**TITTINGER'S TAKE****By Michael J. Tittinger**

Love is in the air, everywhere I look.

Just about everyone in Santa Monica had an opinion on the issues leading up to Election Day, and unabashedly shared it. I don't know about you, but I've never felt so loved since I've lived here — neighbors knocking on my door with free paper propaganda, mailboxes full each day with sleek brochures addressed to "Resident" and telephone messages by the bushel.

Even the president was asking for our support, well, actor Martin Sheen, who plays the president on TV's "The West Wing." The thrill, however, was tempered a bit by his insistence on talking about the proposed living wage ordinance. Truth be told, the recorded conversation was a bit one-sided.

But while we look forward to reclaiming our privacy and our greenscape (from all the political booster signs littering our lawns), we should strive to retain some of the spirit of the day. Be it for self-serving interests or global philanthropy, public discussion of the issues concerning each of us each day is a good thing. Little in life gets solved without

talking about it, and as a community, as neighbors (and maybe someday as a family), we here in Santa Monica need to talk things out; to stay in touch with those around us. If our neighbors were worth soliciting votes from, surely they are worth continuing a dialogue with on a consistent basis in regards to the issues that touch us all; for change is not affected only in November but year-round.

It is fitting that the city is retrofitting itself for the holiday season. Storefronts are strewn icicle lights across their window displays, as-yet-to-be decorated evergreens are finding their way into office lobbies and Hollywood prop-style ice pillars have been installed at the Third Street Promenade in anticipation of Christmas. While most scoff at the outright commercialism of the holidays, I say bring it on. Retailers' intentions are obvious — to sell more wares to more people over an ever-extending holiday season. But Christmas and its anticipated approach also has a warning effect on most, instilling us with a sense of awareness about the less fortunate around us, whether we pay it any attention or not amid our cattle drive to stores and malls.

But there is such a thing as "the Christmas spirit," and most of us observers have felt it in one form or another. It is an emotional time that stirs memories of those we love and those we've lost. And at its best, it is a time that prompts us to view our fellow human beings with a sense of charity

in our hearts. Mostly, it is a time we think of others, often putting them before ourselves. That's the Christmas spirit, and each January, when the decorations seem suddenly stale, and the uprooted evergreens are awaiting trash pickup, we lament the end of the season.

But what are we really lamenting? No more packages to open? No more decorative lights shining hope into the night sky? No more homemade cookies and stocking stuffers? I think, in our heart of hearts, it's a return to the norm; a return to the self-serving rat race where charity towards others is often an afterthought. I think it's the relinquishing of a spirit that instilled us, albeit temporarily, with love for our fellow people. It's a feeling we struggle to hold on to as the world around us seems perfectly content to revert back to the way it was prior to the holiday push.

But how many times have you wished that the season could last forever, not just as a child opening toys, but as an adult cognizant of the power that brought loved ones together to revel and celebrate? Most of us have gotten caught up in the blatant commercialism and store lines and muttered that we "hate Christmas" or "never again," yet we always come back. It's not because we enjoy running to malls or hearing the running-on-a-loop carols that begin permeating our psyches after the umpteenth playing. It's mostly because we love other people in our lives and we want to show them

we do. Buying presents is the cheap and easy way out, as opposed to showing affection and interest year-round, but it is an effort all the same. And, in the end, it makes us feel good to give. It truly is better to give than to receive.

So I say bring on the lights and the trees and the inevitable panhandlers with Santa hats, because if just a glimpse of the things associated with Christmas can alter our approach and interaction with others, then it is a good thing. Forget the lost meaning of the holiday stuff. We can use the crass commercialization in our favor, as a tool to remind us that we need to retain that Christmas spirit 365 days a year.

In the same vein, I implore the politicians and the boosters and all the voters of Santa Monica to retain the impassioned spirit that they displayed in the weeks leading up to Tuesday's election. And while we will all be glad that the mailers and phone calls and door-to-door visits will cease, we would appreciate the interest in our opinions and the opportunities to discuss them freely with our neighbors.

Let's hold on to that pro-active spirit, whether it rewards us with a vote in our interest or not. In the end, the rewards will be self-evident.

Mike Tittinger is a regular columnist who lives in Santa Monica.

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City's food line regulations considered by other towns

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programs for the city's homeless population will have to meet stringent Los Angeles County Health Department standards as well as city laws that limit the size of gatherings of public land.

Permits from both the county and the city will be required. If food lines are found to be operating without them, police will shut down the operation.

The law was scheduled to take effect Nov. 21, but Santa Monica officials have postponed its implementation until after Jan. 1 so that holiday meal programs will not be affected and meal providers will have more time to find alternative locations for their food lines.

Homeless rights activists say the ordinance is unconstitutional and nothing short of a cruel act of taking food away from the hungry. They are currently preparing a lawsuit against the city which will seek a court-ordered injunction of the law until the legal challenge can be heard.

Attorneys with the National Lawyers Guild, which is mounting the challenge, said whether or not L.A. moves forward with similar legislation is insignificant to their case.

"It doesn't have any bearing on the legal ramifications," said Robert Myers, a former Santa Monica City Attorney who is working on the lawsuit with the National Lawyers Guild. "The law is either legal or it's not legal. It has nothing to do with how many cities adopt it."

Myers said if L.A. was to enact a similar ordinance, the city would not be added to the lawsuit against Santa Monica. The suit could be filed anytime in the next few weeks, he said, and the National Lawyers Guild would challenge similar laws enacted in other municipalities on a case by case basis.

But Myers said that when one city passes ground-breaking ordinances, other cities watch closely. Myers — who was fired as city attorney in 1992 for refusing to write an anti-camping in public ordinance — said cities across the country borrow ordinances from other municipalities and enact them locally.

"Cities across the country continue to pass anti-homeless measures," he said. "It's a progressive city like Santa Monica that passes anti-homeless ordinances that sets the example for less kind cities across the country."

Already, officials in Santa Cruz, Calif. — which share many of the same problems as those found here — say there is interest in examining the ordinances enacted in Santa Monica.

"Nobody has officially asked me to look into it," said Santa Cruz City Attorney John G. Barisone. "(But) we always follow what goes on in Santa Monica with interest."

Santa Monica Mayor Mike Feinstein,

"There are no walls between us and Santa Monica. This is a problem that flows from one city into the next."

— JANICE PERRY
Los Angeles City Councilwoman

who voted against the ordinance regulating outdoor food programs, said he was "horrified" by the idea that Los Angeles and other cities would consider adopting a similar measure.

"This is exactly what happens when a community that should be leading advocates its leadership," he said. "It gives an excuse to everybody else to drop to the lowest common denominator and feel comfortable there."

Feinstein said he has already called and e-mailed Perry's council office to explain why he voted against the ordinance in Santa Monica and why he feels it would be a bad idea for Los Angeles as well.

"Two wrongs do not make a right," Feinstein said. "We don't want to turn this into a pinball region where the homeless are bounced from one area to the next."

Perry said her office has received many calls regarding her proposal, though she didn't specifically recall hearing from Feinstein. The majority so far have been supportive, she said.

"Mostly we have heard from homeless service providers," Perry said. "Two of them have already volunteered to work on the ordinance if we decide to pursue it."

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Actress showed no emotion as verdict was read

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news media until the sentencing.

The prosecutor, Deputy District Attorney Ann Rundle, said outside court that she found Ryder to be "very nice" and that prison was never considered.

"This was never about her character, only her conduct," Rundle said. "... We were simply asking for Miss Ryder to take responsibility for her conduct."

The burglary count required intent to go into Saks to deprive the store of property. Prosecution spokeswoman Sandi Gibbons noted that jurors often believe burglary involves breaking and entering.

Ryder was arrested Dec. 12, 2001, as she left the Beverly Hills Saks, her arms laden with packages. The jury was shown videotapes of her wandering through the store's boutiques and taking a large amount of clothes into dressing rooms.

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— ANN RUNDLE
Deputy District Attorney

The tapes did not show Ryder cutting off sensor tags with scissors, but a security guard testified she looked through door slats and witnessed the vandalism.

Security staff testified that after being caught, Ryder claimed a director had told her to shoplift to prepare for a movie role.

At the start of her shopping she paid more than \$3,000 for a jacket and two blouses. The defense claimed Ryder believed the store would keep her account "open" and charge her later. But there was no evidence of an account.

Ryder's arrest was international news and momentum of press interest grew when Ryder appeared on "Saturday Night Live" and on MTV joking about her case.

During her preliminary hearing, Ryder was jostled by a crush of TV cameras and suffered an arm injury.

Efforts to settle the case failed, but just before trial the

district attorney's office agreed to dismiss a drug charge against Ryder after a doctor said he had given her two pills found in her possession when she was arrested.

The six-woman, six-man jury included several people with Hollywood connections, including Guber, head of Mandalay Entertainment and previously head of Sony Entertainment Pictures when three successful Ryder films were made there.

"I have fulfilled my obligation to the court as a private citizen and will have no further comment on the matter," Guber said in a statement issued through a spokesman.

Sealed jury questionnaires released Wednesday in response to an appellate ruling won by news organizations showed that all the panelists were familiar with Ryder and her case but said they could be fair.

Ryder's films since 1986 include "Beetlejuice," "Heathers," "Mermaids," "Little Women," "The Age of Innocence," "Edward Scissorhands," "Bram Stoker's Dracula," "Reality Bites," "Girl, Interrupted" and "Mr. Deeds."

"Little Women" earned her an Academy Award nomination for best actress. She was previously a supporting actress Oscar nominee for "The Age of Innocence."

Ryder was raised by parents who were part of the counterculture revolution in the 1960s. Her godfather was the late LSD guru Timothy Leary.

In 1993, Ryder posted a \$200,000 reward in the kidnapping-murder of a 12-year-old girl, Polly Klaas, in Petaluma, Calif., where the actress grew up. When Ryder was charged with shoplifting, Polly's father, Mark, came to legal proceedings to support her.

In recent years Ryder has been featured frequently in fashion magazines. Her delicate beauty and waiflike persona were on display at the trial along with a wardrobe of appropriate trial clothes — dark sweaters and skirts, soft dresses and, on the climactic day of closing arguments, a cream silk suit with a pleated skirt and short jacket.

Voter dissatisfaction very obvious

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of negotiation, pro- and anti-development camps reached a compromise on how to shape growth in the heavily

agricultural area.

"Watsonville was the easily the most admirable measure that was on the ballot this year," Fulton said.

Watsonville Mayor Betty Bobeda attributed the measure's success to more than three years of good-faith negotiations between environmentalists afraid of urban sprawl and residents in need of more housing. The plan protects open space, mandates more affordable housing and provides the city with opportunities to attract industry.

"It's a win for everybody, because everyone had a hand in creating the initiative," Bobeda said.

In cities in Sonoma and San Francisco counties, affordable housing measures passed. In the Sacramento suburb of Galt, an effort to limit residential permits failed.

"Housing prices have become so high that families earning \$90,000 a year are having trouble finding a home," Fulton said. "It's finally penetrated the NIMBY attitude."

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STATE



Toxicologist killed to protect drug use and affair

BY MICHELLE MORGANTE
Associated Press Writer

SAN DIEGO — A coroner's toxicologist poisoned her husband and staged a fake suicide scene so he wouldn't tell her employer about her drug addiction and affair with her boss, a prosecutor told jurors Wednesday in closing arguments.

Deputy District Attorney Dan Goldstein attempted to punch holes in the explanations given by Kristin Rossum about the death of her husband two years ago, on Nov. 6, 2000.

Rossum is accused of giving Greg de Villers an overdose of fentanyl, a painkiller 80 times more powerful than morphine, then staging a suicide scene with red rose petals scattered around his body.

Investigators allege Rossum stole the painkiller, along with other drugs, from an evidence locker at her office. They claim she chose fentanyl because she knew forensic investigators were unlikely to test for it.

If convicted, the 26-year-old Rossum faces life in prison without the possibility of parole. The defense was expected to present arguments late Wednesday or Thursday.

The defense claims de Villers, 26, killed himself because he was depressed over his failing marriage.

Rossum testified de Villers told her before he died that he took a combination of old prescription drugs. Goldstein pointed out that no drug containers, syringes or other delivery devices were found at the scene.

"There's no evidence of what caused Greg's death at the apartment because she hid it," he said.

De Villers failed to answer repeated calls from his office that day despite Rossum's testimony he was conscious enough to speak to her in the morning and afternoon, Goldstein said.

A bedroom phone sat next to de Villers head and rang all day but went unanswered, Goldstein said.

"Why? Because he's comatose. ... He's dying," he said.

An autopsy showed de Villers likely died about 8:30 p.m. and his bladder had not been emptied for 10 hours, Goldstein reminded jurors.

In the meantime, Rossum made repeated calls to her lover and boss, Michael Robertson, Goldstein said, suggesting he helped Rossum plan the murder.

Robertson, the former chief toxicologist at the San Diego County Medical Examiner's Office and an expert on fentanyl, has not been charged in the case and did not testify.

He and Rossum were fired from the coroner's office in December 2000, and he returned to his native Australia.

Goldstein said Rossum and Robertson knew the lab did not test for fentanyl. A colleague testified Robertson

was "surprised" when he was told de Villers' tissue samples would be sent to another lab for testing.

The prosecutor pointed to photos of rose petals at the death scene. They were fresh enough to leave smudge marks on the carpet when stepped on, even though Rossum contends the flowers were nearly 2-weeks-old, he said. A receipt was introduced at trial showing Rossum bought a single rose that day.

Her story about de Villers' death is "bizarre," he said. "Under every stone you turn is a piece of evidence that logically concludes it was a homicide, not a suicide," he said.

A motive, he said, "is the oldest one in the book: Killing for love."

'Got Milk?' Biggs residents say no thanks

By The Associated Press

BIGGS — The Biggs City Council rejected a proposal Monday to become the poster town for the milk industry's "Got Milk?" campaign.

The California Milk Processor Board approached the small town of 1,793 two weeks ago with offers of cash and fame if it renamed itself after the popular advertising campaign and became home to a possible Got Milk? museum.

After 90 minutes of discussion, some tears and expressions of gratitude for the town's namesake, Major Marion Biggs, a prominent wheat grower in the 1870's, the council buried the milk marketing stunt in short order.

"As of tonight, it is dead,"

Councilman William Thebach said as he made a motion to reject the milk board's proposal. Several hundred citizens of Biggs rose to second the motion and applaud the decision.

It all began when Mayor Sharleta Callaway received a letter from Jeff Manning, executive director of the milk board, a group of middlemen who move milk from dairies to markets.

Since word of the letter leaked to the press, the town has been besieged with satellite TV trucks, reporters and at least 2,000 e-mails to Callaway from lactose intolerant people.

The town's residents pressed Manning to elaborate on the cash offer, which they said was needed for street repairs and school improvements, but they never got

actual numbers.

One critic, Susie Byers, who runs a tax service in town, said, "There was never an offer of money, nothing that will benefit the town. At this point, all it does is make us the laughing stock."

"It was the wrong town," Manning said. "I respect their decision. The focus became on how much we can give them but that was never the intent."

The intent, he said, was "to put a town on the map, raise their profile, awareness, draw people to the town -- people who would spend money -- and the town would benefit."

Manning is still holding out for a couple dozen other California towns that also received the offer.



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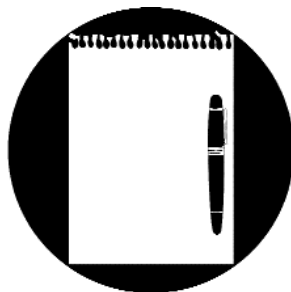
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NATIONAL

Triumphant GOP looks to new Capitol agenda

BY DAVID ESPO
AP Special Correspondent

WASHINGTON — President Bush and his party savored sweeping midterm election victories Wednesday and began sketching an agenda for a new, Republican-controlled Congress. Minority House Democrats jockeyed for position in the event Rep. Richard Gephardt steps down as party leader.

"I'm excited to be able to be on offense," said Republican Sen. Trent Lott of Mississippi, the once and future Senate majority leader. He said GOP priorities will include a new Department of Homeland Security as well as targeted tax cuts to help the economy. He added that Bush's judicial nominees could expect speedier review.

Bush made no public remarks during the day, and aides said he wanted to avoid giving the appearance of gloating. "There's a lot more to do and the president looks forward to working with Democrats and Republicans to do it," said his spokesman, Ari Fleischer.

Republicans were assured of 51 seats in the new Senate, a gain of two. Democrats had 48, including one independent. One race remained in doubt, in Louisiana, where Democratic Sen. Mary Landrieu will face Republican Suzanne Terrell in a December runoff.

In the House, Republicans had 227 seats — a gain of four — and led for one more. Democrats won 203, and led for three. There was one independent.

The elections marked a remarkable triumph for Republicans, who bucked history to gain seats in a midterm election in which they held the White House.

"I think you have to give an awful lot of credit to the president of the United States," said Lott. "He put his prestige on the line and I think it made a huge difference in this election."

One Republican polling firm circulated the results of an election-night survey that made the same point, saying that late-deciding voters gave Bush higher approval ratings than the country at large — and that support for the president was

higher, still, among voters in the pivotal House districts where the battle for control was settled.

Democrats conceded the obvious. "This was one tough night," Senate Democratic Leader Tom Daschle said on the morning after, appearing on NBC's "Today" show.

And some party activists grumbled about the party's leadership. "There wasn't any unified message," said David Worley, former chairman of the party in Georgia. "I think the national leadership did a miserable job of giving a theme to the election."

Eight years in the minority, now facing two more, House Democrats looked ahead uncertainly to leadership elections next week.

With Gephardt expected to decide on his plans within a day or two, a race to replace him was already shaping up between a California liberal, Rep. Nancy Pelosi, and a Texas moderate, Martin Frost of Texas.

"The country moved to the right yesterday and House Democrats won't win a majority by moving further to the left," said Tom Eisenhauer, spokesman for Frost. Pelosi ranks second on the current leadership ladder, one rung above Frost.

Gephardt, a likely contender for the presidency in 2004, flew back to the capital from his Missouri congressional district to decide his next step. The 26-year congressional veteran is "going to spend a day with his wife and family and talk to friends and advisers and begin making a decision about his future," said his spokesman, Erik Smith. "If he chooses to run for minority leader we're confident he'll win."

Even so, one Democratic lawmaker suggested publicly it was time for a change.

"It's obvious that we need some fresh faces and in some cases fresh ideas," Rep. Harold Ford, of Tennessee said on Don Imus' syndicated radio show. Rank-and-file Democrats are asking "some pretty tough questions about his leadership," Ford said of Gephardt.

Judge orders O.J. Simpson arrested for missing hearing

By The Associated Press

MIAMI — A judge ordered O.J. Simpson arrested Wednesday after both he and his attorney missed a court appearance on a charge the former football star sped through a manatee zone in a power boat.

Judge Ana Maria Pando issued a bench warrant, which means Simpson would be arrested if he were spotted by police. The judge could withdraw the warrant if either Simpson or his attorney appears in her court.

Simpson's attorney, Yale Galanter, said his law firm had not received notice of the 9:45 a.m. court hearing. He declined to comment further.

Simpson chose to plead innocent instead of paying a \$65 fine for the charge stemming from a July 4 incident near downtown Miami. He was ticketed for creating a wake in a manatee zone, the equivalent of a speeding ticket.

The plea, however, was filed five days after Simpson was issued an "affidavit of noncompliance" by Judge Martin Shapiro for failing to appear for a Sept. 12 arraignment. Galanter said then that Simpson was not required to appear in court on that date.

Simpson was acquitted of murder charges in Los Angeles in the 1994 slayings of his ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ronald Goldman.

A civil jury later held Simpson liable for the killings and ordered him to pay the victims' survivors \$33.5 million, a judgment that remains largely unpaid. Simpson now lives in Miami.

He continues to maintain his innocence in the killings.

Manatees, walrus-like animals also known as sea cows, are protected under federal endangered species laws. They are often injured or killed by speeding boats.

NATIONAL

SEC Chairman Harvey Pitt resigns

BY MARCY GORDON
AP Business Writer

WASHINGTON — Harvey Pitt, who provoked outcries over his ethics in a string of political missteps, resigned under pressure as the government's top securities regulator. The White House, said it could be "weeks, months," before Pitt is replaced.

President Bush wants a Securities and Exchange Commission chairman who will "help crack down on corporate corruption that the president feels so strongly about and who also will continue Harvey Pitt's very successful record of taking action against corporate corruption," said White House spokesman Ari Fleischer.

Pitt's turbulent 14-month tenure as chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission came at a time when the administration needed to shore up investors rattled by accounting scandals.

The Democrats lost one of their favorite targets. Pitt told Bush in a letter Tuesday that "the turmoil surrounding my chairmanship" had made it difficult to stay in the job. "Rather than be a burden to you or the agency, I feel it is in everyone's best interest if I step aside now, to allow the agency to continue the important efforts we have started."

The Bush administration defended Pitt's appointment and his performance.

"I don't think he went soft on the accounting industry," Fleischer said. "There were other circumstances that arose that Mr. Pitt reacted and resigned."

Three administration officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the White House welcomed the resignation of a regulator who had created political problems for Bush before Tuesday's midterm elections.

Pitt's stumbles had been seen as weakening the SEC at a time when the market was reeling from corporate debacles, including Enron Corp., WorldCom Inc. and Global Crossing Ltd., and the economy was fragile.

Senate Minority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., due to become the majority leader now that the Republicans have recaptured the Senate, said Pitt made the right decision. The SEC chairman must be someone "that has the confidence of the American people, the markets and both sides philosophically and politically," Lott said.

Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., suggested the White House may have wanted to "minimize the news" of Pitt's departure by making it known on election night.

Pitt attended a routine commission meeting Wednesday, listening to staff members and asking questions as they discussed proposals requiring attorneys to report company violations to a top executive. The five commissioners later voted to tentatively approve the rules and Pitt was hustled out of the room and away from reporters by aides and security guards.

Commissioner Harvey Goldschmid, a Democrat who had bitterly opposed Pitt's selection of former FBI direc-



Rick Bowmer/Associated Press

Securities and Exchange Commission Chairman Harvey Pitt presides over a meeting of the commission in Washington Wednesday. Pitt, who provoked outcries over his ethics in a string of political missteps, resigned Tuesday, under pressure as the government's top securities regulator.

tor William Webster to head a new accounting oversight board, said during the meeting that the last weeks have been "a period of enormous pain" for the SEC.

Another commissioner, Republican Cynthia Glassman, said in a statement she was "sad and disappointed" by Pitt's resignation. Bush could name Glassman or fellow GOP commissioner Paul Atkins — who both have worked in the accounting industry — as interim SEC chairman until a permanent successor is nominated and confirmed by the Senate.

Pitt's latest fumble came when he failed to share with fellow commissioners information about Webster's past before the agency voted last week to put him in charge of the accounting panel.

The revelation led SEC commissioners, including Pitt, to request an internal investigation of Webster's selection — and renewed calls for his resignation from Democrats and other Pitt critics.

Pitt withheld information about Webster having headed the board of directors' auditing committee at U.S. Technologies, a company facing investor lawsuits alleging fraud. Webster told The New York Times that Pitt assured him that SEC staffers had looked into the issue and determined it would not pose a problem.

Webster's future as head of the new oversight board was unclear; he said this week that he would step aside if he decided he couldn't be effective.

Trial begins for man charged with insurance fraud in wife's 1997 death

BY DEBBIE HUMMEL
Associated Press Writer

SALT LAKE CITY — The trial of an Illinois man who allegedly pushed his wife off a cliff while hiking at Zion National Park to collect more than \$1 million in life insurance began in federal court Wednesday.

James Bottarini, 43, of Ottawa, Ill., was indicted by a federal grand jury in October 2000 for fraud charges and interstate domestic violence in connection with his wife's death from a fall off a trail at the park.

During the trial the 14 jurors will be taken to the park, about five hours from Salt Lake City, to hike the same trail.

In opening statements, Assistant U.S. Attorney Richard Lambert said evidence will be presented that will "paint a portrait of a systematic gambler who bet he could get away

with murder."

"What he didn't count on is the friends and family who loved Patty," Lambert said. "He did not count on the fact that the pieces of his puzzle didn't fit."

Patricia Bottarini was an excellent athlete, but a woman with "a terrible fear of heights," Lambert said.

He said Bottarini was a controlling husband and the couple's marriage had been deteriorating. He told the jury they will hear testimony of those who witnessed Bottarini immediately after his wife fell, and how he allegedly changed his story.

Defense attorney Ron Yengich said the prosecution's case is based on speculation, not evidence.

Yengich showed jurors pictures of Patricia rappelling off a steep rock face and climbing the narrow trails of Machu Picchu, Peru, where the

couple were married in 1988.

The prosecution has misrepresented Patricia's fear of heights as well as other factors in the case, he said. His defense will prove that while the couple may have had marital problems, Bottarini did not kill his wife, Yengich said. Bottarini maintains custody of the couple's two children.

Bottarini and Patricia Bottarini, 36 at the time of her death, traveled from their home in New Jersey to Las Vegas on May 7, 1997, rented a car and traveled to Springdale, Utah.

The couple went to Zion two days later and began hiking the Observation Point Trail, which rises 2,148 feet.

They made it about 75 percent up the trail before stopping for a rest. Afterward, they turned around to descend and Bottarini allegedly pushed his wife, court documents say. She fell several hundred feet.

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NATIONAL

U.S. brings charges in two alleged terrorism plots

BY CURT ANDERSON
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — In a strike against the "toxic combination" of drugs and terrorism, U.S. officials announced charges Wednesday targeting two alleged plots to sell millions of dollars in illegal drugs to finance weapons purchases for Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida organization and a Colombian paramilitary group.

Attorney General John Ashcroft, FBI Director Robert Mueller and Asa Hutchinson, director of the Drug Enforcement Administration, said the separate cases demonstrate the strong link between drug trafficking and terrorism.

One set of charges involves a plot by four people, two of them Houston-based, to trade \$25 million in cocaine and cash for a huge cache of weapons to be sent to the Colombian United Self-Defense Forces, an 8,000-member paramilitary group known by its Spanish acronym, AUC.

U.S. authorities said the four suspects believed they were going to trade the money and cocaine for 9,000 AK-47s and other assault rifles; grenade launchers and nearly 300,000 grenades; 300 pistols; shoulder-fired anti-aircraft missiles and about 53 million rounds of ammunition.

In the second case, three people are charged with trying to sell heroin and hashish to buy four shoulder-fired Stinger anti-aircraft missiles for the al-Qaida terror network. An indictment says the al-Qaida link was provided by the suspects themselves.

Top U.S. law enforcement officials hailed the arrests in both cases as a serious blow against terrorism.

"We have learned and we have demonstrated that drug traffickers and terrorists work out of the same jungle, they plan in the same cave, and they train in the same desert," Hutchinson said.

Ashcroft said the "toxic combination of drugs and terrorism" endangers national security.

In the Houston case, dubbed "Operation White Terror," undercover agents videotaped meetings in London, the Virgin Islands and Panama City at which the defendants allegedly discussed exchanging drugs and cash for weapons headed for the AUC, Ashcroft said.

The AUC is the umbrella group for right-wing paramilitaries blamed for most of Colombia's massacres and hundreds of assassinations. The State Department considers the AUC and the two main left-wing guerrilla armies it opposes to be terrorist organizations. AUC's leader, Carlos Castano, already is charged in the United States with exporting 17 tons of cocaine into the United States and Europe.

According to an FBI affidavit, undercover officers taped an April 28, 2002, meeting at a warehouse in St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands, in which one of the suspects and a self-described AUC weapons

expert called "Raquel" allegedly inspected a cache of Russian-made weapons actually provided by the FBI.

Authorities also seized numerous e-mails involving the negotiations, including one from a top AUC commander saying his associates must have "a visual inspection of the whole farm" — believed to refer to the weapons — before terms could be settled.

The four were charged in Houston with conspiracy to distribute cocaine and conspiracy to provide material support and resources to a foreign terrorist organization. The charges could carry up to life in prison, Ashcroft said.

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— JOHN ASHCROFT
U.S. Attorney General

Two suspects were identified as Uwe Jensen, 66, and Carlos Ali Romero Varela, 43, both of Houston. There was less detail on two others: Carlos Lopez and an individual identified only as "Commandant Emilio."

Jensen was arrested Tuesday in Houston. The three others were arrested Tuesday in San Jose, Costa Rica, after traveling there to finalize the deal with U.S. undercover agents. They face extradition to the United States.

In the San Diego case, Ashcroft released an indictment against two Pakistanis and one U.S. citizen originally from India who have been held since Sept. 20 in Hong Kong. They allegedly sought to sell 600 kilograms of heroin and five metric tons of hashish in the San Diego area and use the money to buy Stinger missiles.

The three suspects in custody in Hong Kong were identified as Syed Mustajab Shah and Muhammed Abid Afridi, both of Pakistan, and Ilyas Ali of Minneapolis.

They appeared in a Hong Kong court on Tuesday to fight extradition to the United States. Hong Kong, a former British colony now under Chinese rule, has an extradition treaty with the United States.

During a visit to Asia last month, Ashcroft praised Hong Kong for helping cut off terrorist financing and met with local officials about finding new ways to cooperate in the anti-terror war. He repeated that praise for China on Wednesday.

"They did cooperate with us at a very effective level, and for which we are grateful," Ashcroft said.

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INTERNATIONAL



Security Council consultations begin on Iraq resolution

BY EDITH M. LEDERER

Associated Press Writer

UNITED NATIONS — The United States took a final revision of its Iraq resolution to the Security Council on Wednesday in hopes of winning approval after eight weeks of tumultuous negotiations with wary allies concerned it could trigger a new war against Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein.

The draft has changed significantly since it was first introduced last month, but U.S. officials said the bottom line remains the same: tough new weapons inspections coupled with a threat of "serious consequences" if Iraq fails to comply.

While the revised draft offers major concessions to critics, it still frees the Bush administration to take military action against Iraq without a second resolution.

In an attempt to meet French and Russian concerns, the new U.S. draft gives Saddam "a final opportunity" to comply with U.N. inspectors, holds out the possibility of lifting sanctions against Iraq, and adds a reaffirmation of Iraq's sovereignty.

But it remains to be seen whether the latest draft, written with British support, will satisfy Russia, France and others. The council spent 90 minutes discussing the U.S. proposal behind closed doors and agreed to resume negotiations Thursday.

French President Jacques Chirac spoke by phone with Russian President Vladimir Putin; both felt "many improvements to the text are already in place," and the essential role of the Security Council is affirmed, the French leader's spokeswoman said.

However, the leaders agreed "it remains necessary to remove certain ambiguities" that could automatically trigger the use of force, said spokeswoman Catherine Colonna.

Russia's U.N. Ambassador Sergey Lavrov wouldn't comment on the U.S. draft Wednesday, saying only, "we are not there, yet."

Diplomats said that inside the council, Lavrov cited several key provisions in the

U.S. draft that Moscow believes contained hidden triggers for the use of force.

U.S. diplomats met Wednesday with the other four veto-wielding permanent council members — Russia, France, Britain and China — before sharing the new text with the other 10 elected members.

U.S. Ambassador John Negroponte said he wanted a vote "by week's end."

"We certainly believe that this is a resolution that deserves consensus support," Negroponte said.

U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan, who attended Wednesday's council meeting, expressed hope that the council would speak "with one voice."

"I would prefer to see a unanimous decision, 15-0," he said. "That is when we are really effective."

For a resolution to be approved by the 15-member council, it needs at least nine "yes" votes and no veto by a permanent member.

Syria, which opposes a new resolution, said it has "a lot of concerns." Norway, Colombia and Bulgaria indicated they will support the resolution. Mexico and Singapore said they had sent the new text to their capitals to be studied.

Wednesday's consultations follow an extensive round of last-minute diplomacy. Secretary of State Colin Powell spoke Tuesday to his French, Russian, Mexican and British counterparts.

A U.S. official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Powell worked out some of the final points on key issues with French Foreign Minister Dominique de Villepin.

Minutes after the resolution was officially introduced in the council Wednesday, Richard Grenell, Negroponte's spokesman, said the new draft "calls for inspections anytime, any place, with no more exceptions."

The draft significantly waters down previous references to Iraq being in "material breach" of its obligations to disarm under U.N. resolutions — words Moscow and Paris argued could be used by Washington to trigger a war without Security Council authorization.

The new draft adds a reaffirmation of

Iraq's sovereignty, which Russia, China and other council members sought, and it specifically links a warning of "serious consequences" to a report to the Security Council of any failure to comply with inspections. The previous U.S. draft issued a general warning of "serious consequence" if Baghdad continued to violate obligations.

The new U.S. proposal includes several "carrots" to spur Baghdad's compliance.

It offers Iraq a chance to end 12 years of sanctions if it complies with all of its obligations under previous resolutions dating back to the end of the 1991 Gulf War.

The revised draft keeps a key U.S. demand, a statement that Iraq "has been and remains in material breach" of its obligations. But, at the urging of France and Russia, it offers Iraq "a final opportunity to comply with its disarmament obligations."

A second reference to "material breach" reiterates that any "false statements or omissions" in Iraq's declaration of its weapons programs or failure to comply with inspectors "shall constitute a further material breach" — but the new draft adds that this failure will now be

reported to the Security Council "for assessment."

However, the resolution does not meet Russian, French and Chinese demands that the possibility of force be considered only in a second resolution if Iraq fails to comply.

It calls on inspectors "to report immediately to the council any interference by Iraq with inspection activities, as well as any failure by Iraq to comply with its disarmament obligations."

The Security Council would then convene immediately "to consider the situation and the need for full compliance" by Iraq. But there's no mention of adopting a second resolution, leaving Washington free to act.

The U.S. draft retains most of the previous proposals to strengthen U.N. weapons inspections.

It requires Iraq to provide inspectors with "immediate, unimpeded, unconditional, and unrestricted access to any and all" buildings and sites, including presidential sites, where advance notice was previously needed for inspections.

DNA finally identifies child killed in sinking of Titanic

BY MERITA ILO

Associated Press Writer

TORONTO — Nearly a century ago, Canadian sailors buried an unidentified infant who died on the Titanic and, touched by the tragedy, called him the Unknown Child — a symbol of all the children who were lost when the luxury liner sank.

Now at last, the child is known. On Tuesday, Magda Schleifer, a retired Finnish bank clerk, visited the grave, which DNA tests have now established holds the remains of one of her relatives.

Schleifer had long known that her grandmother's sister, Maria, had died with her five children — including her 13-month-old son, Eino Panula — when the Titanic went down in 1912, causing the deaths of 1,503 people.

A Finnish survivor had told Schleifer's grandmother that Maria was offered a seat in one of the Titanic's lifeboats. "But she refused to leave the boat only with Eino, while her four other children were still in another part of the boat," Schleifer said.

Now, after two years of study, researchers in Canada have filled in the story, matching DNA remains taken from the grave to Schleifer.

The tests, completed last month, showed the Unknown Child was Eino, said Dr. Ryan Parr of Lakehead University in Ontario and historian Alan Ruffman of the Geomarine Associates LTD in Halifax.

Of the 150 victims of the Titanic buried in three graveyards in Halifax, 45 remain unidentified. But grave number four stands out as a symbol of the tragedy's youngest victims, ever since Canadian sailors erected a stone memorial on it reading, "Erected To The Memory of An Unknown Child."

When scientists exhumed the remains from the grave last year, they found only a wrist bone weighing less than a quarter ounce and three teeth.

Parr said a copper medallion inscribed with "Our Babe" placed in the coffin by the sailors may have helped preserve the

bone fragment from oxidation.

"The romantic explanation is that the sailors felt so much for that little boy, that they put the medallion to make sure he was preserved long enough for us to find him and identify him," Parr said.

While police generally work with recent DNA samples, analyzing samples almost 100 years old is more difficult.

The Paleo-DNA Laboratory at Lakehead University in Thunder Bay, on the north shore of Lake Superior, is among the few facilities in the world capable of extracting degraded DNA from old samples, said Jack Ballantyne, a DNA expert from the National Center for Forensic Science in Orlando, Fla.

"Based on my knowledge, it sounds pretty reasonable they have come with accurate results," Ballantyne said.

The identification process focused on mitochondrial DNA, or mtDNA, which is inherited from the mother. A famous case of ancient mtDNA testing involved Russia's last czar, Nicholas II and his wife, who were killed in 1918. Their remains were exhumed in 1991 and identified a few years later by tests in Britain and the United States.

Parr said it took two years of research to find the name of the Unknown Child.

"When I started it was the scientific side of the research I was more interested in," he said in a telephone interview. "I thought that after 90 years people would say, 'Who cares?'"

Once the testing at Lakehead University and Hebrew University in Jerusalem provided similar findings, Ruffman began searching for living relatives.

Dental tests on the remains established that they were those of an infant, narrowing them down to three of the six unidentified child victims from the Titanic sinking — a 5-month-old Swede, a 7-month-old English child or a 13-month-old Finn.

Helped with funds from U.S. public broadcasters including Thirteen/WNET in New York, which is featuring the find in its "Secrets of the Dead" series, Ruffman sought out people for DNA testing.

A brief truce



Nir Elias/Associated Press

The new Israeli Foreign Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, left, shakes hands with Prime Minister Ariel Sharon after Netanyahu was sworn in as Foreign Minister Wednesday. Israel goes to general elections within 90 days. Netanyahu will challenge Sharon for the nomination for the Likud Party as candidate to prime minister.



SPORTS

Dusty Baker leaving as manager of Giants

BY JANIE MCCAULEY
AP Sports Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — Manager Dusty Baker is leaving the San Francisco Giants less than two weeks after leading them to the World Series.

General manager Brian Sabean made the announcement Wednesday, the day Baker's contract expired.

"It has become increasingly apparent that Dusty's interest in exploring opportunities elsewhere is paramount in his mind," Sabean said. "There remained non-compensation issues that he seemed reluctant to embrace."

Sabeen said he recommended to owner Peter Magowan that negotiations end.

A three-time NL Manager of the Year, Baker has had differences with Magowan, mainly on who deserves the most credit for the franchise's recent success.

Baker becomes the first manager in nearly three decades to leave a team right after guiding it to the World Series. Dick Williams led Oakland to the 1973 championship and then retired — he was hired by the California Angels during the 1974 season.

The Chicago Cubs and Seattle Mariners are likely to express interest in Baker.

Sabeen said he will have a short list of candidates immediately.

At 53, Baker just completed his 10th year with the Giants. He led San Francisco to its first World Series since 1989 before losing in seven games to the Anaheim Angels.

But Baker apparently felt slighted because Magowan always pointed out everybody else's contributions when asked what he thought of Baker's role in the team's success.

Baker also became angry when Magowan said in spring training that this was the best team the Giants had fielded in his 10 years of ownership. Baker thought that put too much pressure on the players.

Beginning Thursday, he is free to talk

to other teams, and has expressed interest in the Cubs' vacancy. The Cubs were waiting until after Baker's contract had expired — officially at midnight Wednesday — before contacting him.

Cubs general manager Jim Hendry hasn't interviewed anyone to replace the fired Bruce Kimm, and is in Arizona for the team's organizational meetings.

The Mariners identified four finalists for their job Tuesday and Baker was not on the list. But general manager Pat Gillick has said he has a "mystery candidate" to replace Lou Piniella, who left for Tampa Bay.

Baker said during the playoffs that he did not intend to "break the bank" — meaning the \$6 million a year Joe Torre got from the Yankees — "but I want to be near the bank" on a new contract.

Baker has expressed his frustration that the Giants waited so long to discuss the possibility of him coming back — making him feel unwanted.

In spring training, Magowan said he would wait until after the season to address new contracts with Baker and Sabean.

Sabeen agreed to a multiyear deal Oct. 31, and Baker left the next day for a weekend trip to Indiana with his father.

While Magowan wouldn't say after the World Series whether he wanted Baker back, the owner did congratulate Baker on a fine year.

Baker has become one of the most respected managers in the game, and a fan favorite.

"I don't really know the ins and outs of the political environment in San Francisco," Anaheim manager Mike Scioscia said. "I'm sure it's going to come down to that, to some extent. I don't think there's anybody that can dispute Dusty's talent. He takes whatever the talent is and maximizes it. There's no argument he's one of the premier managers in baseball."

Inductees named for Pac-10 basketball hall of honor

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, who led UCLA to three national championships in the 1960s, and Tex Winter, a former USC player who innovated the triangle offense, are among 10 inductees to the Pacific-10 Conference basketball hall of honor.

Abdul-Jabbar later played 20 years in the NBA, where he is the only six-time MVP.

Winter, 80, is in his fourth season as a Los Angeles Lakers assistant and his 56th consecutive season as either a college or pro coach.

The other honorees to be inducted during the men's Pac-10 tournament in March are:

■ Steve Kerr of Arizona, whose 53.7 percent 3-point shooting average in 1988 remains a Pac-10 record. He played on four NBA title teams with Chicago and San Antonio.

■ Todd Lichti of Stanford, the Cardinal's scoring leader with 2,336 career points and Pac-10 career 3-point

field-goal percentage leader at .477.

■ Kevin Johnson of California, who had the first triple-double in Pac-10 history. He is Cal's career leader in scoring, assists and steals.

■ Ned Wulk, who had a 406-272 record during 25 years as Arizona State coach. The Sun Devils' court is named for him.

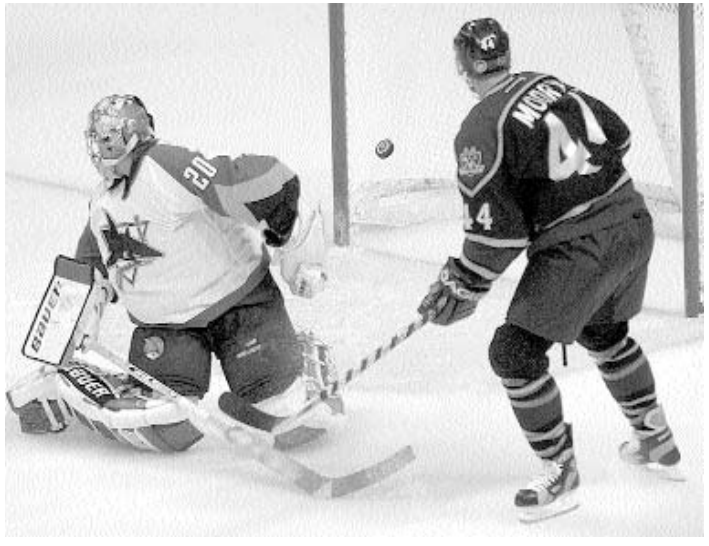
■ Howard Hobson, who coached Oregon for 11 years and compiled a 212-124 record, the best mark in school history.

■ Amory "Slats" Gill, who had a 599-392 record as Oregon State's coach. His 276 conference wins are second only to John Wooden. The Beavers' arena is named for him.

■ Marv Harshman, who compiled 654 wins during 40 years of coaching at Washington and Washington State. He was the coach of the year in 1984 when the Huskies reached the NCAA tournament's round of 16.

■ Jack Friel, who won 872 games as Washington State coach from 1928-58. He was instrumental in the adoption of the "one-and-one" rule for free throws.

Goal!



Paul Sakuma/Associated Press

Los Angeles Kings defenseman Jaroslav Modry scores past San Jose Sharks goalie Evgeni Nabokov in the first period, Tuesday, in San Jose, Calif.

Texas baseball team placed on probation by the NCAA

BY JIM VERTUNO
AP Sports Writer

AUSTIN, Texas — College World Series champion Texas was put on two years' probation by the NCAA on Wednesday for illegal job benefits given to a former volunteer assistant coach.

The NCAA determined that assistant Richard Couch took a \$40,000-a-year marketing job at a beer distributorship owned by former university regent Lowell Lebermann but never did any work. Instead, Couch spent all his time working on activities related to the baseball team, especially recruiting.

NCAA rules prohibit volunteer coaches from being on an athletic department's payroll or receiving preferential treatment in an outside job arranged by the department.

They are allowed to have jobs but must do the work they're paid for. By not working, Couch violated NCAA standards of honesty.

Although the NCAA's report attributed only one recruit who signed with Couch, it concluded that he gave Texas a competitive advantage by spending all of his time on baseball and dozens of recruiting trips.

It also said Texas failed to monitor whether Couch was going to his job, which was arranged with help from head coach Augie Garrido.

The Longhorns won their fifth national

title and first in 13 years by beating South Carolina 12-6 at the College World Series in June. Couch left the team in October 2001 and was not with the Longhorns last season.

Tom Yeager, chairman of the NCAA Division I Committee on Infractions and chairman of the Colonial Athletic Association, said the violation was considered "major."

The NCAA accepted Texas' self-imposed penalty to prohibit Garrido from recruiting off campus until August 2003.

The team also will have one fewer scholarship for the 2003-04 school year, and only one assistant coach will be allowed to recruit off campus until next August.

The penalties do not keep Texas from playing in postseason championships.

Texas Athletic Director DeLoss Dodds said the school stands by Garrido and that UT officials believed the violation to be "secondary" in nature, which would have brought a lesser penalty.

Garrido, disappointed by the sanctions, said he believed Texas had done what it was supposed to with Couch.

The NCAA's report said Texas officials did a good job of explaining the rules to Couch before he took the job, but then didn't check up on him.

The report said the case was unusual because it dealt only with a coach and not any players.

The Chick Hearn Post Office

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The memory of longtime Los Angeles Lakers broadcaster Chick Hearn will live forever close to where he lived in the suburban San Fernando Valley.

President Bush on Wednesday signed into law a resolution designating the U.S. post office located on White Oak Avenue in Encino as the Francis Dayle "Chick" Hearn Post Office.

Hearn died of head injuries sustained in a fall in August at age 85. He was the only play-by-play announcer the Lakers had since their move to Los Angeles from Minneapolis in 1960.

In September, a station on the Metro Blue Line rail system in downtown Los Angeles near Staples Center was named for Hearn.

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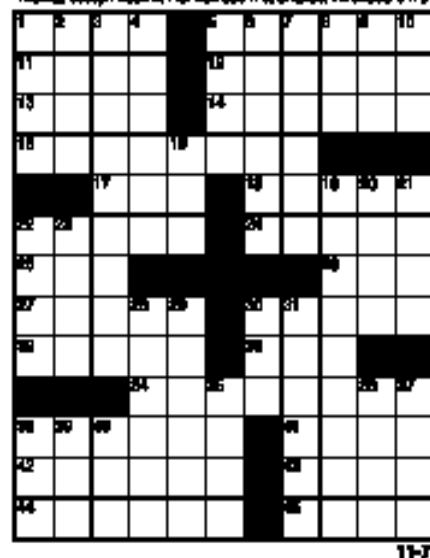
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD by Chuck Shepard

Eyebrow ring sparks lawsuit at Costco

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Calendar

Thursday, November 7, 2002

movies

Loews Broadway Cinema
1441 Third St. at Broadway
Comedian (R) 12:45, 3:05, 5:25, 7:45, 10:25. Femme Fatale (R) 11:15, 1:55, 4:35, 7:15, 10:10. Jackass: The Movie (R) 12:30, 2:50, 5:10, 7:30, 9:55. The Truth About Charlie (PG-13) 11:00, 1:25, 3:55.

Mann Criterion
1313 Third St.
The Ring (PG-13) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00, 12:40. Sweet Home Alabama (PG-13) 11:30, 2:10, 5:05, 7:55, 10:35. My Big Fat Greek Wedding (PG) 11:20, 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 10:05. Punch-Drunk Love (R) 11:15, 1:45, 4:20, 7:10, 9:45. The Transporter (PG-13) 11:45, 2:15, 4:45, 7:40, 10:15. Ghost Ship (R) 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:10.

AMC Theatre SM 7
1310 3rd Street
Red Dragon (R) 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:05. Santa Clause 2 (G) 1:15, 2:15, 4:00, 5:00, 7:00, 7:40, 9:35, 10:10. White Oleander (PG-13) 1:25, 4:05, 7:05, 9:55. I Spy (PG-13) 1:45, 2:45, 4:20, 5:20, 7:15, 7:50, 9:45, 10:15. Abandon (PG-13) 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 9:50.

Landmark Nu-Wilshire
1314 Wilshire Blvd.
Bowling for Columbine (R) 1:30, 2:30, 4:15, 5:15, 7:00, 8:00, 9:45, 10:30.

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, 7:25, 9:45. Secretary (R) 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 9:50. Spirited Away (PG) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00.

Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave.
The Weight of Water (R) 5:00, 7:30, 10:00.

Today

Community

Come practice at SUNSET YOGA, overlooking the Pacific! "Integral Hatha Yoga" every Thursday from 7:15-9pm. Mixed levels.

Donations only. Please bring a mat and towel. Located at 1450 Ocean Ave. between Santa Monica Blvd. and Broadway. For more information contact skinnybuddahboy@hotmail.com

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Gotham Hall presents Comedy Night! Featuring professional stand-ups.

Every Thursday, 1431 3rd St. Promenade, 8pm. Admission is \$5 + 2 item minimum. 21 and over. (323)525-5254

Comedy Underground presents SPLAT! Admission is \$5.00, show starts at 9pm. 320 Wilshire Blvd. For more information please call (310)451-1800.

Unurban Coffee House presents Comedy Crunch every Thursday evening. Showtime is 7pm. 3301 Pico Blvd. (310)315-0056

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Friday

Community

Holiday Bazaar presented by United Methodist Women of Santa Monica. Quilts, wreaths, boutique items and more. Simkins Hall, First United Methodist Church, 1008 Eleventh Street. 5pm to 8pm, tickets are \$3.50. Includes homemade soup, sandwiches, dessert & refreshments. For more information please call (310)391-6656.

Music/Entertainment

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Bob Westbrook, 7pm. Music Open Mike, 8pm. Signup at 7:30pm. Hosted by Denise Bradley. 3301 Pico Blvd. (310)315-0056

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Comedy Underground presents the following improv groups: Addle Essence, show starts at 8pm, tickets are \$5.00. Off The Wall, show starts at 9pm, tickets are \$5.00. Unusual Suspects, show starts at 10pm, tickets are \$5.00. 320 Wilshire Blvd., Santa Monica. For more information please call (310)451-1800.

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Football not politics

By The Associated Press

HOLDREGE, Neb. — Rep. Tom Osborne still can't get away from football talk.

During a meeting Monday at Holdrege City Auditorium, the Nebraska football coach turned Republican congressman was pulled away from questions about Iraq, the new farm bill and water by a question about football.

Franklin farmer Don Wright asked Osborne about Nebraska's 27-24 loss to Texas that was decided when the Cornhuskers were intercepted in the final seconds.

Osborne, who said he was watching from the press box, thought the pass — not a kick — was the right call.

"The kick could have been blocked. We already had two failures," Osborne said. "On the other hand, we had time to throw to the end zone. The odds are 40 percent you make it."

"There's lots of reasons you do it. If Nebraska had kicked the field goal and missed, everybody would have complained, 'He should've thrown the ball in the end zone,'" Osborne said. "Sometimes it's a no win deal."

Wright played high school football with Osborne and they graduated together from Hastings High School in 1955.

Osborne easily won re-election Tuesday.

Missing penguins

By The Associated Press

TULSA, Okla. — It seems as though 6-foot penguins would be hard to hide, but Tulsa officials are still looking for two penguins stolen from their perches around the city.

Four penguin sculptures that were part of a citywide promotion of a new zoo exhibit were stolen over the weekend.

Two have been found floating in the Arkansas River, one damaged but repairable, the other broken into pieces.

Two remained missing Monday.

"If we had found them in good condition, or they had been returned to us undamaged, we probably could have looked the other way and turned the other cheek," said Mary Collins, executive director of Tulsa Zoo Friends. "But this has gone too far."

The four fiberglass penguins were worth more than \$10,000 total, she said.

The city has more than 65 penguin sculptures scattered around the city.

Sanitary shuttle

By The Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — Making a toilet bowl cleaner isn't exactly rocket science, but it is to a Milwaukee company that has designed a way to clean the space shuttle's version of a toilet.

Pak Technologies Inc. makes Sani-Flush, a chemical cleaning tablet dropped into household toilets to clean them with every flush.

A version of that will be on the space shuttle Atlantis when it launches Sept. 8, giving NASA a chance to test the product for possible use in the international space

station now being developed.

Pak started working on the project in August 1998. With the first design, astronauts would have to manually put the tablet into the toilet's tube and then remove it after use.

The astronauts didn't like that version.

"It was the 'yuck factor,'" said Kevin Schuele, president of Pak.

The current design has the tablet already in the tube, he said.

Slots champ

By The Associated Press

STATELINE, Nev. — And the winner is — Kenneth Wilson of North Carolina.

No, Wilson hasn't won an election. He was after something he thought was worth a lot more.

The Waynesville, N.C., man outlasted 242 other finalists to win the National Champion of Slots title at Harrah's Lake Tahoe late Monday.

The 65-year-old is scheduled to collect the cash in \$50,000 installments over 20 years.

The retired paper worker and the other contestants each began with zero points. After three 15-minute rounds, Wilson had scored 21,742 points — 988 more than the No. 2 finisher.

"I'm sure it's gonna feel great when I wake up," Wilson said. "My head's kind of spinning right now."

He and wife Helen have two sons and three grandchildren.

"We're not sure how we plan to spend the money just yet, but we do need a new car, so that will probably be the first thing," he said.

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