

Santa Monica Daily Press

A newspaper with issues



Ross Furukawa/Daily Press

Z Gallery manager Tai Pettaway tells fire engineer Gary Marshall what her employees saw before her store filled with smoke Friday.

Where there's smoke ...

By Daily Press staff

At about 9:30 a.m. Friday, employees at Z Gallery on the Third Street Promenade called the Santa Monica Fire Department when the store filled with smoke.

Fire officials responded almost immediately with fire engines and hoses, but fortunately there was no fire. The smoke was caused by a faulty air-conditioning unit. There were no damages, and nobody was injured.

The store was able to re-open by 11 a.m.

School district proposes to slash budget by \$2.1M

Failure of parcel tax measure leaves district in financial bind

BY ANDREW H. FIXMER

Daily Press Staff Writer

The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District recommended Friday the school board slash nearly \$2.1 million in programs and services to balance its budget.

Deep cuts coupled with increased fees and a renewed program to import non-resident students make up the majority of the proposals, which must take effect by the end of the calendar year.

"And that's only the tip of the iceberg," said SMMUSD Superintendent John Deasy. "Next year we're going to have to find a way to cut \$5.5 to \$6 million out of the operating budget, and that's without raises."

"It's catastrophic," he added, "but it's what we told the community would happen all along."

"We will lose teachers, it will be more difficult to attract top teachers and you demoralize the staff you have."

— JOHN DEASY
SMMUSD Superintendent

The school district's financial woes stem from a precipitous decline in state funding for education, a dramatic increase in the cost of health and retirement benefits and the defeat of Measure EE at the ballot box last week. The measure would have increased parcel taxes by \$300 to stave off the budget cuts now being proposed.

The school board has been asked to recall the same committee that wrote the

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Senior citizens may get aid in prescription plight

BY CAROLYN SACKARIASON

Daily Press Staff Writer

Low-income seniors in Santa Monica could save up to 90 percent on prescription drugs because of a new program offered by pharmaceutical companies.

The Together Rx debuted in April, and it is offered to Medicare enrollees who do not currently have prescription drug coverage and whose annual incomes are less than \$28,000 for individuals and \$38,000 for couples. The card is free to anyone who is eligible.

More than 150 drugs are covered under the plan, including medicines that commonly afflict the elderly, such as arthritis, diabetes, cancer, depression, hypertension and high cholesterol.

About 16 percent of Santa Monica's population is over 65 years old, and 18 percent of the city's households have a median Social Security income of \$10,903. The average cost for a common brand name prescription for a senior is between \$100 and \$180.

The card's savings could change a seniors' life since some of them spend the majority of their monthly income on pre-



Courtesy photo

Janet Caldwell, a representative from AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals, speaks to reporters last month at Encino's senior health fair.

scriptions.

"Prescriptions are unbelievable, but it's a fact of life," said Joel Greenberg, a member of the city's Commission on Older Americans. "That's one of the problems because some of these people go without food so they can buy prescriptions."

Greenberg estimates there are a lot of seniors in Santa Monica that would be eligible for the card based on their income level.

There are millions nationwide.

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Jeffrey Jones, Paul Reubens charged in sex investigation

BY ANDREW BRIDGES

Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES — Actor Paul Reubens, best known as Pee-wee Herman, and actor Jeffrey Jones of "Ferris Bueller's Day Off" were charged Friday in a year-old sex investigation.

Jones, best known as the uptight high school principal in "Ferris Bueller," was charged with hiring a 14-year-old boy to pose for sexually explicit photos and possessing child pornography, the district attorney's office said.

Reubens was charged with one misdemeanor count of possessing materials depicting children under the age of 18 engaged in sexual conduct, said Ana Garcia, a spokeswoman for the city attorney's office.

In 1991, Reubens pleaded no contest to an indecent exposure charge. He was arrested in Sarasota, Fla., for allegedly exposing himself in a movie theater.

Using search warrants, authorities seated the homes of both men on Nov. 16, 2001, the district attorney and city attorney said. The statute of limitations on the misdemeanors would have run out Saturday if charges had not been filed.

Reubens, 50, was expected to surrender to police Friday and post \$20,000 bail, Garcia said.

He will be arraigned Dec. 19. He faces a maximum of one year in county jail and/or a \$2,500 fine.

Reubens' attorney Blair Berk issued a statement saying the charge was "simply untrue and without merit."

"Mr. Reubens has never at any time knowingly possessed any artwork from his extensive vintage and antique art collection even remotely related to anything improper," Berk said.

Jones, 56, surrendered to police Thursday and was freed on \$20,000 bail.

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★★★★★ You appear to have the magic touch. Whatever you do, you do well, with perhaps the exception of that special relationship. Understand what makes you tick, especially regarding your personal needs. A partner lets you know if you cross the line. Tonight: Smile away.

♉ TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Work demands your attention, whether you like it or not. If it doesn't, a responsibility in some other form knocks on your door. Respond accordingly. Attempt to schedule some free time just for yourself. You'll need some recycling time. Tonight: Do your thing.

♊ GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ Your efforts do make a difference. Don't discount them. You sometimes feel as if you take wild stabs in the dark to help others. Join with a friend to loosen up and lighten up. Remember that this is your weekend, too. Tonight: Where your friends are. Invite a loved one along.

♋ CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ A partner gives you unusual feedback. You might be confused by what he or she means, but also delighted on another level. Go with what you think you heard. Forget reality for now! A must appearance could be in conflict with some personal matters. Tonight: Perform a juggling act.

♌ LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ Reach out for others. Your ability to understand helps you with a key associate or partner. Suggest a drive in the country or doing something different. Don't overly intellectualize. Someone could be baiting you for a fight. Tonight: Where music can be heard.

♍ VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ Use caution with your finances, though you might want to dote on someone. Remember, there are many ways to indulge a loved one. Start using your imagination. Plans change radically before you know it. Go with the flow. Tonight: Say "yes" to a loved one.

♏ LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Though your inclination could be to defer to your partner or friend, you find that in the end, you become quite angry. Avoid harsh words. Remember that you decided to defer. In that sense, you made a decision. Flow with opportunities. Tonight: Out and about.

♐ SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ Stay close to home if you like. Others decide to seek you out. You might not realize how much of a difference you do make to loved ones and parents. Resist lashing out at a loved one or associate. You could be overly tired. Tonight: Soak in a hot, bubbly bath.

♑ SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ Your playful side emerges when dealing with others. Speak your mind but don't be surprised if someone reacts or gets his or her dander up. You might not be ready for the "fireball" you provoke. Talk through a problem. Tonight: Dance away any stress.

♒ CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ What someone else might adore could be your anathema. You could find yourself quite put out by plans and/or what an authority figure decides you need to do. How you say "no" could make all the difference. Tonight: Put your feet up and relax.

♓ AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ Reach out for those in your immediate surroundings. As social as you might be, you could forget to make an important call to a friend or associate. You'll hear about your forgetfulness later. Give this person a ring before you walk out the door. Tonight: Where the action is.

♐ PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ Your efforts help someone verbalize what ails them. Be smart and don't take his or her comments personally. Get into a project at home that might be long overdue. You could be surprised by what you accomplish. Tonight: Your treat.

QUOTE of the DAY

"Music played in weddings always reminds me of
the music played for soldiers going into battle."
— Heinrich Heine (1797-1856)

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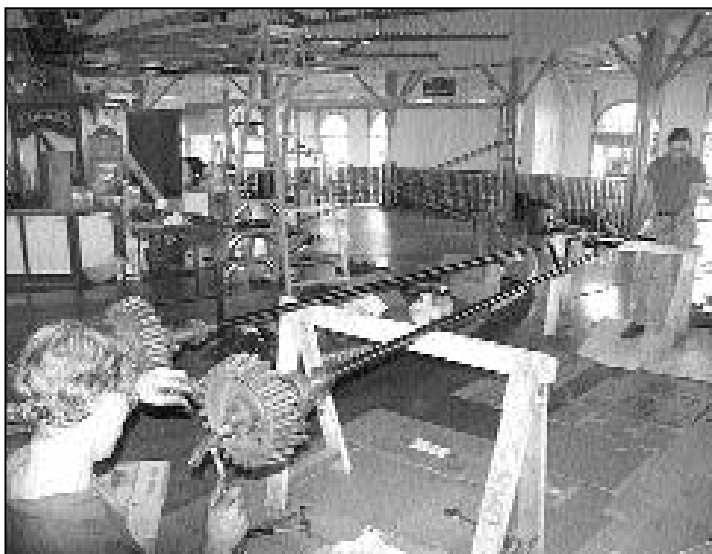
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LOCAL



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Todd Goings and Tom Iverson work on the cranks that allow the horses to go up and down and round and round on the pier's antique carousel. Goings' company is overhauling the historic landmark.

Round and round, pier's carousel gets cleaned up

BY CAROLYN SACKARIASON
Daily Press Staff Writer

Santa Monica's historic carousel has been dismantled and is lying in thousands of pieces on the floor of the Byzantine fantasy structure on the pier.

Todd W. Goings has been charged with putting it back together. He should, after all, since he's the one who took it apart in the first place.

Goings, a leading international provider of carousel refurbishment, has been hired to restore the vintage 1920s carousel, which is listed in the National Registry of Historic Places. The City of Santa Monica and Roth Management, the carousel operators, brought in Goings two months ago to begin the arduous task of dismantling the landmark.

Goings brought the pieces that needed to be replaced or repaired to his shop in Ohio after spending two weeks here in September. Hundreds of pieces needed to be replaced, and Goings made new molds for each one in a casting machine.

"Each one of these I make a pattern for so it has the same look. We try to keep these old machines looking the way they

are supposed to look," he said this week. "There are lots of bits and pieces."

**"When work is completed,
the carousel will run
as smoothly as it did
when it was placed and
dedicated in 1947."**

— BEN FRANZ-KNIGHT
Santa Monica Pier Restoration Corp.

Goings, who works on carousels around the country, including the Heritage Carousel in Ontario, Canada, spends about three months a year traveling to different cities refurbishing the antique machines.

Goings, who owns Goings Carousel and Carvings, will also clean, oil and repair the carousel's central post — the main system of bearings and gears that turns the vintage merry-go-round.

surf report

Information compiled by Jesse Haley

We should see a trend of moderate surf this weekend, with a west by northwest swell on the decline.

Breaks throughout the county look about waist-high today, mostly with some plus sets in the chest-high range.

Today we see the arrival of new swell out of the northwest.

The new swell is expected to improve Sunday, when best northwest exposures could see shoulder high waves.

Most of L.A. will miss the steep angled swell, but South Bay locations pick it up best.

By Sunday there should be consistent chest-high surf at southern spots.

Wind conditions look light, better in the mornings, with some onshores in the afternoon.



Today's Tides:

Low-	12:42 a.m.	1.03'
High-	7:03 a.m.	5.33'
Low-	1:35 p.m.	0.77'
High-	7:28 p.m.	4.15'

Location	Saturday	Sunday	Water Quality
County Line	2-3'/Fair	2-4'/Fair	A
Zuma	2-3'/Fair	2-4'/Fair	A
Surfrider	2-3'/Fair	1-3'/Fair	A
Topanga	2-3'/Fair	1-2'/Fair	B
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"The center bearing was pretty well worn out," he said. "It's a complete overhaul."

Goings and his partner, Tom Iverson, will have the carousel up and running by Nov. 25 by working every day until then. A grand opening is scheduled for Dec. 1.

Santa Monica Pier Restoration Corp. acting executive director Ben Franz-Knight said the overhaul is to ensure the carousel will be enjoyed by thousands in the future.

"The repairs being made to the carousel now will ensure that the public can enjoy

this great resource for years to come," he said. "When work is completed, the carousel will run as smoothly as it did when it was placed and dedicated in 1947."

The carousel, which has become one of Santa Monica's premier event sites for fundraisers, television and film productions, weddings and birthday parties, is one of only 140 original antique carousels that are still operational.

The carousel was overhauled about 50 years ago, and Goings tuned it up last year. This year's project is expected to cost about \$100,000.

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OPINION

LETTERS

Homeless have rights, buster

Editor:

This letter is drafted for the express purpose of replying to the Nov. 13th letter submitted to you by the elusive and mysterious person who refers to himself as the Latin legal term Pro Se, entitled: "Homeless problem needs vision and plan."

Pro ya' ain't. It is very clear by the language and form of your letter buster ... and as far as what you have proposed in your poorly drafted letter, well, an up-and-coming little Commie Pinko S.O.B could perhaps have done no better.

Small wonder why people such as yourself would ever stand a rat's ass chance of being elected to anything anywhere. Where is your head at man? Up there? By advancing your so clever moniker, it can be supposed that you know or at least believe that you understand something about law. If so, how in the hell can you take the position you have towards the small numbers of largely defenseless homeless who just happen to spill over into this little quaint city by the sea from it's directly adjacent huge neighbor, Los Angeles?

In the U.S., we all learn as early as grammar school students that so long as you are a legal citizen, buster, you can come and go anywhere you please, at any time. It's called freedom, pal, if you don't understand it. And it comes with constitutional guarantees, mind you. Proposals such as what you have put forth are ludicrous, and would never work in a country which embraces freedom as dearly as ours. Get a clue, pal, or go back to school to learn some things you obviously missed along the way.

You suggest that the U.S. government "redirect" veterans benefit checks to the V.A. to dispense certain services, etc., essentially "stripping" the payments out of veterans' hands whether they like it or not, and without any debate, due process, studies, et al. That might be just the ticket for someone to do to you if you enjoy being constitutionally trounced by others, but you will probably never see the day where your crazy ideas would be advanced and pushed upon others deserving of those benefits.

You want a constitutional amendment to apply strict camping ordinances in all cities? Sorry, Pro, doesn't work that way. Constitutional amendments only come about because of enormously important issues faced by our federal (not merely state or local) government. Regardless of how you would otherwise wish it so. And, there are differences between camping (that is, with a recreational vehicle or a fully set up tent, stove and hammock) and just resting one's weary bones on a sidewalk.

The latter, if anything, is simply loitering. And the U.S. Supreme Court just struck down as unconstitutional unfairly applied loitering laws. If you follow law, you would know that Santa Monica's so-called "camping" laws are merely unconstitutionally applied versions of those rejected loitering laws. And as such they are being challenged in the courts.

Police having more to say about the services offered to homeless, and applying more rules, regulations and questionably legal pressure has "traditionally" been rejected by the courts. The courts have always leaned towards the "least intrusive means doctrine." That is, the less law the better. And it works. The homeless would work, too, if you gave them a chance, instead of giving any and all opportunities to do so to those who least deserve it: illegals. While most of us others are compelled to be "diverse," what about the over-

whelming service and labor forces in Santa Monica dominated by our neighbors south of the border?

Thom Trybus
Santa Monica

A lesson from Holbrook

Editor:

Council member Robert Holbrook survived some of the city's most infamous hit pieces, the police and firefighters unions' mailers, which lied about Holbrook. The last minute attack falsely claimed that Holbrook was weak on public safety, when for decades Holbrook's record shows that he has been an outspoken public safety advocate.

In other American cities, one would hear a strong rebuke from the city manager, city attorney and city council for the misconduct of these municipal employee unions, which blatantly and maliciously lied about Robert Holbrook's voting record in order to defeat him.

Unfortunately, in Santa Monica, there is a moral double standard. A few months ago, a hapless petition circulator, working for the Historic District Initiative (which the SMRR council majority opposed), made a technical bungle while gathering a signature on a petition. He was fined and morally denounced by a SMRR council member. When a decent, hard-working, non-SMRR council member is falsely and maliciously attacked by the police and firefighters unions, City Hall remains conspicuously silent.

The police and firefighters unions' lies did mislead many voters. Fortunately, Holbrook had a strong campaign and a secret weapon — a "good guy" reputation. A large number of voters, who were better informed about Holbrook's record, did not believe the last minute lies.

Holbrook earned his good guy reputation through years of public service. Holbrook's good works were well known to a large number of the city's 84,000 people. Holbrook, whose father was a firefighter, met thousands of people during decades of distinguished public service in civic groups, on the school board and on the city council. When Holbrook was falsely attacked, his good guy reputation was in place to help him win the election.

Holbrook's triumph demonstrates an important lesson: Voters who personally know a candidate tend to ignore last minute, malicious mailings. If Santa Monica voters could participate in smaller, neighborhood districts each with approximately 12,000 people, the voters could better know the candidates than they can today in an 84,000-person, citywide election.

Increased personal contact between the voters and the candidates produces more positive, friendlier elections that makes people feel good about going to the polls. In small election districts, last minute malicious mailers are rare because they tend to backfire. If you know someone, you are less likely to believe a last minute negative attack.

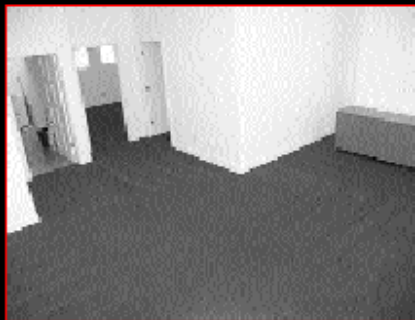
Holbrook's election proves that when the voters personally know a candidate's good record, he or she is more likely to survive last minute malicious hit pieces. Holbrook's victory also reminds us that virtue has its rewards.

Paul DeSantis
Santa Monica

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Critics worry drug card will take pressure off Congress

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"There are eight to 11 million seniors that are eligible for this program, but the problem is getting to them and letting them know it's available," said Janet Caldwell, a representative of AstraZeneca, one of the seven pharmaceutical companies that is involved in the program.

"The CEOs for the companies really wanted to do something for Medicare eligible seniors that wasn't confusing for them and also broad-reaching," Caldwell added. "The incentive to us is to be able to communicate to seniors that America's most needy have access to the medicine they need. This is a program that meets that need."

More than 300,000 seniors have so far enrolled in the program, and combined have saved about \$10.5 million in drug costs, Caldwell said. The average cost savings for a prescription is about 40 percent, but could go as high as 90 percent.

About one third of seniors in California lack drug coverage for a prescription drug benefit. And while proposals to provide a Medicare prescription drug benefit were recently debated in Congress, nothing was accomplished to address costly marketing tactics and unregulated prices, according to San Francisco-based Senior Action Network. Seniors are especially hard hit because even though they represent 13 percent of the population, they account for one-third of the prescriptions filled and 40 percent of all drug expenditures, according to Senior Action Network.

McKesson Corporation, the largest distributor to the retail pharmacy market, will administer the program on behalf of Together Rx. Pharmacies across the country, including Wal-Mart, Walgreens, Target, Albertson's, Costco, Kroger and Safeway, have shown support for the Together Rx card. Participating pharmacies have committed to pass through direct to the patient 100 percent of the savings being offered by the card.

Together Rx is actively speaking with many other pharmacies and expects to enlist additional support and commitment in the near future.

"Seniors have a relationship with their pharmacist and should talk to them about whether it can be available to them," Caldwell said. Prescription drug cards have become a trend over the past months, with several companies offering

single company plans and sparking concerns that elderly patients might have problems sorting out all the options. Drug company officials say the Together Rx is an attempt to address those concerns.

"There are eight to 11 million seniors that are eligible for this program, but the problem is getting to them and letting them know it's available."

— JANET CALDWELL
AstraZeneca representative

"This particular issue has a common ground," said Peggy Heller, Together Rx program manager for AstraZeneca. "Health care is a big issue in this country."

While national Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy G. Thompson has heralded the discount program as a "tremendous new initiative," critics of both drug companies and federal prescription drug policy have been more cautious.

Consumer groups have called the program a step in the right direction, but worry that it might take pressure off Congress to tackle issues of prescription drug programs to senior citizens. Drug companies agree more needs to be done, but also say the discount drug cards can provide immediate help for lower income senior citizens.

"It's almost like a Band Aid," Caldwell said. "I think the industry will support Congress action, but this was a good solution for now."

"We agree some sort of drug assistance program for the insured and uninsured is need and ideally, something better will come along," she added.

The drug card is administered through a third party and takes four to six weeks to process once a senior applies. Company representatives recommend either talking to your pharmacist or log onto www.togetherrx.com for more information about the program.

D.A. searches actors' homes for indecent photographs

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Authorities allege Jones hired a 14-year-old boy to pose or model for explicit photos. "The charges do not involve any sex act being performed or any video or film being taken," said Sandi Gibbons, spokeswoman for the district attorney's office.

Jones is scheduled to be arraigned Thursday.

"This is all about photos. There's no allegations of any touching or any improper acts with a minor," attorney Jeffrey Brodey told the Los Angeles Times. "This will be resolved very quickly so he can get on with his life and get back to work."

Brodey did not immediately return a call seeking comment Friday.

If convicted, Jones faces three years in prison and will have to register as a sex offender for life, Gibbons said.

After Reubens' 1991 plea, his children's show was canceled and his star faded, but he has played supporting roles in the films "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" and "Blow."

A widely recognized character actor, Jones played the music-loving Emperor Joseph II in "Amadeus," the mentalist Criswell in "Ed Wood" and the father in "Beetlejuice."

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District may cut deep and raise fees to balance budget

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failed parcel tax to write another tax measure, which the district could place before voters as early as a possible special election in March 2003.

"Clearly, my interest is still consistent with trying to find a way to bring additional revenue to the school district," said school board president Julia Brownley. "That has remained unchanged."

Currently, the school district is running scenarios on how much larger elementary class sizes can be increased, how many teachers can be laid off and how to dismantle programs that go beyond what is minimally required by the state, Deasy said.

Also, the school board is being asked to immediately enact a hiring freeze, mandate principals make a 25 percent across the board cut at their respective schools, cut \$100,000 in programs, freeze the district's \$294,000 Medicare budget, combine human resource departments, sell the district's warehouse and reduce energy use by 20 percent.

But Brownley said some things will not likely be cut.

"I do not believe there will be any personnel reductions," she said. "Right now, we're concentrating more on cutting costs and raising fees."

By the end of this year, the school board is being asked to consider eliminating elementary school security positions, cutting the district's extended day care program, ending Santa Monica Alternative School House's science magnet program and shutting down bilingual immersion programs at Edison and John Muir elementary schools.

"The long-term ripple effect is so tragic in my opinion," Deasy said. "We will lose teachers, it will be more difficult to

attract top teachers and you demoralize the staff you have. It's nothing I want to be a part of."

Administrators are also recommending the school board increase the price of all meals at every grade level by 10 percent, and to double the cost of busing permits. If enacted, the cost to a family with two children being bused to school will be raised from \$412 to \$824 a year.

The amount charged for permits to use the district's athletic fields, auditoriums, theaters and multi-use rooms may also be increased to raise an additional \$50,000.

And the school board is being asked to consider rescinding a class size reduction plan put into effect this school year that limits the number of permits granted to non-resident children. However, the plan would have cost the district millions of dollars in state funding, which is based on total school district enrollment.

By rescinding the program, the school district would begin advertising for new students to add to already jam-packed classrooms found at schools districtwide in order to raise more state funding.

"I think increasing class sizes is a very poor solution to a very difficult problem," Deasy said. "Teachers are already overburdened, and our faculty is already stretched to its limits, and then to put more kids in the classroom seems like a very bad idea."

"But if it's a possible solution, it has to be considered," he added.

The proposed budget changes will go before the school board on Thursday, Nov. 21, and if enacted, the reductions and increased fees would take effect immediately.

"The staff is still working on putting everything together," Brownley said. "But we'll have to finalize it soon."

Five arrested in probe into Los Angeles vandalism ring

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Five members of a graffiti ring accused of causing more than \$1 million damage annually to freeways and parks have been arrested, officials said Friday.

Four men, ages 22 to 28, and a woman, 24, were booked for investigation of felony vandalism after authorities served search warrants Wednesday and Thursday at four locations between Los Angeles and Redondo Beach, Officer Bryan Acee of the California Highway Patrol said.

Their identities have been withheld because the investigation ongoing. Some members of the graffiti ring appeared to have gang affiliation, Acee said.

"They're members of a single tagging group that has been operating since the early '80s," he said. "(They tag) anywhere they can get their crew names and have it stay up as long as possible, anywhere that would make it difficult for city workers or Caltrans to paint over or bleach the painting."

Investigators seized spray cans, etching tools, narcotics and ammunitions during the raids. Some of the locations vandalized include: murals, overpasses and parks along Interstate 10 and the 110 Freeway near downtown and Highway 101 in the Hollywood area.

"It's a whole subculture," Acee said. "Some members have gone on to bigger and better projects like painting backdrops for MTV. To them, it's all about the fame, being recognized 'getting up' they'd call it."

"Some of it is actually quite good. I just wish there's an area where they can do it where it's not a freeway mural and state property."

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A rap raid



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Unidentified officers in riot gear stand atop the roof of the headquarters of Tha Row Records following an early-morning raid Thursday, in Beverly Hills, Calif. The billboard advertises one of the label's current releases. Law enforcement agencies raided Marion "Suge" Knight's record company Thursday as they served one of 17 warrants in two states related to several homicides and conspiracy to commit murder.

Singer Rick James denies allegation of sexual assault

BY TOM HARRIGAN
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES — Singer Rick James denied an allegation that he sexually assaulted a woman at his home last weekend, calling the 26-year-old woman a liar motivated by greed.

Police went to James' San Fernando Valley home with a search warrant Monday night.

"We have an allegation of a sexual nature by a female adult," police Lt. Horace Frank said Friday, refusing to comment further on details of the alleged attack.

"Mr. James was very cooperative," Frank added.

"Once the smoke has cleared the air, everyone will find out these are just false allegations," James said. "The police have been very, very helpful on this. The police and I want to get to the bottom of this."

James, 50, best known for his 1981 hit "Super Freak," and attorney Steffeny Holtz would not comment on specifics of the allegation.

Holtz called the matter "totally baseless and driven by greed" and emphasized that no charges have been brought against him.

"Mr. James is a very well-known entertainer and he is a very generous person, and we're always suspicious of the financial motives of people that really have very little and come around to him and try to get things from him," she said. "People are going to see that it is a financially motivated allegation by this woman. We are confident any investigation will exonerate my client."

James was convicted in 1993 of assaulting two women. The first attack occurred in 1991 when he restrained and burned a young woman with a hot pipe

during a cocaine binge at his house in West Hollywood.

He was free on bail when the second assault occurred in 1992 in James' hotel room.

James was sentenced to more than two years in state prison. A jury acquitted him on a torture charge.

"I just feel sometimes that I'm in a fishbowl."

— RICK JAMES
Singer/songwriter

Asked if he is concerned the Los Angeles County District Attorney's office could charge him with a "third strike" felony carrying a life sentence without parole, James said he was "absolutely" concerned that his history goes against him.

"I just feel sometimes that I'm in a fishbowl," James said. "Sometimes the wrong people enter into your space, and they're money-hungry and they're greedy."

"These are very serious allegations," his attorney said. "We're very concerned." She said James wants to get the matter behind him as soon as possible to continue touring and work on new music ventures.

In 1997, the singer released a new album, but a year later he suffered a stroke that derailed a comeback tour. He went on tour again this year, appearing in Los Angeles in May. A concert promoter at Friday's news conference said James was scheduled to perform at a comedy music event on Dec. 8 in the Victorville area.

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Charges filed for show-and-tell tiger attack

BY RON HARRIS
Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — Charges were filed against two women Friday in the case of a show-and-tell animal attack where they lost control of a 144-pound Bengal tiger at an elementary school and it grabbed a 6-year-old boy's head in its mouth, according to witnesses.

The Santa Cruz County District Attorney's Office charged Anita Jackson and Melissa Lamas of the Paso Robles-based organization Zoo To You with violating the state Fish and Game code related to the public display and handling of animals in California. Jackson is Zoo To You's animal curator who was present when Lamas, Sima's handler, lost control of the animal.

"In this particular case, common sense seems to somehow to have been ignored," said Toni Allen, a Santa Cruz County assistant district attorney. "This is an 18-month old Bengal tiger. You cannot take instincts away from a wild animal."

The boy, whose family has asked he not be named, is recovering from his head injuries and returned to school shortly after the incident.

Zoo To You director David Jackson said the charges were expected and that Sima would not be attending any more show-and-tell hours for the public.

"If there's that much concern over it we just remove them from our lineup. That's just a no-brainer," he said Friday after the charges were filed.

Sima came to Zoo To You after she was rescued by animal control officers in St. Louis.

"We're trying to be as proactive as possible and jump through all the necessary hoops," Jackson said. "Unfortunately, what's been told to us is that accidents

can't just be accidents."

The women, who face two misdemeanor charges each, are scheduled to be arraigned on Dec. 6. Anita Jackson and Lamas face possible \$1,000 fines and six months in jail if convicted.

Sima remains at Zoo To You's southern California facilities.

**"Real clearly (the boy's)
head was in Sima's
mouth."**

— STEVE PATTERSON
Baymonte Christian School principal

David Jackson wasn't present at the time of the attack, which he doesn't refer to as an attack. In an interview with The Associated Press, he disputed claims from those present that the tiger grabbed the boy by the head.

"I would never ever call anyone a liar. Certainly the power of suggestion is amazingly intense," Jackson said regarding those claims. He said the kids were being rowdy and rough and that his "kitten" Sima merely reacted by jumping onto a bench near the children and swatting playfully at them.

Baymonte Christian School principal Steve Patterson was seated a few feet away from the injured boy and saw it quite differently.

"Real clearly (the boy's) head was in Sima's mouth," Patterson said. "Initially I jumped down into that row of students to try to clear them out and see if we could get him to let go of (the boy)."

The boy had to have his head wounds stapled together.

L.A. judge issues injunction in federal airport screener case

BY GARY GENTILE
AP Business Writer

LOS ANGELES — A federal judge issued a sweeping ban Friday on a section of the Aviation and Transportation Security Act that barred non-citizens from being airport security screeners.

In a ruling that will apply to airports nationwide, U.S. District Judge Robert Takasugi issued a preliminary injunction against enforcing a portion of the security act ruling that it was unconstitutional.

The injunction will remain in place until trial in a civil rights lawsuit brought by nine plaintiffs at Los Angeles and San Francisco International Airports. No trial date has been set.

Takasugi denied the federal government's request to delay a ruling.

The ruling will affect as many as 8,000 airport screeners, most of whom already have lost their jobs, said Ben Wizner, a lawyer for the American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California, which brought the case. The ruling will allow them to reapply for jobs that became federal positions following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

ACLU lawyers also said they hoped the judge's decision would convince

Congress to pass an amendment now before the U.S. Senate that would allow U.S. nationals to hold airport security screening jobs. One of the plaintiffs is from American Samoa, who had been barred from applying as a baggage screener.

Takasugi's three-page ruling said the plaintiffs had "sufficiently alleged a constitutional deprivation to warrant a finding of irreparable harm."

The judge said issuing the injunction would merely delay implementing the new statute, while denying it could cost plaintiffs jobs.

"As such, it is clear that the balance of hardships tips decidedly in plaintiffs' favor."

He also said issuing the injunction would serve the public interest.

U.S. Justice Department lawyer Elizabeth Shapiro declined to comment on the ruling.

She said it was not clear that the injunction would apply nationwide.

The ACLU's Wizner, however, said he interpreted the ruling as applying to those estimated 8,000 workers already affected by the act nationwide and any non-citizens who want to apply for a job.

NATIONAL



Interior Dept.'s top lawyer takes aim at environment laws

BY SCOTT SONNER

Associated Press Writer

WINNEMUCCA, Nev. — The Interior Department wants to make it easier to exempt from environmental reviews any activities that it sees as having insignificant effect on public lands, the agency's top lawyer said.

The Bush administration also is determined to halt the use of the Endangered Species Act as a "zoning tool" on federal lands, said William Myers, the department's solicitor general.

"It has gotten to the point where you can hardly dig a post hole without having to do an environmental analysis," Myers said in a speech Thursday to about 100 members of the Nevada Cattlemen's Association, who welcomed his criticism of what they regard as onerous conservation measures.

The cattlemen are among those critical of grazing reforms adopted under the Clinton administration, which they claim are aimed at driving sheep and cattle off public lands in the West.

"Bill's our friend. It's been a long time since we had a friend in the solicitor's office," said John Falen, a rancher from Orovala and the group's past president.

Myers, a former Idaho lawyer and lobbyist for public lands ranchers, directs 300 lawyers at the department that oversees the National Park Service, Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Land Management and Bureau of Indian Affairs.

He said the Interior Department hopes to complete a set of proposals by year's end that would reverse some of the

changes in livestock grazing regulations adopted under past Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt.

"Secretary Babbitt put out a whole slew of regulations in 1994 that dramatically changed the way ranchers use the public land," he said.

The administration is examining the National Environmental Policy Act in search of opportunities to "more routinely" exclude minor activities from normal reviews "and basically permit insignificant actions so they do not have to go through full-blown NEPA review," he said.

"If you look at the NEPA statute, it requires an analysis of 'significant' affects on the environment," Myers said.

"But that good law over many years has come to mean we will look at 'any' affects on the environment," he said.

Myers said he notified all managers in the Fish and Wildlife Service of a 9th Circuit Court of Appeals ruling backing the Arizona Cattle Growers Association.

The ranchers won their suit challenging the agency's requirement that they follow Endangered Species Act regulations even on federal grazing allotments "where there was no evidence of the species being there at all," he said.

The ruling late last year rolled back some of the requirements aimed at protecting the cactus ferruginous pygmy owl and fish such as the razorback sucker, the Sonora chub and the Gila topminnow.

"We should not be using the Endangered Species Act ... as a land management tool. It is not there as a tool for zoning on federal lands," Myers said.

Myers said he's monitoring attempts

by environmentalists to use the Clean Water Act to halt grazing on public lands based on claims the cattle are polluting waterways.

"That's a big ticket issue," he said.

Last month, three groups filed suit under the act in federal court in Reno targeting alleged excessive grazing on 500,000 acres of Bureau of Land Management range in northern Nevada.

The suit cites the BLM's own environmental analyses as concluding livestock

grazing there is contributing to poor water quality, resulting in numerous significant violations of Nevada water quality standards.

"As long as the BLM and other federal land management agencies continue to bow to the livestock industry, we'll never meet the promise of the Clean Water Act of restoring all streams, rivers and wetlands," said Katie Fite, spokeswoman for the Committee for the High Desert, one of the plaintiffs.

Congress boosts intelligence spending to fix weaknesses

BY KEN GUGGENHEIM

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Congress on Friday authorized what lawmakers called the biggest-ever increase in intelligence spending, seeking to fix counterterrorism weaknesses that may have allowed the Sept. 11 attacks to occur.

The bill also would create an independent commission to conduct a broad, 18-month investigation of the attacks. A now-resolved dispute between lawmakers and the White House over the commission's structure had blocked passage of the intelligence bill.

The House approved the bill 366-3 early Friday morning. The Senate approved it by voice vote on Friday. It now goes to President Bush for his signature.

Most details of the bill remain classified, including the spending total. It is

believed to authorize more than \$35 billion in programs.

The money is intended to make up for a decade of inadequate spending on intelligence, House and Senate intelligence committee members said in a statement accompanying the bill.

"Although the end of the Cold War warranted a reordering of national priorities, the steady decline in intelligence funding since the mid-1990s left the nation with a diminished ability to address emerging threats — such as global terrorism — and the technical challenges of the 21st century," the statement said.

The measure seeks to correct some of the biggest problems identified by the committees' inquiry into why intelligence agencies failed to stop the Sept. 11 attacks: the failure of agencies to share information, a lack of linguists and inadequate attention to traditional, human spying.

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NATIONAL

Terror alert based on ominous patterns, officials say

BY JOHN J. LUMPKIN
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — The latest fears of renewed terror attacks are based on disturbing patterns reminiscent of the run-ups to earlier al-Qaida strikes rather than on specific intelligence, counterterrorism officials said Friday.

A familiar and potentially dangerous confluence of events is taking place: Osama bin Laden speaks out. U.S. intelligence detects increased "chatter" among potential terrorists. The calendar suggests it might be time for al-Qaida to strike again.

According to officials, it is largely this analytical concern that led to the FBI's new warning concerning "spectacular" attacks — a word used in counterterrorism circles to differentiate the Sept. 11 strikes from, for example, car bombings.

The White House, increasingly sensitive to Democrats' complaints that the Iraq issue is distracting

the administration from the hunt for terrorists, said Americans should remain vigilant. But it left the national alert status unchanged.

"Sources suggest al-Qaida may favor spectacular attacks that meet several criteria: high symbolic value, mass casualties, severe damage to the U.S. economy and maximum psychological trauma."

— ALERT POSTED ON FBI'S WEB SITE

Fielding questions in the White House briefing room, National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice disputed any suggestion that Saddam Hussein is overshadowing the hunt for bin Laden.

"Numerous senior leaders of al-Qaida ... have either been eliminated, incarcerated or detained someplace," Rice said.

Another senior al-Qaida operative has been taken into U.S. custody, officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity. They declined to identify him.

Rice said the latest warnings contained no new information, calling them a "summary of intelligence as we know it."

This differs from the last big scare, around the anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks. On Sept. 9, a top al-Qaida operative told interrogators of multiple planned strikes against U.S. embassies in southeast Asia. Those attacks never occurred, although officials have not described why or how they might have been headed off.

Several factors are fueling current U.S. concerns:

■ Bin Laden's making a threatening public statement. Although analysis continues, officials generally accept the bin Laden audiotape aired this week as authentic. He made similar statements before the 1998 East Africa embassy bombings and the 2000 strike on the USS Cole. None immediately preceded the Sept. 11 attacks, although some believe those strikes were pushed up in schedule.

The statement may also serve to inspire al-Qaida supporters to violence, officials said.

■ The beginning of Ramadan. Al-Qaida has plotted attacks during the Islamic holy month before.

■ The elapsed time since al-Qaida's last major strike, the Sept. 11 attacks. Al-Qaida generally pulls off one major attack a year. There is some debate whether the recent bombing of a night club in Indonesia, which killed close to 200 people, was this year's big strike. Many analysts feel this was the work of an ally of al-Qaida, rather than of bin Laden's organization itself.

■ Thursday's execution of Mir Aimal Kasi, the Pakistani convicted of killing two CIA employees in 1993 outside the agency's headquarters in Virginia. Some in Pakistan have threatened reprisals. Several militants with links to al-Qaida were also recently captured in Pakistan, officials said.

■ An increase in terrorist chatter. It ebbs and flows, often without an attack taking place, but any spikes remain worrisome to counterterrorism officials.

The national alert level is staying at yellow — the third-highest of five levels — because of a lack of specifics about potential targets. Still, the latest FBI warning was unusual because of its dire language.

"Sources suggest al-Qaida may favor spectacular attacks that meet several criteria: high symbolic value, mass casualties, severe damage to the U.S. economy and maximum psychological trauma," says the alert, which was posted on the FBI's Web site early Friday.

The highest priority targets remain within the aviation, petroleum and nuclear sectors, as well as significant national landmarks, the warning says.

"Al-Qaida's next attack may rely on conventional explosives and low-technology platforms such as truck bombs, commercial or private aircraft, small watercraft, or explosives easily concealed and planted by terrorist operatives," it said.

FBI officials also asked law enforcement worldwide to be on the lookout for Amer al-Matt in connection with "possible terrorist threats in the United States." Law enforcement officials said the man overstayed his visa in Canada and was attending a flight training school. He is believed to have connections to al-Qaida.

White House officials said Friday they are increasingly concerned about Democrats' criticism that Bush's focus on Iraq is distracting his attention from al-Qaida.

To counter the perception, the White House trumpeted its accomplishments in news briefings Friday and devoted Bush's radio address Saturday to the topic.

The White House touted a list of victories the United States and its allies have had in the war on terrorism, including the ousting of the terrorist-friendly Taliban regime in Afghanistan and the disruption of alleged cells in Buffalo, N.Y., and Germany.

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INTERNATIONAL



Palestinian militants kill 12 Israelis in Hebron

BY NASSER SHIYOKHI
Associated Press Writer

HEBRON, West Bank — Palestinian militants opened fire on Jewish worshippers as they walked toward a shrine after sundown Friday in this divided city, killing 12 people and wounding 15 others, the Israeli military said.

A nearby army post and other soldiers rushing to the scene were also caught in the ambush in the West Bank city, army sources said.

The settlers came under fire as they wound their way into Hebron to mark the beginning of the Jewish Sabbath at the Tomb of the Patriarchs, a shrine revered by both Muslims and Jews.

Israel TV's Channel Two said the militant group Islamic Jihad claimed responsibility. Mohammed Al Hindi, an Islamic

Jihad spokesman, would not confirm the claim, but said that "our Jihad will continue until either victory or martyrdom."

An army official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the settlers were caught in a well-planned ambush after the start of the Sabbath. Gun battles raged for more than 90 minutes, making it difficult for troops to reach the wounded.

Israeli media reported that soldiers attempting to assist civilians under fire were caught in an ambush that included sniper fire from the hilltop suburb of Abu Sneh.

Most of Hebron is controlled by the Palestinian Authority, but the Israeli army patrols the center of the city, where about 450 Jewish settlers live in three enclaves, surrounded by 130,000 Palestinians. The 30,000 Palestinians living near the enclaves are also under Israeli control and

are subjected to frequent curfews.

Hebron had been quiet in recent weeks, and Israeli troops had withdrawn from most of the Palestinian-controlled sector of the city.

Nearly all the Jews in Hebron and many living in the nearby settlement of Kiryat Arba walk to the Tomb of the Patriarchs every Friday evening, and the route is heavily guarded by Israeli security forces. The site is the burial place of the biblical Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, who are revered by both faiths.

Both Israelis and Palestinians draw on past suffering to fuel their current grievances in the city, 25 miles south of Jerusalem.

After living in Hebron for centuries, Jews were driven out during Arab riots in 1929. Dozens were massacred.

When Israel captured the West Bank in

the 1967 Middle East war, settlers began moving back into what had been Hebron's Jewish quarter. Kiryat Arba, one of the West Bank's largest settlements, was established in 1972, and is home to thousands of Israelis today.

Relations with Palestinians, rarely friendly, deteriorated sharply in 1994, when Baruch Goldstein, a New York-born settler who lived in Kiryat Arba, gunned down 29 Muslim worshippers inside the mosque at the Tomb of the Patriarchs. He was beaten to death by the survivors.

That massacre led to calls within Israel — where many people oppose the Hebron settlement and the high price of defending it — that the settlers to be evacuated. The settlers, among the most ideological in the West Bank, have also had an occasionally rocky relationship with the Israeli soldiers defending them.

Ex-Taliban says intelligence service involved in brokering alliance between enemies

BY KATHY GANNON
Associated Press Writer

PESHAWAR, Pakistan — Pakistan's intelligence service, publicly allied with the United States in the fight against terrorism, is trying to broker an alliance between leaders of Afghanistan's ousted Taliban regime and a fugitive warlord who is on the United States' most wanted list, a former Taliban official said Friday.

Meeting in secret in the dust-clogged streets of Peshawar, he said Pakistan's intelligence service has been acting as a go-between with the remnants of the Afghan religious regime and supporters of Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, a key rebel leader who was based in Iran and is now sought by U.S. forces.

"Already the mujahedeen (fighters) of Hekmatyar and of the Taliban are together, but some of the leaders still have differences," the official told The Associated Press.

The official, who is in hiding and spoke only on condition of anonymity, said Pakistan's InterServices Intelligence agency has also been meeting with the former Taliban governor of eastern Nangarhar province, Maulvi Abdul Kabir, believed to be the Taliban's third highest-ranking member.

But the ISI dismissed allegations that it was trying to broker any agreement, saying its loyalties to the government of President Pervez Musharraf.

Musharraf has been trying to strike a balance between his cooperation in the U.S.-led war on terrorism and his efforts to appease the growing power of fundamentalist Islamic factions.

"The FBI and CIA have been working closely with the ISI," said an agency official, who

refused to be quoted by name. "Ask them how much we have cooperated with them. They know that we are genuinely helping them to eliminate terrorism."

The InterServices Intelligence agency was a strong supporter of the Taliban until the Sept. 11 terror attacks, at which point Musharraf decided to switch gears and back the United States' war on terror. Despite the policy change, many ISI officials are believed to remain sympathetic to the former Afghan regime.

Whether or not the ISI is involved, Hekmatyar and the Taliban apparently have been in touch. Western intelligence says Hekmatyar has met former Taliban leader Mullah Mohammed Omar, who is being hunted by the United States and believed to be hiding in Afghanistan.

The two men agree on the goal of attacking U.S. soldiers in Afghanistan and of destabilizing the government of Afghan President Hamid Karzai, but are divided over methods, intelligence officials say.

The claim about Pakistan's intelligence service could not have come at a worse time for Musharraf, who also is dealing with the purported audiotape of Osama bin Laden that surfaced this week and which U.S. officials are treating as authentic.

Musharraf has repeatedly speculated bin Laden is dead, and the tape is sure to put pressure on him to more aggressively scour Pakistan's North West Frontier Province, where many al-Qaida and Taliban officials are believed to have fled.

Despite the presence in the border region of thousands of Pakistani military and U.S. intelligence officials, Taliban and al-Qaida fighters move with relative ease. The porous border between Afghanistan and Pakistan stretch-

es more than 1,000 miles and is impossible to seal.

Musharraf, who has been trying to please Washington without alienating his own citizens, is also dealing with his country's newly powerful religious right, which won control of the North West Frontier in Oct. 10 elections and has deep sympathies with the Taliban.

Within the six-party religious alliance that came in third in the national elections are parties with clear and open sympathies with the Taliban and others with links to Hekmatyar, who has called for a holy war against the United States.

The dominant party in that alliance, Jamaat-e-Islami, was a strong ally of Hekmatyar's throughout the 1980s Soviet invasion of Afghanistan and during the Afghan civil war between 1992 and 1996.

Gates travels to India's software hub to launch immunization program

BY OMER FAROOQ
Associated Press Writer

HYDERABAD, India — Microsoft chairman Bill Gates visited India's software hub Thursday to talk business and immunize children, winding up a tour during which he pledged \$500 million.

Gates met with Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu and health officials in Andhra Pradesh state to review progress made by a child immunization program funded by his foundation.

The Microsoft chief visited a health clinic in rural Mehbubnagar, 30 miles south of Hyderabad, the state capital, where he launched the second phase of the program that seeks

to help more than 1 million Indian children each year.

With Naidu at his side, Gates toured the clinic and administered polio vaccines to several children.

"I am so happy to visit the health clinic and meet the doctors and mothers, see vaccinations that work and see how excited the people are about the help for their children," Gates told the doctors.

The campaign intends to introduce the hepatitis B vaccine as part of routine immunization in the state. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has committed \$12.5 million for the five-year program.

There are about 43 million hepatitis B virus carriers in India who are at risk of chronic liver diseases, including liver cancer.

The project aims to save some 6,000 lives each year from complications resulting from hepatitis B infection.

On Monday, Gates pledged \$100 million from his foundation to fight AIDS in India. He announced Tuesday that Microsoft would invest \$400 million to expand his company's activities and promote computer literacy.

While the Indian government expressed gratitude for his grant to fight AIDS, some senior officials and health activists have accused him of using inflated figures. India rejected the U.S. National Intelligence Council report cited by Gates, which forecasts the number of HIV-infected people in India will rise to 20-25 million by 2010 from about 4 million now.

Running passed curfew



Leiferis Pitarakis/Associated Press

Palestinians defying the Israeli forces curfew run for cover as an Israeli army tank, background left, advances as it patrols the narrow alleyways of the Old City in the northern West Bank town of Nablus Friday. Israeli forces backed by dozens of tanks and armored personnel carriers continued their operation into the largest West Bank town for a third day Friday in an apparent hunt for Palestinian militants. The army said Nablus is a hub for Palestinian suicide bombers.



SPORTS

S.F. Giants introduce Felipe Alou as new manager

BY JANIE MCCAULEY

AP Sports Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — Felipe Alou pulled on his new No. 23 San Francisco Giants jersey top and had a little flash-back.

"It's not the first time I wore this. The last time was 1963," he said Friday. "It's too big for me."

Alou, hired as the Giants' manager Wednesday to replace Dusty Baker, has returned to where his major league career started nearly half a century ago. And he is ready to be the Bay area's most popular baseball man.

If anybody can replace the well-liked Baker, Alou seems to be the one. Many Giants fans sad to see Baker depart certainly are thinking hal-Alou-jah!

Inside Pacific Bell Park, where the grounds crew was digging up the home plate area, the center-field scoreboard read: "Welcome back to San Francisco!

Felipe Alou."

Baker, meanwhile, was close to becoming the manager of the Chicago Cubs.

The 67-year-old Alou became the oldest manager to take over a club since Casey Stengel four decades ago. Several large pictures of him as a player from way back when were displayed as part of his formal introduction by the club Friday.

"I know my profession is major league manager," Alou said. "I want to thank (owner) Peter Magowan and (general manager) Brian Sabean for having the confidence in me. I believe I am the man."

"I am taking this very seriously. I know what to expect. I know my expectations here. They are to win one more World Series game."

San Francisco played in its first World Series since 1989, losing in seven games to the Anaheim Angels after being six outs from the title in Game 6.

Alou promised his bosses he would begin making preliminary roster recommendations and calling players soon.

"I need telephone numbers, by the way," he said to Sabean.

Alou is excited to be taking over a team that has the financial resources to acquire and retain star players. That wasn't the case in his 10 years with the Montreal Expos, who fired him during the 2001 season. He has a 691-717 managerial record.

"Everybody thought I was going to die in Montreal as a manager, and I almost did," he said.

Alou said stability was one of the biggest reasons he decided to return to lead the Giants. He has a three-year contract, and one day will become a special assistant with the team.

And another attraction?

"Having the opportunity to manage Barry Bonds, that's a no-brainer," he said.

"I never ordered any of my players to knock him down. We would pitch in to him sometimes, but not trying to hurt him."

Baker was excited by the prospect of playing in a packed stadium nearly every night.

"I think it's going to be entertainment for me," he said.

Sabeen said Alou was his first choice from the beginning. Sabeen wouldn't even call his meeting with Alou in Florida earlier this week an interview, saying someone of Alou's status doesn't require an interview.

"There was only one name," Sabeen said. "We're going to learn a lot about life from this man."

Alou said he would retain coaches Joe Lefebvre, Dave Righetti and Ron Wotus. Wotus will be bench coach, Righetti pitching coach and Lefebvre's role has not been finalized.

Tennis in China



Bullit Marquez/Associated Press

Carlos Moya of Spain jumps to return the ball to compatriot Albert Costa during their match to determine their semi-finals fate in the eight-player, season-ending Tennis Masters Cup at Shanghai New International Expo Center Friday in Shanghai, China.

Jury rules in favor of Leigh Steinberg in bitter lawsuit between super-agents

BY GARY GENTILE

AP Business Writer

LOS ANGELES — A jury awarded legendary sports agent Leigh Steinberg \$44.6 million Friday after ruling that his former business partner conspired to steal away his high-profile clients.

The federal court jury agreed with Steinberg's claim that David Dunn broke his contract by setting up a rival firm and persuading about 50 football players to join him. One of those players was New England Patriot's Drew Bledsoe.

Steinberg, whose clout helped inspire Tom Cruise's flamboyant character in the movie "Jerry Maguire," won on nearly every claim against Dunn, who signed Bledsoe to a record \$103 million, ten-year deal with the Patriots soon after leaving Steinberg Moorad and Dunn, to set up his own firm.

Bledsoe took the stand against Steinberg during the trial. Nevertheless, the eight-member jury unanimously upheld Steinberg's claims of unfair competition and interference with prospective economic advantage against Dunn and his firm, Athletes First.

The eight-member panel awarded \$22.6 million in punitive damages and

another \$22 million in compensatory damages to be paid by Dunn and his firm.

Attorneys for Dunn said they will appeal.

After the verdict, David Cornwell, one of Steinberg's attorneys said the clients who left with Dunn were manipulated and that Steinberg hopes they will consider returning to his firm.

"It's somewhat bittersweet," Cornwell said. "We're grateful. We think it's the right verdict. We think it's the right amount."

Cornwell said Steinberg sacrificed his reputation to see that justice was served. The trial included testimony suggesting Steinberg had a drinking problem.

The jury rejected only a claim of false advertising against Dunn and his firm. It rebuffed all of Dunn's counterclaims.

The trial in U.S. District Court in Los Angeles lasted nearly six weeks and went to the jury Nov. 8. On Wednesday, U.S. District Judge Ronald S.W. Lew will decide an unresolved claim of unjust enrichment made by Steinberg against Dunn.

Neither Steinberg nor Dunn were in the courtroom when the verdicts were read.

Lawyers for Dunn complained the jury was prevented from hearing key

aspects of the defense relating to tactics allegedly used to drive Athletes First out of business.

"No matter how many millions of dollars that SMD spends in legal fees, they have failed in their attempts to prevent NFL players from exercising their right to choose their own representative," Mark Humenik, general counsel for Athletes First said in a statement.

The verdicts came after Steinberg's lawyer, Brock Gowdy, contended that Dunn breached his contract with Steinberg, Moorad and Dunn less than two years after he signed a five-year employment agreement worth \$7 million.

The deal included a \$2 million signing bonus and a clause that prohibited Dunn from competing with Steinberg's firm.

Gowdy also claimed that Dunn intended to use "private and embarrassing" information about Steinberg to prevent him from bringing a lawsuit.

Lee Hutton, a defense attorney for Athletes First, told the jury that Dunn didn't solicit any SMD clients to join his firm, and that the athletes made their own choices. The lawyer also claimed that Dunn's contract with SMD was invalid because conditions were added on after it was signed.

Court throws out \$2M verdict in sex discrimination suit

BY LARRY O'DELL

Associated Press Writer

RICHMOND, Va. — A federal appeals court on Friday threw out a jury's \$2 million award in a sex discrimination lawsuit filed by former Duke place-kicker Heather Sue Mercer.

A three-judge panel of the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals unanimously ruled that punitive damages are not available in private actions brought to enforce Title IX, the law that bars sex discrimination in education programs that receive federal funds.

Mercer was cut from the team before the 1996 season. Her attorney, Burton Craige of Raleigh, N.C., said he had not seen the ruling and had no immediate

comment.

Duke officials issued a statement in which they said they were pleased by the decision and remain "committed to aggressively advancing our support for women's athletics through implementation of our Title IX plan."

A federal jury in Greensboro, N.C., had ordered Duke to pay the punitive damages and \$1 in compensatory damages to Mercer, who earned a spot on the Blue Devils' roster as a walk-on in 1995 but never played in a game. She was dropped from the team by then-coach Fred Goldsmith.

Goldsmith, now head coach at Franklin High School in Franklin, N.C., did not immediately return a telephone call about the ruling.

The appeals court said the U.S. Supreme Court recently ruled that punitive damages may not be awarded in lawsuits filed under the Americans with Disabilities Act. Mercer cannot collect punitive damages because the ADA and Title IX are interpreted and applied in the same manner, the appeals court ruled.

The court, however, rejected Duke's claim that it should not have to pay attorney fees for a plaintiff who collected only \$1 in compensatory damages. The court sent the case back to U.S. District Judge James A. Beaty Jr. to determine the amount of attorney fees, if any, Duke should pay.

"Mercer's claim against Duke was the first of its kind, and the jury's conclusion that Duke violated Title IX may serve as

guidance for other schools facing similar issues," the court said. "Under these circumstances, we believe that the question of whether an award of attorney's fees remains appropriate should be addressed by the district court in the first instance."

In her lawsuit, Mercer claimed that Goldsmith treated her differently after she was allowed to join the team. He wouldn't let her dress for games or practice on a scrimmage team against Duke's first-string players and once asked Mercer why she was interested in football instead of beauty pageants, she claimed.

Mercer, who graduated in 1998, had said she would use any award from the lawsuit to set up a scholarship fund for female place-kickers.

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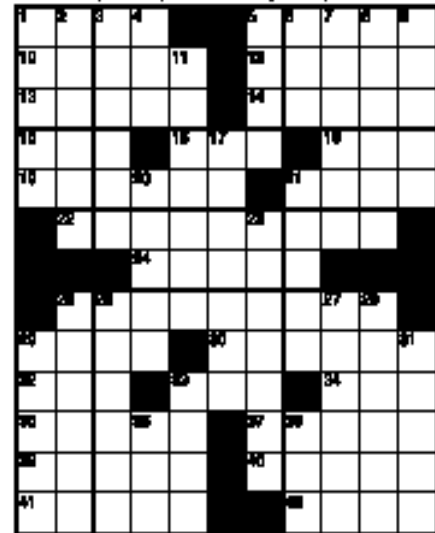
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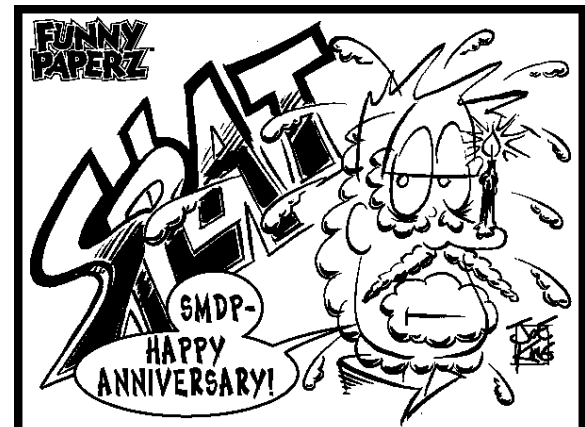
NEWS OF THE WEIRD by Chuck Shepard

Bikers, gone in '60' seconds

Terry Devine jumped on a motorcycle immediately after receiving his driver's license in Greymouth, New Zealand, in September and sped off at almost 100 mph; his biking experience lasted about 45 minutes, until police caught him, and his license was suspended. And to address a self-described "mid-age crisis," Jim Zimmerman of Saginaw, Mich., bought a Harley-Davidson in September, even though he was 60 years old and hadn't been on a bike in 30 years; 10 seconds into his first ride, he slammed into a utility pole and broke several ribs, and shortly afterward sold the bike.

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Calendar

Saturday, November 16, 2002

movies

Loews Broadway Cinema
1441 Third St. at Broadway
Comedian (R) 11:45, 2:00, 4:15, 6:45, 9:15. Femme Fatale (R) 11:00, 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 10:00. Jackass: The Movie (R) 12:00, 2:15, 4:45, 7:00, 9:30. Half Past Dead (PG-13) 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15.

Mann Criterion
1313 Third St.
The Ring (PG-13) 12:45, 4:00, 7:30, 10:40. My Big Fat Greek Wedding (PG) 11:20, 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 10:05. Punch-Drunk Love (R) 11:45, 2:30, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15. Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets (PG) 9:30, 10:30, 12:00, 1:00, 2:15, 3:30, 4:30, 6:15, 7:00, 8:00, 10:00, 10:30, 11:45.

AMC Theatre SM 7
1310 3rd Street

Red Dragon (R) 4:25, 7:35, 8:15, 11:20, 1:00, 3:15, 4:00, 6:15, 7:00, 9:05, 10:00, 11:45. Santa Clause 2 (G) 12:10, 1:30, 2:45, 4:10, 7:05, 7:50, 9:40. I Spy (PG-13) 12:00, 2:15, 4:35, 5:15, 7:25, 9:45, 10:25. The Transporter (PG-13) 1:15, 10:30. Sweet Home Alabama (PG-13) 12:05, 2:40, 5:20, 8:00, 10:35.

Landmark Nu-Wilshire
1314 Wilshire Blvd.
Bowling for Columbine (R) 1:30, 4:15, 7:30, 10:15. Far From Heaven (PG-13) 11:30, 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30.

Laemmle Monica
1332 2nd St.
Real Women Have Curves (PG-13) 1:00, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45, 10:00. Spirited Away (PG) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00. Bank Ben 1:00, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45, 10:00. El Crimen del Padre Amaro (R) 1:30, 4:20, 7:15, 10:05.

Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave.
Secretary 5:00, 10:00. White Oleander 2:30, 7:30. Goonies 11:00am.

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Farmer's Market every Wednesday and Saturday. 9am to 2pm, Arizona between Second and Fourth Streets. Come and enjoy one of the largest and best farmer's markets in California!

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The Verdi Chorus presents their Annual Fall Concert. Presenting excerpts from: Early Verdi, Opera Verismo, and French Opera. Tickets are \$20 (seniors \$15, students \$10), 7:30pm. First United Methodist Church, 1008 11th Street. Two blocks north of Wilshire Blvd. Info (310)828-

5349, (310)826-8309, (310)394-1902.

The Red Ribbon Squares, Santa Monica's official square dance club, invites you to enjoy an evening of plus level square dancing, alternating with round dancing, with an A-1 tip during break time. We dance every Saturday at Marine Park from 7:45pm to 10:30pm. Admission is \$5.00 for dancers, including refreshments. Spectators are free. For more information, please call (310)395-3383.

The Empty State Theater at 2372 Veteran Ave. in W. Los Angeles proudly presents: "The Fortune Room Lounge Show" A musical improv show featuring the "Stella Ray Trio" and "The Lucky Players". Every Saturday night at 10:00 p.m. Admission is \$10.00, drinks included w/admission. Lots of parking! For information or reservations please call (310)470-3560.

Sunday

Community

Dodd Art Gallery showing Dafne Nesti "Paintings" and Dodd Jolsapple "New Works". Nov. 17th through Dec. 16th, 5pm to 8pm, 1650 20th Street, Santa Monica. For more information please call (310) 828-5825.

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Alaska quake backs theory temblors trigger other activity

BY ANDREW BRIDGES
AP Science Writer

LOS ANGELES — The magnitude-7.9 earthquake that rocked Alaska Nov. 3 has lent new credence to the theory that large temblors can trigger seismic activity even thousands of miles away.

Immediately following the earthquake, the largest to strike on land since the 1906 quake that leveled most of San Francisco, seismic instruments recorded increased activity as far away as California. There, swarms of tiny temblors shook The Geysers, north of San Francisco, and Long Valley, in the Eastern Sierra.

Similar minor quakes were recorded at Washington's Mount Rainier and in Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming, all volcanic areas. Most seismologists agree the quakes were triggered by the quake on Alaska's Denali fault.

"There can't be any question at this point, that the phenomenon does occur and probably more frequently than we thought before," said David Hill, a U.S. Geological Survey seismologist.

It was 1992's magnitude-7.3 Landers earthquake in the desert east of Los Angeles that first suggested to seismologists that remotely triggered quakes were even possible. In the minutes, hours and days following that quake, instruments recorded upticks in seismic activity near Lassen Peak, Long Valley, The Geysers and Little Skull Mountain in Nevada.

Before Landers, which was among the first large earthquakes to strike in the era of modern seismic instruments, seismologists could not definitively link temblors

that struck in close succession but were separated by large distances.

In places like California, earthquakes come nearly every minute of every day; that any two should strike in different locations within the state at the same time is usually no more than mere coincidence.

"There's one problem we face, and that's people like to correlate things," said USGS seismologist David Wald. "People like to see patterns."

Now, with more and better instruments deployed in the field, seismologists can discern any change in the background levels of seismic activity that might indicate earthquakes triggered by distant, larger quakes.

Some still do not accept the theory that they trigger one another, however.

"So what, there are earthquakes all the time, right? You'd be hard pressed to tie it to that," said Christopher Scholz, of the Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory of Columbia University.

Scholz does allow that earthquakes can

trigger seismic activity in volcanic zones, as was the case with the Denali quake.

Since Landers, seismologists have pored over historical records, looking for accounts of past earthquakes that may have triggered other temblors, even in nonvolcanic areas.

USGS seismologist Susan Hough said the three strong earthquakes that hit New Madrid, Mo., in the winter of 1811-12 triggered quakes as far away as northern Kentucky — hardly a volcanic region.

"There is compelling evidence that it's happened in areas that are not volcanic," Hough said.

More recently, Wald and student Aron Meltzner spent more than a year studying newspaper accounts from the time of the April 18, 1906, San Francisco earthquake. They found what they called a "marked clustering" of earthquakes in the West in the 48 hours after the estimated magnitude-7.8 quake. They attribute the change to aftershocks and triggered quakes. (The difference between the two is largely one

of distance — and semantics, seismologists said.)

Among them were earthquakes reported in Oregon, Arizona and Southern California, including an estimated magnitude-5 quake that struck off the Los Angeles coast on April 19, 1906.

"There are clear effects at great distances from these earthquakes," Wald said of those of large magnitude.

How they trigger other quakes remains unclear, although the apparent tie to volcanic areas is a clue, said USGS seismologist Joan Gomberg.

"These volcanic areas seem to be more sensitive, for whatever reasons," Gomberg said.

Among the theories is that the shaking redistributes bubbles of gas trapped in the magma underlying volcanic regions, Gomberg said.

Seismologists caution that triggered earthquakes seem to occur only in areas that are already seismically active.

\$11 theft can get criminals 25 years to life

By The Associated Press

SANTA BARBARA — A Ventura County career criminal was sentenced to 25 years to life in prison under California's three-strikes law for stealing \$11.53 worth of goods from a grocery store.

Ronald Herrera, who already had 17 serious felonies under his belt before the January theft at a Carpinteria Von's supermarket, was found guilty of commercial

burglary and petty theft with prior convictions. He stole lip balm, breath freshener and a bottle of cheap wine.

His oftentimes violent criminal resume included a 1971 home-invasion robbery and rape of a woman and her 15-year-old daughter in Ventura, the shooting of a police dispatcher and six armed robberies in Virginia.

Superior Court Judge Frank Ochoa of Thursday called Herrera, 57, of Oxnard,

one of the worst criminals to pass through his courtroom.

"He's what the three-strikes law is all about. He's a career criminal," Deputy District Attorney Darryl Perlin said.

During the jury trial, Deputy Public Defender Jeff Chambliss claimed Herrera has a brain injury that affects his memory. When he left the store with the stolen items, the defense attorney said Herrera simply forgot that he hadn't paid for them.

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