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A newspaper with issues

Board of education slashes \$1.6 million from budget

More cuts loom for schools district-wide

BY ANDREW H. FIXMER
Daily Press Staff Writer

Students at local schools are feeling the pinch of tough economic times as officials this week shaved another \$1.6 million from the education budget.

The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified school board on Thursday reluctantly made the cuts not only because the state isn't providing enough funding for education, but also because the majority of local voters shot down a parcel tax increase on Nov. 5 dedicated for Santa Monica and Malibu schools.

The school district already had to cut \$5 million from its budget earlier this year because of its

tumultuous economic situation.

The cuts, although currently broad and general, run the gamut. Students will see programs cut, and no new teachers or administrators hired. The following cuts account for the \$1.6 million insavings:

■ Hiring freeze on all staff positions. Cost savings: \$300,000.

■ A 25 percent reduction in the budgets at all schools in the district. Cost savings: \$198,000.

■ A 25 percent cut in educational programs. Cost savings: \$100,000.

■ Elimination of security positions at elementary schools. Cost savings: \$25,000.

■ Freezing health services the district offers to poor students. Cost savings: \$294,000.

■ Combining special educa-

tion positions. Cost savings: \$219,000.

■ Eliminating the costs associated with the district's warehouse. Cost savings: \$176,000.

■ A 20 percent reduction in energy use. Cost savings: \$298,000.

The school board also conditionally approved revenue generators for the district. Those include increasing bus fees to raise \$238,000 and raising school lunches by 10 percent to raise \$175,000. Renting school facilities will be more expensive as well, with the district hoping to bring in an additional \$50,000 with the hikes.

The immediate budget cuts are necessary to balance the budget due to a precipitous decline in state funding of

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It's all about the kids



Carolyn Sackariason/Daily Press
(Left to right) Arthur Peter, Phillip Tirone and Christine Carley man the raffle board at the annual Boys and Girls Club of Santa Monica fund-raiser benefiting area youth on Friday at Loews Hotel on Ocean Avenue.

Policy blocking donations to schools sent back for revisions

But school board members say they support the concept

BY ANDREW H. FIXMER
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The concept of ensuring wealthy students don't fare better than poor ones during budget cuts was approved by the school board on Thursday.

However, the policy was sent back to school district administrators for revisions. Board members want to allow schools greater financial flexibility when it comes to fundraising.

"We can't have one school with a 15-to-1 class size ratio and another with a 32-to-1 ratio," said board member Michael Jordan, who lives in Malibu. "That would not be fair, just or equitable to anyone and we can't allow it to happen."

Jordan also said the school district doesn't want to institute a policy that would deter residents

from contributing to schools.

"There are many areas outside of core curriculum programs where we need to allow parents to make donations to their schools," he said.

district's budget with money from private donations.

If that were allowed, many board members said they believe the disparity in the quality of programs and services at

"We cannot go to a place where we have full-service schools and basic service schools."

— JULIA BROWNLEY
SMMUSD school board president

More than 150 residents at the meeting praised the school district for being brave enough to address issues of wealth and poverty in education. Others accused administrators of being "communists" and attempting "social engineering."

School board members defended the policy, which would not allow schools to replace programs cut from the

schools throughout the district would continue to deepen.

"We cannot go to a place where we have full-service schools and basic service schools," said school board president Julia Brownley. "That just can't happen in my opinion."

However, one parent said he has regularly donated directly to

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Judge finds game inventor in contempt

Case will be assigned for a jury trial on Monday

BY ANDREW H. FIXMER
Daily Press Staff Writer

Warning: Free speech doesn't always work in the courtroom.

A local game inventor was briefly thrown in jail Friday for contempt of court after he called a Santa Monica judge's ruling "stupid" and "polite nonsense."

The exclamations came from Stewart Lamle, who is standing trial for 10 City Hall citations for selling an invented game called "farook" on the Third Street Promenade without a business license and six more citations for illegally possessing a milk crate, which is illegal in California.

Superior Court Judge Bernard J. Kamins ruled the city didn't have to provide copies of its milk crate prosecutions, which Lamle's attorney,



Paul Mills (left) and Stewart Lamle

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♉ TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ What proves to be a complication for someone else is a snap for you. You plunge in and take on a task, going gangbusters. While you're at it, check on a special relative you care a lot about. This person needs your feedback. Tonight: Head for a favorite place.

♊ GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ Others could surprise you with their sharing. You might not be comfortable with what you hear. At a later point, you'll be a lot happier because of this advance preview. Use your immense creativity and ingenuity with a purchase. Tonight: Treat a loved one.

♋ CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★★ Your high energy helps loosen up a problem. Don't stop where others might. Carry an idea with a partner to completion. Realize more of what you want with a loved one. Be sensitive to what might be, to some, a backward request. Tonight: As you like it.

♌ LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Consider playing ostrich. Don't worry about hiding out for a while, especially as this isn't a pattern. You might want a break from the mad ravings that you think surround you. When you're ready, you'll reappear. Trust yourself. Tonight: Do your thing.

♍ VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Friends demand your attention. As a result, or because you want to, you revamp your patterns. Make a must appearance, but free up as much time as you want. Look at your calendar. Yes, it is Saturday. You deserve some playtime. Tonight: Follow the action.

♎ LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ You tend to add fire to any gathering right now. Your intentions might be clear to you but not to others. Be indulgent with a loved one or older relative. This person needs your patience. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

♏ SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Your ability to read between the lines proves to be unusually helpful with someone you care about. This person might have an abrupt style or way of explaining him- or herself. Don't worry so much. Remain sure of yourself. Tonight: Read between the lines.

♐ SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ A friend pushes you very hard to have things his or her way. Rethink what might be occurring here. Work with a dear friend or partner on a one-on-one level. Togetherness might be deeply enhanced by a surprise. Tonight: Find your favorite person.

♑ CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★★ Others reach out to you. Those around you want to make a difference; let them. Lighten up and enjoy yourself in the company of others. A financial matter might be preoccupying you. Can you change right now? Tonight: Where the fun is.

♒ AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ Understanding makes all the difference in how you handle a provocative person at a distance. You might not always want to hear what this person has to share. Relax with others around you. Express your caring through nurturing. Tonight: Play away.

♓ PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★★ Realize that someone means what he or she says. You might not be able to continue pursuing a particular goal in the way you had planned. Dig into your bag of imagination, and you'll pull a rabbit out of your hat. Tonight: Keep on smiling.

QUOTE of the DAY

"Marriage is part of a sort of 50's revival package that's back in vogue along with neckties and naked ambition."

— Calvin Trillin

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LOCAL



File photo

Colorado Court, the latest affordable housing project in Santa Monica, has been nationally recognized for its environmental qualities.

Green building receives recognition from architects

By Daily Press staff

Colorado Court, an affordable, sustainable housing complex at Colorado Avenue and Fifth Street, has earned a National American Institute of Architects Award for Design Excellence. Community Corp. of Santa Monica, which owns and operates the property, will accept the award at the AIA national conference in San Diego next spring.

Colorado Court's sustainable features, a result of collaboration between the project's architects and the city's Green

Building program, include a built-in power cogeneration capacity, using solar panels and a natural gas micro-turbine, enabling it to produce 92 percent of its own electricity, while all of its hot water and heating requirements are handled by the micro-turbine alone. Combined with architectural elements that provide natural lighting and cooling ocean breezes, the five-story building is called by some as the essence of energy efficiency, which is especially important as energy costs rise and the state's power grid is strained.

Santa Monica police looking for seat belt violators

By Daily Press staff

Local police will be on the look-out next week for motorists who aren't wearing their seat belts.

In a stepped-up effort to increase seat belt use, the Santa Monica Police Department will join law enforcement in California and across the nation during

Buckle Up America/Operation ABC (America Buckles up Children's) Mobilization, Nov. 25 through Dec. 1.

The mobilization is part of the California Seat Belt Compliance Campaign, designed to increase the state's 91.1 percent seat belt use rate to 92 percent by 2003. The remaining 8.9 percent, or, "late eight" equals roughly 3.1 million

vehicle occupants — more than the population of 21 states. The campaign also includes a second mobilization period, May 19-26, 2003.

The mobilization will focus on all drivers and vehicle occupants in California who fail to wear seat belts. Of particular attention, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration,

are teen drivers between 16 and 18 years of age, who are at a deadly intersection of driving and high-risk behavior.

Last year in California, 1,268 vehicle occupants lost their lives in traffic collisions. Of that, about 45 percent, or 571, of those lives could have been saved had they remembered to buckle up, officials say.

surf report

Information compiled by Jesse Haley

Today's swell builds to its peak early this morning. Surf should stay in the two- to four-foot range throughout the county, staying smaller in the north where northwest swell is heavily shadowed.

Sunday size is expected to decline some as swell begins its fade. Good sets will show in the morning, and get less consistent as the day progresses.

To anyone who doesn't already know, high bacteria levels persist at Surfrider, where our recent rain storm broke through the natural sand bar, so avoid that break.



Today's Tides:

Low-	3:15 a.m.	2.41'
High-	9:28 a.m.	5.66'
Low-	5:09 p.m.	-0.17'
High-	11:48 p.m.	3.26'

Location	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Water Quality
County Line	2-3'/Fair	2-3'/Fair	2-3'/Fair	A
Zuma	2-3'/Fair	2-3'/Fair	2-3'/Fair	A
Surfrider	1-2'/Fair	2-3'/Fair	1-3'/Fair	C
Topanga	1-2'/Fair	2-3'/Fair	1-3'/Fair	B
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OPINION

LETTERS

Hooked on the homeless

Editor:

Twelve years ago as CEO of the "Coalition of Santa Monica Homeless" ... the only homeless organization run by homeless individuals and recognized and supported by the city of Santa Monica I suggested that if the city did not come to an honest and intelligent assessment of its homeless situation and act accordingly it would only get worse.

For 12 years Santa Monica has been "swimming in the same cesspool" ... burying its head in the same sand and throwing good money after bad to the provider agencies.

Twelve years ago I told you the homeless are not the problem ... the poor ... lost and ragged population that crowd the streets of "Strange Monica" are the results of the problem and so long as you treat the victims as the problem you will never solve the problem. The real problem is greed, short-sighted, ego-centric, self-serving greed.

Consider the following. This year Santa Monica budgeted \$1.8 million to support 22 homeless programs. One does not have to hold a Ph.D. to look at those numbers and know Santa Monica has a homeless population because Santa Monica wants and encourages a homeless population.

The first business of any business is to stay in business. Expecting the provider organizations to end homelessness is like asking your butcher to advocate a vegetarian diet — it is not in his interest.

The truth is more people "live" off the poor and homeless in "Schizoid Monica" than any other city of its size in the country. Like it or not Santa Monica is the "poverty pimp" capital of the country.

The real "beggars" in Santa Monica are not the nickel and dime panhandlers on the Promenade. The real "beggars" are the \$50,000 a year upper middle class social workers who "sweat out" funding applications plan fund raisers and "beg" for contributions.

Ninety five percent of all the money given to provider agencies is consumed by salaries

and expenses. Not 5 percent of the \$1.8 million the city will dole out this year will get close enough to the homeless for them to smell, let alone put in their pockets.

The lucky ones will get a couple of bus tokens, a baloney sandwich and your ex-husband's old shirt.

A decade ago in a conversation with Julie Rusk, Santa Monica's human services manager, Ms. Rusk stated no one in Santa Monica was "living" off the homeless. As much as I like you personally Julie and I do, you were wrong 12 years ago and you're wrong today and if you keep your job another 12 years you will be wrong then.

Homelessness is to Santa Monica what drugs, booze and sex are to Hollywood. What gamblers are to Las Vegas and what "junk food" is to a "coke freak." In other words Santa Monica is "hooked" on homelessness.

Leonard M. Kuras
Santa Monica

Homes are not community resources

Editor:

Ms. Trudi Sandmeier, described in the article as a "preservation advocate" with the L.A. Conservancy, has taken it upon herself to lecture the homeowners of Santa Monica as to what is best for the community.

Memo:

To: Ms. Sandmeier

From: Santa Monica homeowners:

Our homes are NOT "community resources." Home ownership is a sacred right of our citizens, well grounded in Constitutional and statutory law. Homeowners, and those who wish to be homeowners someday, will rise up in defense of home ownership, and will

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Legal arguments in latest lawsuit against City Hall

Last week two pro-housing organizations — the Santa Monica Housing Council and California Housing Council — sued the City of Santa Monica for the fourth time in the past decade to secure City compliance with state housing law. Having succeeded in its three prior lawsuits against the City, this time the two groups are seeking City compliance with state law that essentially requires cities to honor their own zoning rules when reviewing housing projects.

This hardly appears to be an extreme or threatening idea. But those familiar with Santa Monica's zoning and housing wars will instantly appreciate its sensitivity and potentially far-reaching implications.

For two decades, Santa Monica decision-makers have frequently engaged in highly subjective and often arbitrary decision-making in reviewing new projects. Project applicants have no confidence of obtaining City approval even if they meet all of the City's many zoning regulations. Although project denial is the exception rather than the norm, it has been and remains a significant risk. This risk strongly discourages knowledgeable builders from attempting projects in Santa Monica.

This City practice has proven especially problematic for new housing projects. During the past two decades, Santa Monica has generated only a small percentage of its need for new housing as determined in accordance with state law by the Southern California Association of Governments ("SCAG"). Since 1980, Santa Monica's residential population has actually declined by about 5 percent, even as Santa Monica has experienced a commercial development boom and as residential populations in the region and state have grown substantially. Santa Monica, once more of a bedroom community, has become an employment center with many more jobs than housing for those employed here. This imbalance between jobs and housing, in turn, contributes to increased traffic congestion and other environmental problems.

The Santa Monica Housing Council and California Housing Council's latest lawsuit is intended to fix this problem by requiring the City to honor its own rules in reviewing new housing projects. As mandated by state housing law, proposed housing projects that meet the City's zoning laws should be approved, absent health and safety prob-

lems that can only be fixed by project denial or reductions in project size. This lawsuit, if successful, will achieve this result.

In response, Santa Monica claims the right to deny projects or reduce their size solely for reasons of neighborhood compatibility. The City's response misses the point entirely, both with respect to the objectives of this lawsuit and also concerning sensible housing policy. In particular, the City ignores that if the Santa Monica Housing Council and California Housing Council are successful in this lawsuit, the City will continue to have broad authority to consider neighborhood compatibility. This lawsuit will simply mandate that the City consider neighborhood compatibility in a principled, objective fashion rather than in accordance with its current highly arbitrary and subjective practices.

Above all, the City will retain the power to establish zoning standards designed to ensure new housing projects are compatible with existing neighborhoods. Nothing in this lawsuit seeks to limit the City's freedom to establish or change the height, density, setback, design, open space, parking and other standards for new housing.

Generally, these standards reflect the City Council's sense of the proper size and scale of new buildings to ensure neighborhood compatibility. This lawsuit will leave these standards unchanged. Rather, this lawsuit merely asks the City to honor its own rules in reviewing new housing.

Moreover, all new housing projects (except single family homes) are subject to architectural design review by the City's Architectural Review Board (and occasionally the Planning Commission on appeal from the ARB). In the context of architectural design review, the ARB and Planning Commission have ample discretion to ensure that project design is compatible with existing neighborhoods.

Indeed, the City Council recently acknowledged this when faced with objections from neighbors of a proposed affordable housing project on Main Street in the Ocean Park neighborhood. Neighbors of this project complained that the City Council has voluntarily limited its review of affordable housing projects containing

less than 50 units to code compliance and architectural design only. In response, the City Council pointed out the City's architectural review process provides ample opportunities for community participation to ensure the neighborhood compatibility of affordable housing projects. Santa Monica Housing Council and California Housing Council supported the City Council on this issue, and believe the same point holds true for all housing.

The issue of City compliance with its own zoning rules in reviewing housing projects is especially important given recent changes in City law. Until recently, nearly all new apartment projects were entitled to automatic approval if they met the City's many standards, subject to architectural design review. During the past two years, however, the City Council has intervened. Now, the vast majority of new apartment projects will be subject to the City's highly

discretionary development review process and run the risk of project denial (often after two to three years of permit processing) even if they comply with all City zoning laws. This dramatic change in City

practice will dissuade prudent housing builders from even attempting a project in Santa Monica absent a City commitment to comply with state housing law and its own zoning rules.

This lawsuit is also important because our community, region and state all suffer from a severe shortage of housing, which causes escalating housing prices and hardship especially for low income families. Any serious affordable housing strategy requires both action to encourage price-controlled affordable housing (where Santa Monica has a positive track record) and healthy housing markets buttressed by City procedures that encourage new market-rate housing (where the City has been and is very deficient). Instead of once again resisting compliance with state housing law in court (where during the past decade the City has generally lost and been ordered to pay a combined \$1 million in legal fees for non-compliance with state housing law), Santa Monica should quickly agree to comply with state housing law and spare the tax-

payors the additional and unnecessary financial burden of this litigation.

Also at stake in this litigation is Santa Monica's reputation as a progressive city with respect to housing matters, which has been tarnished in the past several years. Just last year, Santa Monica joined with reactionary cities throughout California to block state legislation (Senate Bill 498) designed to improve compliance by cities with state housing law. Senate Bill 498 was co-authored by State Senator Sheila Kuehl and supported by the Sierra Club, the Congress of California Seniors, the Western Center on Law and Poverty, and other progressive organizations throughout the state along with affordable housing groups, housing builders, business organizations and labor unions. Although most cities opposed this bill, notable exceptions included San Francisco, Oakland, Sacramento and Berkeley. Santa Monica's reputation as a progressive, pro-housing city is ill-served by its shortsighted opposition to progressive, housing legislation such as SB 498.

State housing law is intended to assure housing builders that cities will act responsibly by honoring their own zoning rules in reviewing new housing. By adding a strong element of predictability to housing project review, state housing law is intended to encourage housing in a state with a severe housing shortage. The City's refusal to honor this important provision of state law, combined with the City's efforts to block Senate Bill 498, poorly serves the City's residents or the "smart growth" planning values the City claims to favor.

The City should promptly reverse course, agree to comply with state housing law, and reconsider its opposition to legislation such as Senate Bill 498. This approach will better address the housing needs of Santa Monica, while sparing the taxpayers the needless cost of the pending lawsuit.

(Christopher M. Harding and Kenneth L. Kutcher are partners in the law firm of Harding, Larmore, Kutcher & Kozal, a Santa Monica-based firm which serves as counsel for Santa Monica Housing Council and California Housing Council in this lawsuit. HLKK represented Santa Monica Housing Council and California Housing Council in its prior legal actions against the City. HLKK specializes in real estate, land use and housing law.)

Guest Commentary

By Christopher M. Harding
and Ken Kutcher

OPINION



LETTERS

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resist any attempt to seize virtual/actual control of their private homes. This fact should be obvious to anyone as witness to the recent Homeowners for Voluntary Preservation initiative, which will be passed by this City Council in December, or passed by special election vote in the spring. Those who favor preservation, had better begin to understand that if you wish to achieve your goals you need to "make your case" to the homeowners. This is best accomplished through thoughtful, respectful, collaborative, cooperative negotiation and agreement, not through force and intimidation.

Phil Grunland
Santa Monica

Bauer gets dose of poison pill

Editor:

Please do stop referring to Bill Bauer as a writer. He is not. He is a pompous, priggish, paranoid, posturing rich-boy with PC.

Please advise him that having lived in one place (i.e. Santa Monica) for 25 years gives him no more rights than anyone who just moved here. Bauer, you ought to sell your ass-ets and go elsewhere if you don't like contributing. Having money comes with responsibilities. In my opinion, as a former inhabitant of two of Santa Monica's shelters striving to better my life, your words are inflammatory. I held a real estate license in this city for eight years, worked with architects, developers and investors. I did commercial acquisitions of apartment houses and office buildings in three southwestern states and sold many fine homes from the San Fernando Valley to Malibu. I do not speak from ignorance with regard to these subjects.

"Poison pill" sounds like a good description of you, Billy-boy. If I were to take an educated guess, I'd say you are a control-freak wanting to have your way about everything regarding the city where you have invested your money. What is wrong with affordable housing? When your family invested, it was affordable, wasn't it? I'm an American white, 62-year-old lady of Semitic background whom Chabad told they had nothing for women and who couldn't get a job in your fair city for more than \$9 an hour even though I have five years of college, 36 years of work experience and four computer programs under my belt. So, affordable wasn't even a possibility. And I am not alone. Everyone who is homeless in this town is not a drug addict.

"Compromise the character of the city"? Are you nuts? Or do you just like to push your pinkies around a keyboard? Stop looking at your daddy's photos of what used to be here in Santa Monica. Wake up! This is almost 2003. What character? This is not Cape Cod and you were not among those who threw the tea in the Boston Harbor.

Hey Billy-boy, I hope they continue to build more and more affordable housing and a word to the wise for CCSM. Humans need pets. Scratch your rule against pet ownership in your apartments. It's inhumane.

Libi Warren
Santa Monica

Fired up over mall decor

Editor:

In the 12 years I have lived in Santa Monica I have always taken pride in the Christmas decorations as well as other things.

This year the city has, I can't believe it, bought some aqua plastic collections of slabs. I guess they are supposed to be trees. They block the view. And ruin the dinosaur art.

And the supposed snow flakes, they look like they might fall on someone and chop off their head or at least scare them to death.

Couldn't we please have back the beautiful flags (pennants) with Sea horses and dolphins and sparkles on them?

And please keep all the lights on the trees.

Kate McCorkle
Santa Monica

SMDP biased on preservation issue?

Editor:

I am writing to call attention to a continuing bias on the part of the Daily Press. Andrew Fixmer's front page article Nov. 14 regarding the City Council's discussion of whether to bring the so-called Homeowners for Voluntary Preservation initiative to a vote or adopt it as law, contains a number of misleading statements.

The most egregious is that the only members of the public Mr. Fixmer saw fit to quote were supporters of the initiative. The fact is that there were more speakers in opposition. They were there waiting until 1:30 in the morning to express their opposition. At least one was interviewed by Mr. Fixmer — none made their way into his article.

The fact that your headline reads "Initiative supporters say election is a waste of money" rather than "Taxpayers say election compelled by initiative is a waste of money" stands as a testament to your focus being solely on the purported downside of historical designation and landmarking rather than the tax advantages to homeowners or the importance of retaining our town's cultural and historical assets. By persisting in this approach you function as little more than a house organ for Tom Larmore and his various political causes. I urge you to take your responsibility as journalists a bit more seriously.

Bill Finkelstein
Santa Monica

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LOCAL

District expected to deal with more financial woes

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education, a substantial increase in health insurance and retirement benefits, and the defeat of a \$300 parcel tax in the November elections.

Deficits are expected to rise next year to about \$5.6 million, which again is blamed largely on state reductions in local education funding. To cope, the school board agreed administrators should begin looking at long-range cuts, including increasing class sizes and cutting more programs.

"We've got to submit our budget to L.A. County," said board member Pam Brady. "Instead of making broad layoffs, instituting a hiring freeze feels a lot better to me."

"They won't be frozen forever," she added. "Nothing is permanent here."

Some members of the public asked the school board to provide more details.

"Where's the data?" said Santa Monica resident Jim Jaffe, a Lincoln Middle School teacher. "This needs a surgical approach, not just an overview."

"You can't do it this way," he added. "You're not going to look good if you do it this way."

But School Board President Julia

Brownley said the school district will use discretion when deciding which positions should remain frozen and which, for academic reasons, need to be filled.

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— PAM BRADY
SMMUSD board member

She said the cuts, though broad and somewhat ambiguous, need to be made now and followed up when more specific information is available.

"I know this is just the beginning of the journey of staff's budget work," she said. "Regrettably, there are more reductions in our future."

Lamle spends three hours in slammer for contempt

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Paul Mills, had requested.

Mills argued the city was discriminating against Lamle, pointing out that one-third of the city's milk crate citations last year targeted him.

However, Judge Kamins sided with Deputy City Attorney David Fairweather, who prosecuted the case Friday. He ruled that the city was not acting in bad faith when it continued to issue citations to Lamle.

Judge Kamins said Lamle continued to illegally possess milk crates after being issued the first citation, and therefore had created the imbalance himself.

"Even though it's just a milk crate issue ... as for the discriminatory motion, the court doesn't feel there is enough proof the city engaged in a discriminatory action," the judge said.

Still, Judge Kamins agreed that his decision may "seem like the tail wagging the dog." He noted that to prove discrimination Mills would first need the evidence he was being denied.

"I appreciate that you are fighting for your client and you are doing a very good job," he said, "but I don't believe you have proven your case."

When Lamle attempted to address the court at that point, the judge advised him to speak only through his attorney.

"Nine times out of 10, I find defendants end up saying things that only hurt their case," Kamins warned.

But Lamle spoke up anyway, declaring he would return to the Promenade to sell his game Friday evening because it's his constitutional right to do so.

"You see, that was one of those nine out of 10 times," Judge Kamins retorted. "You're really not helping yourself out here and I would advise you to consult your attorney before speaking again."

Judge Kamins then warned Lamle that if he didn't control himself and his tem-

per, he would find him in contempt of court and throw him in jail.

Lamle, visibly upset, pushed his chair away from his table and mumbled under his breath. Judge Kamins stopped the proceedings and asked Lamle to repeat what he had said.

"I said I think this is all polite nonsense — my prosecution, these proceedings, it's all just polite nonsense," Lamle said.

Judge Kamins asked if Lamle had called him "stupid" because that was what he thought was mumbled.

"No," Lamle said, "I said I think these court proceedings are stupid and that this whole court situation is stupid."

At that point, about 11 a.m., Kamins ordered the Los Angeles County sheriff's deputies in the courtroom to take Lamle into custody. Kamins held Lamle in contempt of court.

"My wife may call me that," Judge Kamins said, "but not one of my defendants."

"I have a really thick skin, and I take a lot of abuse in here, and usually I let people let off some steam," he added. "But I have not seen actions like yours before."

Judge Kamins said it was the first time in his 18 years on the bench that he had held anyone in contempt of court.

Lamle was jailed for three hours. At 2 p.m., he was brought back before Judge Kamins for a contempt hearing. After apologizing profusely to Judge Kamins and the court, Lamle was released. He was not charged or fined for his actions.

"Boy, there's a lot of interesting people in there," Lamle said of the jail after leaving the court. "I bet there's a whole bunch of stories in that place."

On Monday Kamins will assign the case to a courtroom for a full jury trial. To comply with speedy trial provisions, it must commence by Dec. 2. If convicted on all 16 misdemeanor citations, Lamle faces up to eight years in jail and \$16,000 in fines.

LOCAL



Santa Monica's airport history will be preserved

BY SARA VAN DYCK

Special to the Daily Press

Thanks to the Museum of Flying, an important aspect of Santa Monica history will be preserved at the Santa Monica Public Library. The library is currently adding to its digital image archives copies of 500 images from the Museum's Donald W. Douglas collection, which illustrate the role of aviation in the city's history.

The first Douglas plant was established in Santa Monica in 1922, at 26th Street and Wilshire Boulevard, now Douglas Park. In 1929 the entire Douglas Aircraft Company moved to Clover Field, site of the present day Santa Monica Airport, where it continued major production until the 1960s.

According to Image Archive librarian Cynni Murphy, the collection contains some "extraordinary images."

They record historic airplanes and events connected with Santa Monica, starting with the Cloudster, a biplane that attempted the first nonstop transcontinental flight in 1921. On March 17, 1924, four Douglas aircraft took off from Clover Field to begin the first around-the-world flight, completed by two of the planes five months later.

Other images show the building of the planes, the famous DC-3s, women at work in the plant, and Douglas workers being transported by Douglas trucks during a transit strike in Los Angeles. During

the World War II, while the plant was rushing to produce military aircraft, photos show how the site itself was camouflaged with phony lawns and houses.

The image archives are an ongoing collection developed to make available images documenting the history of the city, its environs, and its industry. The Friends of the Library have provided \$8,000 for the copy negatives, prints and digitizing of these images, and are seeking donations to help with this project. The library would also like to see other images of Santa Monica history that residents may possess. If you are interested in making a donation of money or images, please contact the Friends via our web site, www.friendsof-smpl.org, or call (310) 458-8608.

Meanwhile, library patrons will be pleased to know that the renovated Montana and Fairview branches are scheduled to reopen in December.

The present Main Library building will close also in December, with the temporary facility opening at 1324 Fifth Street in January. The temporary library will offer reference services and public access Internet, and will contain new materials, fiction, nonfiction, current magazines and newspapers, videos, DVDs, CDs, and many other collections, while most of the children's materials will be housed at the Ocean Park Branch. For details, visit the library's Web site: www.smpl.org.

School board members want equity in district

GIFT POLICY, from page 1

schools his children attend in an attempt to bypass what he sees as a "bureaucratic arm" in the administration.

"You're social engineering ideas are wrong," said Mort Zambus. "You need to support us and encourage us — not tell us we're wrong."

Other parents said being able to donate to a specific school allows them to make sure the money or materials were used as they intended.

"I want to give my money to my principal," said Stephen Gianetti. "But I don't want to give it to a faceless school district I don't trust."

However, other parents said the school district's gift policy as a whole needs to be rewritten to ensure greater equity between schools.

"I believe we can raise all children so they have the same access to quality education," said Ralph Metcher, president of the Santa Monica Malibu Education Foundation, the school district's fundraising arm.

"Do that, and watch as all the doors open for our children," he added.

Others suggested eliminating donations to specific schools all together.

"I think it's fair," said Steve Armstrong, parent of an child attending

Edison Elementary School. "There's nothing preventing us from making our donations to the district as a whole."

"I believe we can raise all children so they have the same access to quality education."

— RALPH METCHER

Santa Monica Malibu Education Foundation president

Louise Jaffe, a Santa Monica resident long-involved in school district affairs, said schools have different needs and there needs to be a way to differentiate between those in the policy.

"I urge you to have Superintendent (John) Deasy return this policy with site specific recommendations as the need arises," she said. "Because there needs to be a mechanism to evaluate every site's programs and needs."

The board informally endorsed the idea of the policy, but asked Deasy to bring back a revised copy at its next meeting on Dec. 12.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Actor George Clooney talks about marriage, life, work

BY SEAN DALY
Special to the Daily Press

LOS ANGELES — George Clooney seems perfectly content to be Hollywood's most eligible bachelor. He is, after all, the guy who told Barbara Walters in 1991 that he would never marry again. Since that interview, which the actor now says he regrets, Clooney has wined and dined a string of sexy girlfriends — Rene Zellweger, DeDe Pfeiffer, Kelly Preston (the current Mrs. John Travolta) — but so far, his longest lasting relationship has been with a pet potbellied pig named Max.

"He is my earthquake survival kit," Clooney laughs, relaxing in dark denim jeans and a navy blue sweater in a 29th floor suite at the St. Regis Hotel. "When the big one hits, I'll be saying, 'Max, get over here and put that apple in your mouth!'"

He's kidding. (We hope). The truth is, Clooney, who also shares his eight bedroom mock Tudor-style Hollywood Hills estate with two slightly overweight bulldogs, has loved and cared for the 150 pound porker for more than 16 years.

During that time he was briefly married (from 1987-1989) to an actress named Talia Balsom. The marriage didn't work out, he has said, because "I treated the relationship too cavalierly. I blew it." Now 41, does the ER's biggest heartthrob see himself making another trip down the aisle?

"I rule out nothing any more as I get older," he teases, noting that sometimes it actually pays to be single. "Nicole Kidman sent me a check for \$10,000 because she bet me that I would be married by the time I was 40. I sent it back and told her 'double or nothing.' for 50."

KEEPING BUSY

These days, there isn't much time for socializing. Clooney recently directed his first movie, "Confessions of A Dangerous Mind," a fictionalized account of the life of TV game show host Chuck Barris, due in December. This weekend he also stars in "Solaris," a movie director Steven Soderberg calls "a combination of '2001' and 'Last Tango In Paris.'" The romantic drama follows an American psychologist (Clooney) on his trip to a space station orbiting a strange energy-covered world called Solaris. There, he encounters a few surprises, including a visit from his deceased wife (Natasha McElhone).

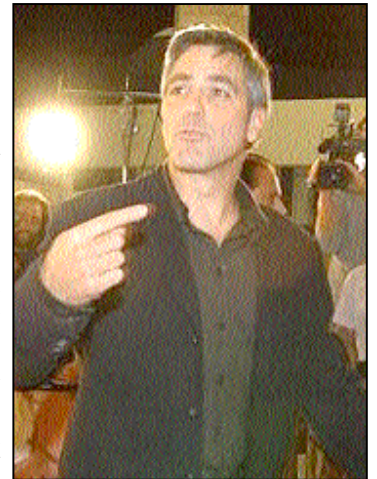
In the U.S., the movie was originally slapped with an R rating — since changed to PG-13 — because of three controversial and widely publicized glimpses of Clooney's bare bottom.

"When you are 41, you have a PG-13 butt," he laughed on Entertainment Tonight. "After 45, you get an R-Rating. And no one should have to see that."

The controversy, he figures, was likely "orchestrated" for marketing purposes. "This is not an easy film to sell," he admits. "I think it was one of those things where the studio was going 'How do we sell this? Maybe we can sell it through sex.' At least it is closer to that than the original film which is sci-fi. If young men show up thinking it is going to be a sci-fi film they are gonna be really pissed!"

ROAD TO THE RED CARPET

A varsity basketball player at Augusta High School in rural Kentucky, Clooney



George Clooney

made his acting debut as a guest star in a 1984 episode of "Riptide." He saved up money to finance his move to Los Angeles by working in tobacco fields near his childhood home.

His mother, Nina, was a runner up in the Miss Kentucky pageant. Father, Nick, was a popular TV anchorman and talk show host in Cincinnati.

Clooney briefly considered a career in broadcasting, but quickly discovered "I was not bright enough." Instead, after attending Northern Kentucky University, he tried out to play baseball for the Cincinnati Reds. When he eventually arrived in Hollywood in his rusty 1976 Monte Carlo with little more than \$300 in his pocket, he was welcomed into the home of his aunt, singer Rosemary Clooney. She immediately put the aspiring actor to work as her personal driver.

LIVING BY EXAMPLE

Over the years, Clooney looked to his aunt an example of how to navigate the highs and lows of show business.

"Rosemary didn't handle it very well when she became less famous after being on the cover of Life and Time and every magazine in the world," he explained in a 1999 interview. "I've been able to look at her and go, 'Well, from 1950-1957 she didn't become less of a singer, but she became less of a star.' You learn it has very little to do with you. The truth is, I'll probably end up on 'The Hollywood Squares' no matter what I do."

Family and friends are a top priority for Clooney, who frequently hosts Sunday afternoon barbecues at his LA home for pals like Noah Wyle, Steven Soderberg, Richard Kind and Matt Adler. Next spring he hopes to move the parties overseas.

"I bought a villa in Italy, in Lake Como, that I am going to try to spend a little time at," he says. "I have only had a chance to spend three or four days there. But a couple of months would be nice. It's right there at the foothills of the Alps, where I can take my motorcycle up, which is really fun. I just love Italy. I think it is the best food, the best wine..."

Max and the dogs will have to stay in California.

"They have bad gas," he laughs. "So they are hard to travel with."

(Sean Daly is president of Showtime Entertainment.)

STATE



Surge in gang violence leads to increase in murders

BY PAUL CHAVEZ
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES — Pictures of Robert Williams' 17-year-old son sit on the kitchen table of his tidy home in South Los Angeles.

In some of them, Ernie Williams is a smiling baby, a skinny 5-year-old in glasses and bow tie, a chubby player on youth football and basketball teams. Still others show a slender, handsome teen embracing friends at his junior high school graduation.

Those more recent photos are among the last ones Robert Williams has of his son.

The teenager was gunned down by gang members on his way to a neighborhood store Tuesday night, becoming one of the latest victims in an alarming wave of murders that has put Los Angeles on track to finish out the year with the highest death toll in America.

"I always preached to him to stay away from trouble. Stay away from trouble, stay away. If you stay away you'll be all right," his father said. "Trouble just found him."

Friends and neighbors said Williams, a high school senior and computer whiz, had no connections to gangs, regularly attended church with his father and did chores in the neighborhood.

His slaying occurred during a recent surge of primarily gang-related violence that saw 16 people killed in six days. Some of the victims, like Williams, were not gang members but simply people who appeared to be in the wrong place at the wrong time.

Their slayings raised the number of homicides in the nation's second-largest city to 594

through Wednesday — the most since 1996 — and up from 587 in all of last year.

By comparison, New York, with more than twice the population of Los Angeles, reported 503 homicides as of mid-November, down about 12 percent from the same time last year. Chicago had 571 homicides through Thursday, down from 598 at the same time last year.

Many major U.S. cities saw a dramatic drop-off in murders during the 1990s, attributed in part to the strong economy and waning of the crack trade. Los Angeles, for example, went from 1,092 homicides in 1992 to a decade-low of 419 in 1998. But in the past few years, the trend started to reverse itself in many places.

The flare-up in gang violence in Los Angeles is attributed mainly to turf wars over the drug trade, but other factors are at play. According to police, gang members newly released from prison are using bloodshed to reassert their positions. Also, some of the violence is generational: As younger gang members join up, they have to prove themselves by way of violence.

About 43 percent of the Los Angeles slayings have occurred on the city's gang-plagued south side.

Newly installed Police Chief William J. Bratton has promised to go after the gangs. Bratton, who was New York City's police commissioner when the murder rate there dropped 50 percent in the 1990s, said he will do that by enlisting the help of residents and community leaders of areas like the south side.

"It is not our intention to go into that community like an

invading army," he said this week. "We want LAPD empowered to work in conjunction with leaders in that community."

Capt. James Miller, commanding officer of South Los Angeles' 77th Street station, acknowledged that police will first have to bridge a decades-old divide with the community.

That distrust has been blamed in part for such episodes as the 1965 Watts riots and the 1992 riots over the Rodney King beating. Distrust was also fueled by a 1999 police corruption scandal in which anti-gang officers in the city's poor Rampart neighborhood were accused of beating, framing and robbing people.

Since November 2000 the Police Department has operated under federal supervision. The department accepted a monitor to stave off a Justice Department lawsuit accusing the police of civil rights abuses.

Activist "Sweet" Alice Harris spoke up at a recent news conference to thank Mayor James Hahn for hiring Bratton and to plead for an end to the violence.

"We are watching our children die like dogs," she said. "We have to stop this. We have to get them some jobs and give them an education."

At home in his south side house, Williams, 53, echoed that plea.

"Look at what's happening here in America," he said. "It's all happening in black and Latino neighborhoods, and nothing is being done. We have resources, they can go in and knock these gangs out."

In the meantime, the single father is left grieving for a son who left him too soon.

"That's my buddy," he said, clutching another picture of Ernie and trying in vain to hold back tears. "I don't have him anymore. I have him in spirit and memory, but I can't touch him."

Sentencing delayed

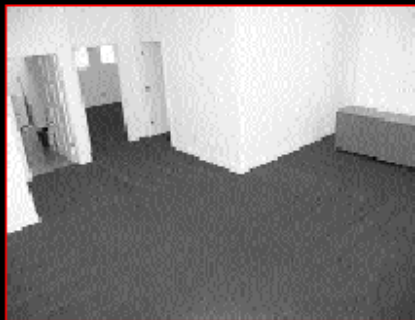


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Attorney Gloria Allred, right, speaks to the media while her clients, Damon and Brenda van Dam, center, look on as Allred discusses the latest developments in the David Westerfield sentencing trial outside the San Diego Superior Court on Friday. A judge delayed sentencing Westerfield, the man convicted of kidnapping and killing 7-year-old Danielle van Dam.

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NATIONAL

EPA eases clean air requirements on power plants

BY JOHN HEILPRIN
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration on Friday eased clean air rules to allow utilities, refineries and manufacturers to avoid having to install expensive new anti-pollution equipment when they modernize their plants.

The long-awaited regulation issued by the Environmental Protection agency was immediately attacked by environmentalists, state air quality regulators and attorneys general in several Northeast state who promised a lawsuit to try to reverse the action.

But EPA Administrator Christie Whitman rejected critics' claims that the changes would produce dirtier air. She said at a news conference that the changes will "encourage emission reductions" by providing utilities and refinery operators new flexibility when considering operational changes and expansion.

She said the old program has "deterred companies from implementing projects that would increase energy efficiency and decrease air pollution."

A group of Northeastern states, led by New York and Connecticut, said they planned to file suit challenging the changes. In New York, Attorney General Eliot Spitzer accused the administration of attacking the Clean Air Act with rules that would further degrade air quality in Northeast and Mid-Atlantic states downwind from industrial plants.

"The Bush administration is again putting the financial interests of the oil, gas and coal companies above the public's right to breathe clean air," he said.

The rule changes, which have been a top priority of the White House, are aimed at making it easier for utilities and refinery operators to change operations and expand production without installing new emission controls.

Industry has argued that the old EPA regulations known as "New Source Review" under the Clean Air Act have hindered operation and prevented efficiency improvements.

The new EPA regulation will allow

industry to:

■ Set higher limits for the amount of pollution that can be released by calculating emissions on a plant-wide basis rather than for individual pieces of equipment.

■ Rely on the highest historical pollution levels during the past decade when figuring whether a facility's overall pollution increase requires new controls.

■ Avoid having to update pollution controls if there has already been a government review of existing ones within the past 10 years.

■ Exempt increased output of secondary contaminants that result from new pollution controls for other emissions.

In addition, the agency is proposing a new way of defining what constitutes "routine maintenance, repair and replacement" — key language that helps determine when the regulations should kick in and is particularly important for aging coal-fired power plants.

The EPA plans to grant power plants, factories and refineries an annual "allowance" for maintenance. Only when expenditures rise above that allowance would an owner or operator have to install new pollution control equipment. Replacement of existing equipment would be considered maintenance.

The administration said the new maintenance treatment "will offer facilities greater flexibility to improve and modernize their operations in ways that will reduce energy use and air pollution."

However, Vickie Patton, an attorney with Environmental Defense, said the changes amount to "a sweeping and unprecedented erosion of state and local power to protect the public health from air pollution" by thousands of power plants, oil refineries and industrial facilities.

"They're going to do everything they can not only to roll these rules back at the federal level but to force states to dismantle clean air programs that have been in place for years," she said.

The changes were sought by the utility, coal and oil industries, and were the subject of months of review at the White House. The electric utility and coal industries were

both major donors to Republicans for the 2002 and 2000 elections.

Electric companies and their employees contributed at least \$11 million to the GOP in the 2001-02 election cycle, more than twice as much as they gave Democrats, according to figures compiled by the Center for Responsive Politics, a nonpartisan group that tracks campaign finance.

Coal companies and their employees made at least \$1.9 million in political contributions in that period, with more than \$8 of every \$10 going to Republicans, the

center found.

Bush's 2000 presidential campaign was also a major beneficiary of the industries' largess. Several energy executives raised at least \$100,000 each for Bush's campaign, and the energy industry, including electric and mining companies, gave more than \$2.8 million.

Many of the fund-raisers and donors were members of Bush's transition team, weighing in on energy and environmental policy as the president set up his administration.

Kennedy call prompts U.S. Airways to restore VIP service

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — US Airways restored a special service for VIP travelers nearly two weeks after it was cut following a call from Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., a regular on the airline's Washington-Boston shuttle.

Those picked for the airline's Executive Services program at Reagan National Airport are provided with a private waiting room, away from crowds. Kennedy is among those who have used the service.

Stephanie Cutter, Kennedy's spokeswoman, said Kennedy didn't intervene to save his perk but in order to help two US Airways employees who were going to lose their jobs. The two managers run the Executive Services program, according to the airline.

Kennedy has known the women for years, Cutter said. He intervened after staffers received calls from the women, wondering if the senator could recommend them for other jobs within the company, she said.

"To him they were the face of US Air," Cutter said. "He thought US Air should try to find another place in the company for them because they were very hardworking and dedicated."

She added, "It was never anybody's intention to do anything about Executive

Services."

On Oct. 30, the day after the VIP service was canceled, Kennedy placed a call to David N. Siegel, US Airways president and chief executive. The service was restored on Nov. 12.

Chris Chiamas, a US Airways vice president, said, "Calls from anyone in particular had nothing to do with the decision" to restore the service.

The program was wrongly eliminated as part of broader management layoffs designed to cut costs before company officials had a chance to fully review the decision, he said.

"Somebody pulled the trigger prematurely," Chiamas said.

Arlington, Va.-based US Airways filed for bankruptcy in August. It expects to emerge from bankruptcy early next year and has sought to cut costs, including by extracting concessions from labor unions aimed at saving \$840 million annually.

US Airways will not say how people are picked for its VIP service.

Other airlines provide similar services for travelers who are famous or must travel with security details.

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Iraqi 'confusion' persists on U.N. demand for report

BY CHARLES J. HANLEY

AP Special Correspondent

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Confusion persists within the Iraqi government over how to meet the Security Council's demand for a full account of chemical, biological and nuclear programs in the country, a U.N. spokesman said Friday.

The report is due 11 days after international experts resume inspections of Iraq next week in search of storage or production facilities for weapons of mass destruction. The Baghdad government says it no longer has such weapons programs.

Government officials also seem uncertain about how to comply with the U.N. mandate to provide a detailed accounting of its weapon capabilities.

"They seem to have a lot of confusion as to what the declaration should include," U.N. spokesman Hiro Ueki said.

Chief U.N. inspector Hans Blix said earlier this week that Iraqi officials expressed "particular concern" about providing on short notice a detailed report on its chemical industry, which can include factories that can be used for weapons or peaceful purposes.

Some specialists believe the Iraqis retain chemical weapons from earlier years.

The mandatory report could prove critically important in deciding whether Iraq has complied with the U.N. resolution.

"It's up to the Iraqi government to decide what to include" in their accounting, Ueki said.

The inspectors are back in Iraq under a new Security Council resolution demanding the Iraqis give up any weapons of mass destruction or face "serious consequences."

From 1991 to 1998, U.N. expert teams destroyed large amounts of chemical and biological weapons and longer-range missiles forbidden to Iraq by U.N. resolutions after the Gulf War. They also dismantled Iraq's nuclear weapons program before it could build a bomb.

Those inspections ended amid disputes over access to sensitive "presidential sites" and Iraqi complaints of U.S. spying from within the U.N. agency.

President Bush has threatened military action against Iraq if the government refuses to cooperate fully with the inspectors this time. However, U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan said Friday that he was hopeful that the Iraqis would cooperate and war could be avoided.

"I hope that he and the Iraqi leadership realize that they have to comply," Annan said in an interview with Dutch television. "I myself have urged President Saddam Hussein, for the sake of his people, the sake of the region and world order, to disarm and to cooperate with the inspectors fully."

Also Friday, Russian President Vladimir Putin told Bush that United States should not wage war alone against Iraq.

"We do believe that we have to stay within the framework of the work being carried out by the Security Council of the United Nations," Putin said at a joint news conference with Bush in Russia.

The first operational contingent of 18 U.N. inspectors arrives in Baghdad on Monday, and their initial inspection is expected Wednesday, when they will probably begin revisiting sites inspected in the 1990s by other U.N. teams, looking for signs of a resumption of weapons-making.

The council's Nov. 7 resolution requires the Baghdad government to make a declaration by Dec. 8 of any weapons of mass destruction, facilities to manufacture them, and "all other chemical, biological, and nuclear programs," even those not related to military uses.

"They seem to have a lot of confusion as to what the declaration should include," Ueki said. "Ultimately, it's their decision."

Major gaps and discrepancies in such Iraqi declarations could be construed as a serious enough violation to warrant a new Security Council debate over punitive measures.

If the inspectors, on the other hand, eventually certify that Iraq has cooperated fully with their disarmament work, the council is supposed to lift the economic sanc-

tions imposed on Iraq after it invaded Kuwait in 1990.

In an interview Friday with "The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer," Mohamed ElBaradei, the head of the U.N. nuclear inspectors, said he was optimistic that the Iraqis understood the risks.

"I think the Iraqi authorities are aware that they don't have much wiggle room" and that "Iraq must prove that it has no weapons of mass destruction," ElBaradei said. "Obviously, we'll have to wait and see."

ElBaradei said that if the Iraqis make good on their word, the inspectors believe that within a year, they could recommend that the Security Council suspend — but not lift — sanctions.

The U.N. resolution requires Iraq to supply an updated list of scientists and technicians who worked on nuclear, chemical and biological weapons and long-range missiles. But Ueki said it has yet to be received.

"We reiterated the Security Council's request for the list," he said.

The names will serve as a roster of potential informants for the inspectors, who have the right under the resolution to request private interviews of Iraqi specialists, and even to offer to fly them out of the country to be interviewed.

Miss World pageant moves after Nigeria riots kill more than 100

BY D'ARCY DORAN

Associated Press Writer

KADUNA, Nigeria — The Miss World pageant was canceled in Nigeria Saturday after about 100 people died in rioting triggered by the contest and a newspaper's reference to the prophet Muhammad. Organizers said the event would be held in London.

The decision followed a third day of battles Friday between Muslims and Christians, leaving mosques and churches smoldering and charred bodies laying in the dusty streets.

Organizers said the pageant would be held in London on Dec. 7 "in the overall interests of Nigeria and the contestants." The brief statement did not elaborate further on reasons for the change of venue.

The bloodshed was worst in the northern city of Kaduna, where it started Wednesday, but on Friday it spread to Abuja, the capital, where the beauty contest was to be held.

Red Cross officials said about 100 people had been killed and 500 injured in three days.

Fueling the clashes are long-standing hostilities between the various tribes of Muslims and Christians in Africa's most populous nation, where rioting and fighting between the groups is commonplace. Previous riots in Kaduna have escalated into religious battles that have killed hundreds since civilian government replaced military rule in 1999.

Islamic groups have complained for months that beauty pageant scheduled promotes promiscuity.

Things worsened after ThisDay newspaper in Kaduna published an article Saturday suggesting that Islam's prophet would have approved of the pageant.

"What would Muhammad think? In all honesty, he would probably have chosen a wife from among them," Isioma Daniel wrote.

After Muslims called it offensive, the newspaper published a brief front-page apology Monday, and a lengthier retraction Thursday that said the passage had run by mistake.

Muslims gathered after prayers outside the national mosque in the usually placid capital 225 miles northeast of here and then stormed through town, burning cars and assaulting bystanders they believed to be Christian outside plush international hotels.

Police firing tear gas restored calm in Abuja within hours. But the melee in Kaduna, a religiously mixed city of several million people, continued in defiance of a round-the-clock police curfew.

Bands of Muslims, some armed with ceremonial daggers, stabbed and set fire to passers-by. Young men shouting "Allahu Akbar," or "God is great," ignited makeshift barricades of tires and garbage. Christian youths smashed windows and burned mosques.

Plumes of smoke rose over Kaduna Friday as both sides burned and demolished homes in the segregated ethnic neighborhoods across this bustling market city. In one Christian minority district, an old woman sifted through the smoking ruins of her house to retrieve pots and pans.

Nearby, Tunde Adeyemi, a 25-year-old Christian, related how he and friends fought off Muslims. "We had only stones. They were shooting us, and we were stoning them," he said.

But Joe Adamu, a Muslim tailor, said Christians were armed with automatic weapons, while the Muslims had only stones and knives.

Five churches and an undetermined number of mosques had been burned by Friday. Red Cross workers retrieved burned bodies for burial.

Through the violence, the Miss World contestants remained under Nigerian police and army guard in the Nicon Hilton in Abuja, the nation's fanciest hotel. President Olusegun Obasanjo said their security would be tightened.

Muslim opposition had already prompted organizers to postpone the finale until after the Islamic holy month of Ramadan.

"The show definitely will go on," said pageant publicist Stella Din. She said she was saddened by the deaths but insisted they were not the pageant's fault.

Obasanjo agreed, saying: "The beauty queens should not feel that they are the cause of the violence. It could happen at any time irresponsible journalism is committed against Islam."

The U.S. State Department appealed for an end to the violence. "We have welcomed assurances by the government for the safety of the Miss World contestants," state department spokesman Philip Reeker said.

Some Kaduna residents sought protection at police stations and military bases. But others accused police and soldiers of gunning down rioters. Shehu Sani of the Kaduna-based Civil Rights Congress said he was shown the bodies of 10 Muslim men who witnesses said were shot by police near a mosque Friday.

Authorities did not immediately comment. Bello Yawa, a 50-year-old Muslim, clutched his face and wept when he saw the body of his adult son lying on a street corner.

"This morning I closed the gates to my house. The army and police came and forced their way in. They took my two sons and brought them outside, and they didn't return," he said. "I don't know why ... even policemen have turned against us. They are not supposed to take sides."

Gunshots continued into the evening. Witnesses said fighting continued in at least one neighborhood, as flames consumed small dwellings.

Consoling the wounded



Kuwait MoD/Associated Press

Kuwait's Ministry of Defense Chief of Staff General Ali Al Moumeen, left, holds the hand of one of the two American soldiers wounded in a gun attack, at the Armed Forces Hospital, in Messila, Kuwait City, on Friday. The names of the soldiers were not released by U.S. officials.



SPORTS

Kapono back at UCLA for final try at a title

BY BETH HARRIS

AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES — After considering entering the NBA draft the last three years, Jason Kapono has returned for a final season at UCLA to take care of "unfinished business."

He defines that as winning a championship.

Despite reaching the final 16 of the NCAA tournament in each of Kapono's first three years, the Bruins have yet to win so much as a holiday tournament title, much less a Pac-10 Conference crown.

And that stings Kapono, the remarkably consistent scorer who remains unfilled in his quest to be known as a winner.

"Last year I reached a low point because we had so much talent and we let that go to waste, especially in the Pac-10 tournament," he said. "We got thrown out in our hometown in the first round by a very embarrassing game."

The Bruins' dismissal came courtesy of California.

Heading into his senior season, which begins Tuesday when No. 15 UCLA hosts San Diego, Kapono has set aside his negative feelings about last season's middle-of-the-pack finish in the talented Pac-10.

"I've seen how we've collapsed over the midseason stretch. I'm ready to change that," he said.

UCLA Bruins could be tough to figure — again

BY BETH HARRIS

AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES — The talent is there, as always. The big question is whether UCLA can get its act together to make runs in the Pac-10 and NCAA tournaments.

The 15th-ranked Bruins haven't won a league title since 1997, coach Steve Lavin's first season after Jim Harrick was fired.

UCLA's last NCAA championship — the 11th in school history — came in 1995, under Harrick.

"Every year the expectations are the same — win the Pac-10, win the national title," Lavin said.

A year ago, the Bruins had a stunning defeat to Ball State at the Maui Invitational, then lost to Pepperdine at home, struggled against UC Riverside and beat UC Irvine by one point. That was before conference play even began.

UCLA finished 21-12, and was sixth in the Pac-10 at 11-7.

It was upset by California in the first round of the conference tournament and lost to Missouri in the NCAA tournament's round of 16.

"We got thrown out in our hometown in the first round by a very embarrassing game," forward Jason Kapono said, referring to the Pac-10 tourney. "We've all learned something from that and hopefully this year we can change that."

UCLA plays No. 6 Duke at the Wooden Tradition in Indianapolis on Nov. 30. The Blue Devils are one of eight teams on the Bruins' schedule that made the NCAA tournament last season.

Other non-conference games are at No. 2 Kansas and Georgetown and against

Kapono and fifth-year guard Ray Young are the only seniors.

"We're going to have to play with heart and passion and play defense every game," Kapono said. "I have to do more and take a load on my shoulders in rebounding, scoring and be more of a playmaker."

Washington coach Lorenzo Romar, a former UCLA assistant, first became aware of Kapono when he was an eighth-grader in suburban Lakewood.

"I've always admired him," Romar said. "He doesn't ever think he's bigger than he is. He's a good student, he's the whole package."

Kapono has a chance to move up in the record books as one of the most prolific 3-point shooters in school and Pac-10 history.

The 6-foot-8, skinny forward who isn't the fastest or most athletic player has led UCLA in scoring the last three years. If he maintains his career average of 16.4, he would finish with 2,144 points and end up third in school history, behind Don MacLean (2,608) and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar (2,325).

"That would be a byproduct of us playing well and winning," Kapono said. "I'm not coming into the season trying to be the top scorer or 3-point shooter."

He already holds school records for 3-pointers (253), 3-point attempts (549) and

Michigan and St. John's at Pauley Pavilion.

"We've got a challenging schedule, but that's one reason we've played our best basketball late in the season," Lavin said. "In February and March we could be a very dangerous team, a tough out in the tournament."

But until March, the enigmatic Bruins could be in for another up-and-down season.

The wild ride began earlier than usual with shocking losses in both of their exhibition games, the Bruins' first such defeats since 1993.

UCLA opens the season Tuesday night against visiting San Diego.

"With our schedule, we'll probably take some hits like we always do," Lavin said.

Gone are starters Matt Barnes, Dan Gadzuric and Billy Knight, who combined for nearly 40 points and 17 rebounds a game last season.

The best news Lavin received was from three-time all-Pac-10 selection Kapono, who bypassed the NBA draft in favor of returning for his senior year. The 6-foot-8 forward led UCLA in points (16.0), 3-point percentage (45.3) and minutes (34.6).

He and fifth-year senior guard Ray Young will be looked at for leadership.

"It's definitely up to us, we're going to establish the mind-set of the team," Young said.

This season's team is younger and quicker, but the Bruins will need to replace Gadzuric's offense and dominating presence in the post and get rebounding help.

"I'd like to think we can press some, but with all our younger players, we'll have to watch and find out where we are with our frontline," Lavin said.

Skiing competition begins



Alessandro Trovati/Associated Press

USA's Eric Schlopy takes a gate during the first run of the America's Opening men's World Cup giant slalom race on Friday in Park City, Utah.

has bettered his own single-season record for 3s each of the last three years.

If Kapono maintains his average of 84 3-pointers, he'll break the Pac-10 career record of 323 set by Arizona State's Stevin Smith. Also within reach is the conference mark for career 3-point percentage.

"I'm all about putting up wins," he said. "I don't care about stats."

Washington forward Doug Wrenn, a friend and competitor, commiserates with Kapono's struggles to make his team into a champion.

"It has to be tough on him to go that far and fall a little bit short," Wrenn said. "On the court he's trying to give you 30 and get his team to win. He has to be the premier shooter."

The desire to win any kind of title is why Kapono bypassed the NBA draft for the third time last spring. He knows most people assumed he would leave early, like rival Stanford sharpshooter Casey Jacobsen.

"So by me sticking around, it's like I've gotten worse or I haven't played as well as I should have," he said. "Hey, I've got five months now to prove all those people wrong. I'm looking forward to that."

Unlike many of his peers, Kapono wasn't consumed by the lure of NBA money,

status and glamour. He speaks proudly of being on schedule to graduate in June with a history degree.

"Everyone is so worried about how you have to be out of college by your sophomore year or else you're deemed as a failure. Everyone is worried about money," he said. "I'm just glad I stuck around. I've learned a lot of life lessons and this is going to help my career."

Kapono talks like a surfer, favors baggy pants and goofy hats, and appears on the cover of this season's UCLA media guide with shaggy hair. For a while, his white headbands inspired imitators in the student section at games.

"He's a colorful personality and he's an assassin on the court," Wrenn said. "He's so laid-back and cool and talks that smack."

At the same time, Kapono is comfortable admitting he's in love with his girlfriend, Ashley Cline. And he's remained loyal to his summer job as a cook at a Long Beach seafood restaurant.

"He tends to be kind of laid-back, relaxed and likes to have fun," coach Steve Lavin said. "He's very bright. He's enjoying the total college experience and not just as an athlete."

Shaquille O'Neal makes his first appearance of season

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Shaquille O'Neal made his season debut for the Los Angeles Lakers on Friday night, coming off the bench to a standing ovation midway through the first quarter against the Chicago Bulls.

The Lakers' center had the ball batted away from him the first two times he touched it, then bulled his way to the basket and softly laid the ball up and in to make his first shot in competition since the Lakers' title-clinching victory in the NBA Finals last June.

O'Neal finished the first quarter against the Bulls with five points and two rebounds and the Lakers led 25-21.

Fans in the sellout crowd of 19,000-plus began chanting "We want Shaq!" about three minutes into the game.

O'Neal underwent surgery on his arthritic right big toe on Sept. 11. Still feeling some pain from ligaments under the toe, he slowly worked his way back.

He said before the game that he was still in pain, but that he was going to play because the team needed him.

In a pregame "trailer," a video of O'Neal training for his return was shown on the big board, a spoof of the "Rocky" movies. O'Neal was shown grinning and punching, among other things, a slab of beef and a dummy.

The three-time defending NBA champion Lakers struggled without him, going 3-9 and losing eight of their last nine and falling into the Pacific Division cellar.

Coach Phil Jackson planned to play O'Neal for about half the game against the Bulls, saying, "He'll probably play the majority of his minutes in the second half."

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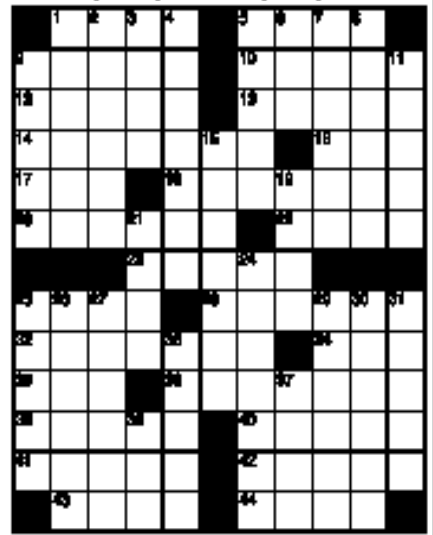
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Saturday, November 23, 2002

movies

Loews Broadway Cinema

1441 Third St. at Broadway
Femme Fatale (R) 12:40, 3:40, 6:40, 9:40.
Half Past Dead (PG-13) 12:10, 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 10:10.
The Emperor's Club (PG-13) 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 10:20.
Ararat (R) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00.

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1313 Third St.
The Ring (PG-13) 12:45, 4:00, 7:30, 10:40.
My Big Fat Greek Wedding (PG 7:40, 9:55.
Punch-Drunk Love (R) 11:45, 2:30, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15.
Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets (PG) 9:30, 12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30, 7:00, 8:00, 10:30, 11:45.

AMC Theatre SM 7

1310 3rd Street

Santa Clause 2 (G) 11:20, 1:40, 4:25, 7:10, 9:40.
I Spy (PG-13) 11:15, 1:30, 7:05, 9:30.
The Sweet Home Alabama (PG-13) 10:30, 4:00.
8 Mile (R) 12:30, 1:20, 3:45, 4:35, 6:45, 7:45, 9:50, 10:45.
Die Another Day (PG-13) 11:00, 1:10, 1:55, 4:15, 5:00, 7:25, 8:10, 10:30, 11:10, 1:50 (PG-13) 11:15, 1:30, 7:05, 9:30.
Jacksass: The Movie (R) 12:15, 2:45, 5:10, 7:55, 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.
The Fourth Tenor 1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8:00, 10:15.
The Quiet American (R) 1:45, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40.
El Crimen del Padre Amaro (R) 1:30, 4:20, 7:15, 10:05.

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Secretary 5:00, 7:30, 10:00

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Meet Author Jamie Lee Curtis! 6pm to 7pm, Third St. Promenade. Author and actress Jamie Lee Curtis will read from and sign her newest book, "I'm Gonna Like Me: Getting off a Little Self-Esteem."

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Dodd Art Gallery showing Dafne Nesti "Paintings" and Dodd Jolsapple "New Works". Nov. 17th through Dec. 16th, 5pm to 8pm,

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Santa Monica Symphony Orchestra presents Ode to Liberace, 7:30pm at the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium, 1855 Main St. corner of Pico/Main. Admission is FREE and open to the public. Pre-concert lecture at 6:45 by UCLA Professor Raymond Knapp.

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BACK PAGE

Tijuana, San Diego officials offer legal guide for visitors

BY CATHERINE IVEY
Associated Press Writer

SAN DIEGO — Don't drink the water. Don't drive without auto insurance.

Tourists heading south for the start of Mexico's high visitor season now have another "don't" to consider: Don't try to bribe the cops.

San Diego and Tijuana officials on Thursday unveiled a legal guide for U.S. tourists that spells out what you can and can't do in Mexico if you get into trouble with the law. It sends the message that dealing with police south of the border is not so different from dealing with them at home.

"The basic rule is to not do there what you cannot do in San Diego," Tijuana Mayor Jesus Gonzalez Reyes said.

Copies of the 14-page guide and a pamphlet with similar information are being made available at police and government offices in the U.S. and Mexico. They also are being distributed at San Diego college campuses and military bases, where many are attracted to Mexico's drinking age of 18 and its lively night life.

Details include what to do if you find yourself being asked to give police money — "You should always politely insist on a written citation," the guide states — and a reminder that offering bribes is as much against the law as accepting them.

"You don't have to give them any money," said Tijuana's police chief Francisco Javier Arellano Ortiz, who has made cracking down on police corruption a priority since being sworn in last June.

"If you're aware you committed any infraction, it is your obligation to pay the fine, not the policeman."

Officials hope the guide will cut down on the American share of crime in Tijuana and will encourage visitors who sometimes go wild in Mexico to behave.

Each day, an average of five U.S. residents are arrested for offenses ranging from homicide to petty misdemeanors, according to Alfred Anzaldúa, chief of citizen services at the U.S. consulate in Tijuana.

"This is what we're trying to deal with," he said.

The guide lists fine amounts in U.S. dollars for common violations — at least \$21 for public nakedness, \$12 for drunkenness or disturbing the peace, and \$42 for soliciting prostitutes.

Offenders are encouraged to either pay their fine or talk to a municipal judge, who are independent of police

and can impose fines and other sanctions. They can also resolve complaints and function as intermediaries.

"The municipal judge is there to help you ... to defend you and to advise you of the things that you can do and that you cannot do," Gonzalez said.

Telephone numbers and locations for judges are listed along with instructions for paying or appeal a fine.

The effort is the latest in Tijuana's ongoing campaign to improve its image from that of a violent, crime-ridden city to a fun and safe tourist destination. Last spring a "Comite de Imagen" — or Image Committee — announced plans to spruce up city streets, landscape unsightly areas, and replace shanty living quarters in Tijuana with public housing.

Jury awards \$25,000 to San Diego teenager who wore wrong colored socks

By The Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — A jury has awarded \$25,000 to a high school student who was shaken by his school band director for wearing the wrong colored socks to the 2001 Tournament of Roses Parade.

In its verdict Thursday, a San Diego Superior Court jury found band director Tom Cole and the Poway Unified School District liable for intentional and negligent

infliction of emotional distress on Trevor LeBlanc, 16.

LeBlanc was a freshman and a baritone player for the Rancho Bernardo High School band when he showed up to the parade wearing orange socks instead of regulation white.

Cole grabbed LeBlanc by the throat, shook him and yelled, "I ought to wring your (expletive) neck," according to testimony.

An attorney for LeBlanc, Bob Fuselier, said the teen had misplaced his white socks. The defense said the boy was playing a prank.

LeBlanc claimed emotional distress and sued for \$150,000, saying the incident caused him to quit the band and the baritone.

An attorney for the school district, Jeffery Morris, refused to say whether Cole had been disciplined over the incident.

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