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A newspaper with issues

Sworn in



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From top to bottom: City Council incumbents Pam O'Connor, Bob Holbrook and Kevin McKeown are sworn in Tuesday for another four-year term. Also sworn in were: Santa Monica College Board of Trustees Nancy Greenstein, Dorothy Ehrhart-Morrison and Herb Roney; Rent Control Board members Betty Smith Mueller, Alan Toy and Jennifer Kennedy; School board members Oscar de la Torre, Shane McLoud, Julia Brownley and Emily Bloomfield.

Richard Bloom is mayor

Appointment comes after political conflict

BY ANDREW H. FIXMER
Daily Press Staff Writer

Richard Bloom is the new mayor of Santa Monica.

After weeks of behind-the-scenes political tug of war, the Santa Monica City Council voted 6-0 on Tuesday to have Bloom serve two years as mayor. Councilman Herb Katz abstained from voting.

Bloom, 49, replaces former Mayor Mike Feinstein, who served his standard two-year term. In Santa Monica, the position of mayor is decided by the council and is held for two years.

The role of mayor is mostly symbolic because the position holds equal power to council members. The mayor runs council meetings, helps set the agenda and represents the city at functions. However, the job can be time consuming.

Bloom thanked his family who was watching the ceremonial proceedings from cable television at home. Bloom said he had talked to his wife and children about taking on the demanding role if he was nominated.

"I'm committed to making it



Richard Bloom

work for both the city and my family," he said.

Bloom also thanked his colleagues for the opportunity.

"This is a position of great responsibility and I hope I can serve in the fashion many of you have," he said. "You all have been my role models."

Bloom and Mayor Pro Tem Kevin McKeown both lobbied their colleagues on the council to be selected as mayor, despite public denials from council members, sources said.

At one point a compromise was

offered that each would serve one year as mayor, but it was privately rejected in recent days.

It was officially proposed by Councilman Ken Genser on Tuesday night that Bloom serve one year as mayor and then become mayor pro tem with McKeown becoming mayor the next year. No one seconded the motion and it died on the floor.

"I'm deeply grateful for Ken's motion to split the term. We heard from the public the hope we'd proceed in a spirit of compromise. Ken's suggestion would have been a gracious way of doing that," McKeown said.

Councilwoman Pam O'Connor, the top vote-getter in the November elections, nominated Bloom as mayor.

Feinstein nominated McKeown as mayor pro tem — a position he has held for the past year. The motion passed 5-0, with Katz and Councilman Bob Holbrook abstaining.

"As mayor pro tem again I'm glad to have saved taxpayers the cost of printing me new business cards," McKeown joked.

O'Connor already has served as mayor. The council traditionally gives new members a chance at being mayor — as long as they are in the political majority.

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New tax proposal coming in June?

Businesses could be taxed more than homeowners

BY ANDREW H. FIXMER
Daily Press Staff Writer

After a surprising defeat at the polls this past November, school district supporters are going back to the drawing board to come up with a tax increase proposal that voters can stomach.

A new committee has been formed, and this time, it includes the dissenters of Measure EE, the Nov. 5 ballot question that asked voters to approve a \$300 annual parcel tax which would have infused \$9.7 million into the school district over 12 years.

What's been recommended is a June 3 special election that could ask voters to approve a parcel tax that

"If there are other sources of funding out there we want to be able to recommend those as well."

— NEIL CARREY
SMMUSD Parcel Tax Committee

would target businesses more than homeowners.

Santa Monica-Malibu Unified Superintendent John Deasy spoke to more than 40 members of the newly created parcel tax committee Monday about what types of proposals the school district wants the group to consider.

"First we're going to determine whether we recommend a parcel tax, but assuming we are, there are many things we need to look at," said Neil Carrey, chairman of the parcel tax committee. "On the other hand, many of the issues have been thought about before and we are starting from existing language."

Deasy asked the committee to look into alternative forms of parcel taxes used by other California cities that tax residents less than businesses and exempt homeowners who are 65 and older.

It was recommended by Deasy that homeowners shouldn't be asked to increase their parcel taxes by more than \$144 a year, while commercial businesses may be asked to pay \$675 more.

A new parcel tax could expire in six years and go before the voters

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Be sensitive to those in your immediate environment. An opportunity that could be classified as too good to be true comes forth. Gather associates and/or friends for a meeting. You'll like the end results. Tonight: Step on out.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You're on top of the story, though you might not be sure what you want to do with present facts. Speak your mind but also plan on getting your share of others' opinions. Realize more of what you want by taking charge. Tonight: Work late.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Understand just how many possibilities surround your present life. Explore your options, though instinctively you might want to close the door. These openings could complicate your life. Get feedback from those in the know in your life. Tonight: Talk until the air is cleared.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Others' impressions do count, whether you like it or not. Know when to pull back and explain your perspective. Your positive outlook sways many. You need to take a stronger hand if you're going to have more of what you want. Tonight: Togetherness works.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Expand your perspective beyond what you hear and learn from those in your immediate circle. Your intuition works overtime, helping you deal with a family or real estate matter. Realize more of what will make you happy. Tonight: Focus on a loved one.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Pace yourself, as you might be more tired than you realize. Consider yourself, especially if you notice that your efforts seem futile. Step back and let others do the work and running around, especially if they seem to have a cross to bear. Tonight: Soak away stress in a hot tub.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Honor what others want, but if you find a request too costly, say "no." Take care of this area of your life, and you'll be a lot happier as a result. Your ingenuity comes into play when you feel thwarted. Discover new resources. Tonight: Continue to enjoy your evenings.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Take your time right now, as you seem to fall over yourself. If you can, take the day off. Consider your options more carefully that involve an uncomfortable personal or domestic situation. Tonight: Put your feet up.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You could be sabotaging yourself, reading more into what you hear than is meant. Could you be misunderstanding someone, causing a problem? Keep communication flowing rather than rattling the status quo. Tonight: Relax with a trusted friend.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ A friend does disappoint you, possibly impacting your finances. Know that you cannot change what's happening. Pressure builds where you least expect it. Question what you want from this relationship before you plunge in again. Tonight: Play Santa.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ A boss or an authority figure could deflate your mood. Know that right now you cannot win for losing. Do what you must. Be a good sport, but look forward to splitting out the door later on. Try to call it an early day. Tonight: Now let the good times roll.

QUOTE of the DAY

**"History will be kind to me
for I intend to write it."**
— Winston Churchill (1874-1965)

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LOCAL



Student art sale



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Anne Kelly appreciates a selection of jewelry at Santa Monica College's 25th annual student art sale held this week at the Madison Campus on 11th Street and Santa Monica Boulevard. Every year there is a selection of glass, ceramics, jewelry, prints and paintings created by student artists. A percentage of the proceeds will go to support Santa Monica College's art program.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Santa Monica Place gets pet friendly

By Daily Press staff

It's going to be a zoo at Santa Monica Place Mall today — well, kind of. More than 500 animals are expected to come with their owners for the seventh annual Pet Night at Santa Monica Place. Any and all pets are welcome to come sit on Santa's lap, get their photo taken with the old guy and paw over some of the gifts. The event, which goes from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. today, attracts dogs, cats, birds, snakes, lizards and even mice. It can be a bit of a menagerie and there are some disputes, but it has become one of the most popular holiday evenings for shoppers and pet owners. Santa Monica Place is located between Second Street and Third Street on Broadway Avenue at the Third Street Promenade. Free parking is available.

City awarded for transit mall

By Daily Press staff

The city has been recognized and awarded for completing three projects that have been deemed outstanding, including the downtown transit mall. At its annual award luncheon last week, the Southern California Chapter of the American Public Works Association presented three Santa Monica projects with its prestigious "Project of the Year" award:

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Information compiled by Jesse Haley

The surf has been epic this week, from the strong mix of northwest and west swell in the water to the beautiful December weather. Winds have been low and shape has been very decent; some admittedly mushy waves on high tides, but what do you expect?

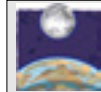
Today swell starts to fade, but leftover activity should provide plenty of good surf. We'll rely on a mix of west, northwest and minor south-west pulses until Friday when new northwest is due.

Northern spots enjoyed good size Monday and Tuesday. Sunset and Topanga had crowds most of the day, and both had consistent three- and four-footers.

Expect most breaks to lose some height this afternoon, but dawn patrol sets should still be cranking as tides approach low.

Rumor of the day: Two old farts at Point Dume said Sunday is going to be amazing.

(Note: Rumors are not scientifically proven. It's just the word in the line-up.)



Today's Tides:

High-	4:20 a.m.	4.13'
Low-	10:07 a.m.	2.69'
High-	2:53 a.m.	3.65'
Low-	9:56 p.m.	0.83'

Location	Wednesday	Thursday	Water Quality
County Line	3-4'/Fair	3-4'/Fair	A
Zuma	3-4'/Fair	3-4'/Fair	A
Surfrider	2-3'/Fair	2-3'/Fair	C
Topanga	3-4'/Good	2-4'/Fair	C
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The Santa Monica City Council was recently investigated by the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office for violating the state's open meeting laws. The district attorney's office sent a strong warning to council members telling them to stop passing notes during public meetings.

It appears that city council members have been engaged in a longtime practice of passing notes to each other without the benefit of the public knowing what they are communicating about.

While council members say the content of the notes are trivial, the district

attorney's office says the practice is against the law. But some council members say they will continue to pass notes despite the warning from the DA's office.

This week, Q-Line wants to know: "Do you think elected officials passing notes to each other creates a level of distrust with the public? Why or why not?"

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OPINION

LETTERS

Resolutions, responsibilities for council

Editor:

In 2003, let's resolve to support the Santa Monica City Council 100 percent. In return, let's ask the City Council to better fulfill the following five responsibilities.

First, budget wisely and spend effectively. The council needs to prioritize city expenses. During this economic downturn, council members must evaluate city goals and make choices without raising taxes. When tax monies are spent, the council must require verified results for every penny. Social services need defined and effective success rates. City purchases need to be both immediately useful and also supportive of long range community goals.

Second, focus on Santa Monica issues. No need to focus on state or national issues when our community is straining under its own fiscal constraints. The past council grasped at making national statements and failed to take care of local issues. We're a small community that should run better than it has in the past.

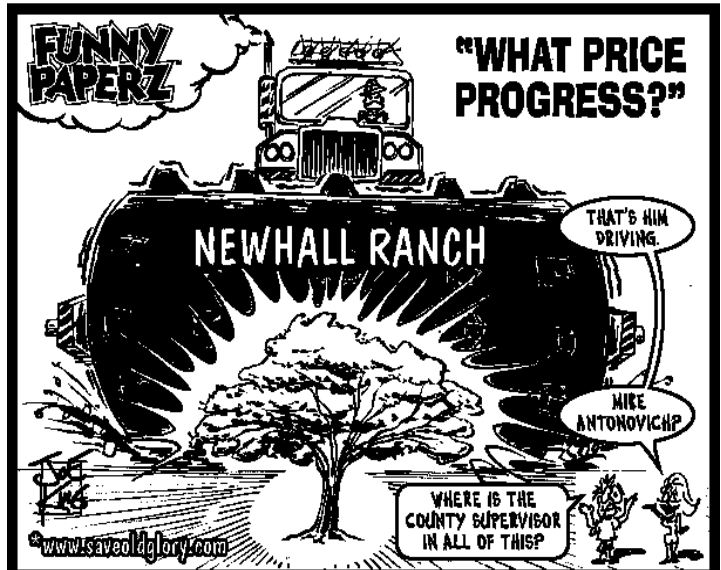
Third, communicate better. Council members should offer evaluations of city issues in the local press. In addition, since council members are elected at large, each member should reply with a courteous minimum of "Thank you for your opinion" even when contacted as a group.

Fourth, define ethical behavior for council members and city workers. Most corporate workers are told annually to avoid even "the appearance of impropriety." The council needs to define acceptable behavior as well as avoid influencing city operations for questionable benefit.

Fifth, be professional. As respected leaders of Santa Monica please be consistent in your positions on various topics. Individual council members should also display logic and reason regarding city issues. If emotions surface, please display a heart that is guided by wisdom.

On Jan. 1, let's resolve to support the city council whenever the five responsibilities above are fulfilled. May 2003 bring a happier and healthier community for us all.

Ed Sharrow
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Parcel tax bound for June special election

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again for renewal. In six years, Deasy said the economy would likely turn around and the parcel tax would have a good chance of being renewed.

Including a parcel tax proposal on a special election that may be called in March wouldn't work for logistic reasons, officials said.

"Primarily it's because we would have had five days from last Friday to get our recommendation together to make it on the March ballot in time," said Carrey. "As it is, we don't have a lot of time. We have far less than we anticipated."

Carrey said to qualify for a June special election, the school board must approve a parcel tax recommendation and send the ballot measure to the Los Angeles County Registrar's Office by Feb. 5.

Deasy also asked that the committee look into new funding sources for the school district and study possible legal challenges to the parcel tax scenarios under consideration.

"This is not just a committee that will decide whether there should be a parcel tax," Carrey said. "If there are other sources of funding out there we want to be able to recommend those as well."

Opponents of the measure that failed at the ballot box criticized it because it asked the poor and wealthy to pay the same amount. Under that system, the burden would have fallen on the poor and those living on a fixed income.

The school district has begun slashing its budget to account for a precipitous decline in state funding for education, a substantial increase in health insurance and retirement benefits for employees and

the defeat of Measure EE.

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

"This is a position of great responsibility and I hope I can serve in the fashion many of (my colleagues) have."

— RICHARD BLOOM
Santa Monica's new mayor

The school board has increased the size of the parcel tax committee from about a dozen members to a roster of 57. Both parcel tax committees have been chaired by Carrey, a local tax attorney.

Because of the size of the new parcel tax committee, Carrey has broken the group into four sub-committees who will meet and work independently of each other. The entire committee will meet only when hearing sub-committee reports and taking votes.

"Everyone agrees, considering the size of the group, the work has to get done on the sub-committee level," he said. "But the work will get done and it will be thought out and every one will get their say."

Politicos reach compromise in selection of new mayor

MAYOR, from page 1

In recent weeks, the five council members aligned with Santa Monicans for Renters Rights — a liberal organization that has dominated local politics — were having difficulty agreeing on whether Bloom or McKeown should be mayor.

Katz and Holbrook, who are opponents of SMRR, were divided between the two members.

It was rumored SMRR leaders were against picking McKeown, a Green Party member, as mayor because they blame Green Party candidate Josefina Santiago Aranda for the defeat of their candidate Abby Arnold in the November elections. However, SMRR leaders have dismissed that claim.

Bloom, a member of SMRR and a local attorney, ran for city council twice before winning a special election in 1999 and a full four-year term in 2000, when he was selected to serve one year as mayor pro tem — McKeown served the other year.

Katz, who nominated O'Connor to be mayor, said he abstained from voting for

Bloom because he thinks someone else could do a better job of bringing consensus to the council.

It is unknown why Katz and Holbrook abstained from voting for McKeown as mayor pro tem.

The appointment of the mayor and the swearing in of officials who were elected into office in the November election are done in a ceremonial proceeding, which was Tuesday evening. After the appointments, the council members all congratulated each other and hugged on the dais in front of a standing-room only crowd.

O'Connor said she found a greater appreciation for the Los Angeles Lakers after working on the dais in the past two years with Feinstein, who is an avid fan.

Although the meeting is normally ceremonial, council members had a full agenda awaiting them. Bloom switched chairs with Feinstein and followed a script to run the meeting.

Feinstein and McKeown exchanged gifts, but neither opened them. Feinstein said it would be more appropriate if McKeown opened his gift at home.

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Oversight may have contributed to Alaska Airlines crash

By staff and wire reports

Lax government oversight and shoddy maintenance practices by Alaska Airlines led to the crash of an airliner off the California coast that killed all 88 people aboard, federal investigators ruled Tuesday.

The National Transportation Safety Board said insufficient lubrication led to excessive wear and the eventual failure of the jet's jackscrew, a tail component that helps move the plane's stabilizer and sets the angle of flight.

The safety board rejected the airline's argument that the kind of grease recommended by Boeing Corp. was at fault.

While the board said Alaska Airlines was primarily to blame for the Jan. 31, 2000, crash, it also said the Federal Aviation Administration bore some responsibility.

The FAA, which oversees airlines' maintenance programs, allowed Alaska Airlines to extend the intervals for greasing tail components and inspecting them for wear. The increased time between checks led to the insufficient lubrication,

investigators said.

"The FAA is the government and I think the public trusts the government to ensure the safety of flight," NTSB Chairwoman Carol Carmody said. "I feel in this instance FAA failed miserably."

Santa Monica attorney Kevin Boyle, who is representing four families of the victims, said Monday that he hoped the NTSB ruling would reinforce his argument that Boeing designed a faulty plane and the jackscrew mechanism on the plane's tail failed because of improper maintenance.

Relatives of victims who attended the NTSB meeting cheered when the board voted to accept the findings. One woman carried a sign reading, "Corporate Greed Killed 88 People."

FAA spokesman Les Dorr said the NTSB "correctly focused" on lack of lubrication as the primary cause. And he defended the FAA's oversight, saying the intervals between maintenance checks were well within industry norms.

Alaska Airlines issued a statement expressing "profound sorrow" for the crash and noting steps it has taken to improve maintenance.

"Since the accident, Alaska has enlisted the support of third party experts to scrutinize and help restructure, retool, and reorganize its operation to incorporate the best practices within the industry throughout its operation," the statement said.

Alaska Airlines Flight 261 took off

from Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, with scheduled stops in San Francisco and Seattle. The pilots reported problems with handling and were planning to make an emergency landing in Los Angeles when the stabilizer broke off, causing the plane to roll over and dive into the Pacific Ocean.

Crash investigators later concluded the jackscrew mechanism on the jetliner had jammed soon after takeoff.

Alaska Airlines has said the jackscrew failed because of extreme wear caused by a kind of grease recommended by Boeing. The airline also blamed the design, saying the threads on the nut of the jackscrew assembly failed.

MD-80 planes were built by McDonnell Douglas, which Boeing bought in 1997.

Safety investigators said the airline industry uses unreliable techniques to check for wear on the jackscrew threads. The NTSB staff recommended that Boeing develop a more reliable test.

Boeing spokeswoman Liz Verdier said the company needs more time to review the report and added that it continuously looks for ways to improve safety.

After the crash, the FAA reviewed Alaska Airlines' maintenance practices and recommended that the carrier not be allowed to maintain its own planes if problems weren't fixed. The FAA now has 27 people overseeing Alaska Airlines, three times the number as when Flight 261 crashed.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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Each year, the Southern California Chapter of the APWA presents its "Project of the Year" award to outstanding public works projects completed in Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, and Riverside Counties. The award recognizes the collaborative effort needed between the city, contractors, and the community to successfully implement public works projects.

Each project represents a different aspect of the work performed by the city in its ongoing capital improvement program.

■ **Coastal Intercept Sewer** — "Water and Wastewater Project of the Year."

The 1994 Northridge earthquake caused damage to some 80 miles of sewer pipe in the City of Santa Monica. One part of this massive sewer rehabilitation and repair program, paid for primarily through a restricted Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) grant, was the coastal intercept sewer.

The project included repair and replacement of sewer mains on Pacific Coast Highway, Appian Way, and the replacement of the Moss Avenue Pumping Station, south of the Santa Monica Pier. The project was completed with special attention given to impacts on residents, merchants, tourist and commuters, while ensuring the stability of the adjacent Palisades Bluffs and other underground utilities.

■ **Community Outreach Program** — "Public Works Management Project of the Year."

The City of Santa Monica has started an on-going construction information network known as "Know Before You Go," updated weekly, to inform the public of work in the public right-of-way (streets, sidewalks, and alleys) that may impact their daily routine. Information can be accessed 24-hours a day online at www.santa-monica.org/engineering and through City Hall On Call at (310) 458-8999, message 724. Quarterly updates also are published in each edition of "Seascape." In addition to this on-going effort, each city construction project is evaluated for its potential impacts to the community. That has included signs, press releases, regular community meetings, special newsletters, as well as other customized outreach efforts.

■ **Downtown Transit Mall** — "Streets and Transportation Project of the Year."

It has been widely criticized by downtown business owners and residents, but the transit mall is considered the project of the year.

The Downtown Transit Mall is a 10-block transit improvement project linking important civic places such as the library, the Third Street Promenade, Palisades Park, and Santa Monica Pier that was funded with transportation grants. Project objectives included improving traffic circulation, enhancing transit facilities, upgrades to the pedestrian experience, and better linkages to nearby areas. Sidewalks have been widened, and dedicated bus transit lanes have been created.

The project demonstrates how public art can improve a major public works projects through the implementation of the artistic theme of "Where the Sea Meets the Land." Pacific Rim influences also are incorporated. The theme is developed through five primary design elements: paving, lighting, plant materials, arbors, and furniture amenities. Examples of the artistic components include color-enriched concrete paving; new street lights and lighted arbors; interactive transit kiosks and custom signs; lighted transit shelters; ornamental drinking fountains; custom bike racks; new street trees; glass tiled stainless steel newspaper racks; and bollards with tile mosaic.

STATE



Conservationists say coastal protection linked to vote

BY LAURA WIDES
Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — A vote expected this week over who will head the California Coastal Commission has some conservationists worried that the body charged with protecting the state's 1,100-mile coastline will be left under the sway of developers and those who want to restrict public access.

The debate over whether Chairwoman Sara Wan should be re-elected is the latest controversy for a body that oversees some of the nation's most prized real estate. Its decisions range from considering million-dollar golf resorts to celebrities' requests to expand their seaside villas.

"There's been a long history of the use and abuse of influence with the commission because there's a lot of money and land at stake," former Chairman Mel Netter said.

Since voters created it in 1972, the commission has frequently found controversy. In the mid-1980s, a member was replaced minutes before he could cast his vote. In 1993, a commission member resigned after pleading guilty to racketeering, tax fraud and soliciting bribes in exchange for help getting projects approved.

Most recently, a Sacramento County Superior Court judge ruled that the commission violates the state Constitution's separation of powers because its members are appointed by both the governor and the Legislature.

Some critics say the commission usurps the power of local officials by overruling their decisions on minutia such as driveway length.

"And because they're not elected, there's not a darned thing a citizen living on the coast can do about it," said Christie Hogan, attorney for the city of Malibu, which filed a brief in favor of the Sacramento lawsuit after the commission restricted development and required more public access in the exclusive enclave west of Los Angeles.

Because the commission faces constant pressure from cities and developers, some environmentalists view the tumult over the chairmanship as an attempt to weaken it.

The decision, scheduled for Wednesday, is important because the person who heads the commission sets its agenda and can control the public's ability to comment on proposals.

Wan, appointed by Democratic state Senate President Pro Tempore John Burton, is seen as a staunch advocate of coastal protections and public access. But her blunt style has alienated some. They say the commission could work more effectively with a chairman more inclined to build consensus.

"This attempt to oust Sara is just another in a long line of attacks on the Coastal Act," said Mark Massara, director of the Sierra Club's Coastal Program. "It's another misguided, bumbling attempt of developers to take over the commission."

State Resources Secretary Mary Nichols urged the chairmanship vote be postponed last month because it was a surprise addition to the commission's agenda. She said it also would have been held the day after the statewide general election, when some members couldn't attend.

Nichols, appointed by Democratic Gov. Gray Davis as a nonvoting commission member, said postponing the vote wasn't an attempt to tilt the commission toward a pro-development bias. She called such claims either paranoia or a deliberate attempt to politicize the commission's election.

Environmentalists who track coastal issues, however, are suspicious because the leading candidate to replace Wan appears to be Vice Chairman Dave Potter, a building contractor and member of the Monterey County Board of Supervisors.

They say he has received contributions and loans from developers in the past and point to work he has done as a contractor for the Pebble Beach Co., which needs Coastal Commission approval for a golf resort on the Monterey Peninsula. One of the company's major investors is Clint Eastwood.

Potter called his work for Pebble Beach "inconsequential" and said he is not swayed by developers who come before the commission.

Commission covers coastal zone larger than Rhode Island

By The Associated Press

The California Coastal Commission was created in 1972 by a statewide ballot measure and made permanent by the Legislature in 1976. Its mission is to regulate development along the coast, protect the coastal environment and ensure public access to coastal lands. A look at what the commission does and how it's set up:

■ It has regulatory control over virtually all development activities, including any division of land, change in the intensity of use of state waters, and of public access to them, in the state's coastal zone, which covers an area larger than Rhode Island. The coastal zone extends from three miles at sea to the shoreline and inland for a distance ranging from a few hundred feet to 16 miles, based on lines drawn by the Legislature. The commission also regulates federal and federally assisted or permitted activities outside the coastal zone that affect the coast.

■ Commission members serve two-year terms but can serve multiple terms at the discretion of their appointing authorities. Each member receives a \$50 stipend for each hearing.

■ The commission has 12 voting members, with the governor, Senate and Assembly each appointing four. Half its members are locally elected officials.

■ It also has four nonvoting members representing the state Resources Agency, the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency, the Trade and Commerce Agency and the state Lands Commission.

■ The commission works with local governments to help them prepare local coastal plans. Once those plans are approved, local officials have authority over coastal activity. Development decisions still can be appealed to the commission.

■ Commission decisions can be appealed to state courts.

Source: California Coastal Commission

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STATE

Interior Department moves to stop overuse of Colorado River

BY SETH HETTENA
Associated Press Writer

EL CENTRO — The U.S. Interior Department said Tuesday it was moving to make good on a threat to withhold enough Colorado River water to supply 1.6 million households in California at the start of the new year.

The announcement came a day after the state's poorest county rejected a deal to relinquish a portion of its massive share of river water — the linchpin to a broader agreement to curb the state's historic overuse of the Colorado.

"This decision will have very serious consequences for all of California," Bennett Raley, assistant secretary of the U.S. Interior Department, said in a conference call with reporters.

Beginning Jan. 1, the Interior Department will suspend California's use of surplus Colorado River water, Raley said.

For years, California has used 800,000

acre-feet more than the 4.4 million acre-feet it is entitled to under an agreement with seven Western states, because the other states didn't use all of their allotments. Three years of rapid growth across the West, however, have prompted the Interior Department to enforce "the law of the river," Raley said.

Withholding surplus Colorado River water would be unlikely to trigger water shortages in Southern California in the near future. Water districts in Los Angeles and San Diego, the two biggest urban users of Colorado River water, have said they have adequate supplies for at least the next two years.

But the Interior Department said that unless a deal was signed, it was sure to begin scrutinizing how Colorado River water was used by California farmers, who hold the rights to the lion's share of the state's allotment.

"No water user has a right to waste water," Raley said.

The focus of that scrutiny was sure to fall on the Imperial Valley, the nation's largest irrigation district, which receives more than 3 million acre-feet of Colorado water each year — about 70 percent of California's total river allotment.

Raley suggested that Interior Secretary Gail Norton has the authority to seize water that was being wasted, but has not yet decided whether to do so. But in any event, there will have to be some steps taken to curb agricultural use of the Colorado River.

"That's where the bulk of the water goes," he said.

On Monday, the Imperial Irrigation

District's board of directors voted 3-2 to reject a deal to transfer nearly 500,000 acre-feet of water a year — enough for 1 million households — to districts across Southern California. The biggest portion, up to 200,000 acre-feet, would have gone to fast-growing San Diego County.

Imperial water officials say 98 percent of its water is used to irrigate farms that produce \$1 billion worth of food each year from desert farmfields in a region with the lowest median income in California.

"Without water in the Imperial Valley, we are nothing," said Imperial Irrigation District board president Stella Mendoza, who voted against the deal.

Movie studios target pirated DVDs sold on online auctions

BY GARY GENTILE
AP Business Writer

LOS ANGELES — The movie studios are playing Grinch to Internet pirates selling unauthorized DVDs as holiday gifts over online auction sites.

The Motion Picture Association of America filed federal civil lawsuits against people in eight states on Tuesday accusing them of copyright infringement for offering hundreds of pirated DVDs over auction sites.

The lawsuits are the first time the MPAA has focused on sales over such sites. The suits were filed against people in California, New Jersey, Virginia, Alabama, Florida, Nevada, Kansas and Connecticut.

Many of the DVDs were illegally copied from legitimate DVDs, while others were bootleg copies of first-run films not yet released on video or DVD, the MPAA said.

The MPAA, which represents the seven major film studios, has previously gone after people selling pirated videos and DVDs directly over the Internet. The organization has also targeted people who offer pirated copies of films for downloading over the Internet.

Sales of pirated movies over auction sites doubled this year and account for one-fifth of all Internet piracy, the MPAA said.

The lawsuits were timed to raise public awareness when people are likely to be looking for bargain holiday gifts on auction sites.

The MPAA identified the alleged pirates by buying DVDs offered online and examining the contents.

Some of the DVDs were copies made with a handheld video recorder of films still in theaters, such as "8 Mile" and "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets."

Going ballistic



Rich Pedroncelli/Associated Press

State Sen. Jack Scott, D-Altadena, announces that he has introduced legislation that would require manufacturers and importers to collect "ballistic fingerprints" on all firearms manufactured and sold in the state, during a Capitol news conference in Sacramento on Tuesday.

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NATIONAL



\$40M futuristic transit system for Reno unveiled

By The Associated Press

RENO, Nev. — A \$40 million futuristic transit system designed to speed up travel on Reno's congested main drag was unveiled Wednesday by transportation planners.

The proposed Bus Rapid Transit system would shuttle riders along a five-mile section of Virginia Street between the University of Nevada, Reno and Meadowood Mall via the downtown casino area.

The system would feature electricity-powered, bullet-shaped vehicles that blend characteristics of light rail and buses.

Regional Transportation Commission officials said the vehicles would travel in dedicated traffic lanes and halve the time it currently takes to travel the stretch by bus.

"People like trolleys and people like trains and people like trams. They have a totally different appeal than buses," RTC spokesman Jim McGrath told the Reno Gazette-Journal.

"This futuristic vehicle offers that same appeal."

The transit system, similar to ones in Los Angeles, Miami, Honolulu and Boston, is designed to help triple the use of mass transit in Reno by 2030.

Mass transit currently accounts for only 10 percent of trips along Virginia Street, which carries as many as

45,000 vehicles a day.

"We are now directly competing with the automobile on this project," McGrath said.

When system vehicles approach stations, a camera-guided computer system would take control from drivers, with both speed and steering automatically controlled as the vehicles slow to a stop.

The vehicles would be given traffic signal priority to speed travel time.

RTC officials said the special vehicles can move passengers at a pace similar to light rail at a fraction of the cost.

Funding for the \$40 million project would be provided by a mix of local, state and federal dollars.

Officials hope the system can be in operation within a decade. Plans call for a later eastward extension of the transit system into Sparks along Prater Way.

The proposed system sounds promising to UNR officials, who said it could provide student access to much of Reno and allow students to live farther away from campus.

The system also could be used by thousands of Reno-area residents who visit Lawlor Events Center on the UNR campus annually for concerts and other events.

"All the news for us is pretty good," said John Frederick, provost at the university.

Tony Vail, manager of Meadowood Mall, said the system could help boost transit trips to Reno's biggest mall by both customers and employees.

And Reno city officials said it could spark much-needed redevelopment along much of Reno's main north-south artery.

"To me it's one of the most important things we can do," said John Hester, community development manager for the city.

Some passengers of the Reno-area's public bus system also expressed interest in the proposed transit system.

"I like it. It would be a heck of a lot better than the buses," said Terry Sparks, 43, of Reno.

"If it cuts down the time, that sounds good to me," agreed Dean Zamora, 31, of Reno.

Maryland offers free transit passes to undercover police commuters

BY DAVID DISHNEAU

Associated Press Writer

POINT OF ROCKS, Md. — The Maryland Transit Administration is offering free passes to plainclothes officers who agree to watch for terrorists and other troublemakers during their commute.

"Our goal is, with heightened concerns about potential threats from the al-Qaida, or vis-a-vis the sniper, to try and have some added eyes and ears out there," Simon Taylor, manager and chief operating officer of the Maryland Rail Commuter system, said Monday.

The FBI warned in October that terrorists have considered targeting U.S. passenger trains.

Taylor said MARC has just one paid security officer covering its 200-mile system and is hoping enough people sign up to provide at least one undercover officer on

each of its 86 trains.

The plan is based on a program the neighboring Virginia Railway Express commuter service implemented after the Sept. 11 attacks.

A Virginia service spokesman, Mark Roeber, said the program has 68 plainclothes officers, including federal marshals and National Park Service employees, and 10 to 20 uniformed police officers.

The program costs VRE \$40,000 to \$45,000 a year, substantially less than the \$65,000 to \$70,000 in wages and benefits for a single security officer, Roeber said.

There have been no incidents requiring the undercover commuters to act, Roeber said.

Their obligation "is simply to be our eyes and ears on the train. If something were to happen, we hope they will be able to rise to the occasion and deal with the issue," Roeber said.

\$6 billion lawsuit filed against CBS' "60 Minutes"

By The Associated Press

FAYETTE, Miss. — Two former Jefferson County jurors have filed a \$6 billion lawsuit against CBS' "60 Minutes" and a newspaper owner over comments about the size of jury awards in the county.

Anthony Berry and Johnny Anderson said the news program defamed them in a segment that called the county a haven for "jackpot justice."

Berry was among jurors who made a \$150 million verdict in an asbestos case, and Anderson sat on a jury that awarded a \$150 million judgment in a diet drug case.

They are seeking \$597 million in actual damages and \$5.9 billion in punitive damages.

During a "60 Minutes" report last month, Fayette florist Beau Strittman — who won a non-jury settlement in a lawsuit over the obesity drug Redux — said juries "awarded these people this money because they felt as if they were going to get a cut off of it."

Strittman said he was joking and thought he was off camera when he made the comment.

"I don't think the jury here in Jefferson County or anyone has done anything wrong, and if they have it's not of my knowledge," he said last week.

Also named in the suit is Wyatt Emmerich, who owns Emmerich Newspapers Inc. and who also criticized Jefferson County juries on "60 Minutes."

Emmerich described Jefferson County jurors as disenfranchised residents who want to stick it to Yankee companies.

"The African Americans feel like it's payback for disenfranchisement. And the rednecks, shall we say, it's like, 'Hey, you know, get back at' — revenge for the Civil War. And it's very easy to weave this racial conflict and this class conflict into a big money pot for the attorneys."

Kevin Tedesco, a spokesman for "60 Minutes," said the program cannot comment until it has received a copy of the lawsuit.

"We stand by the story," he said. "We'll comment after we've been properly served."

Emmerich said Monday his remarks were aimed at the jury system in general rather than any specific jury. He called the lawsuit frivolous.

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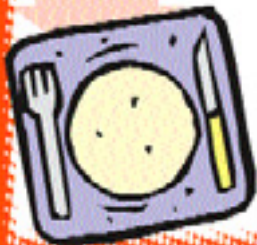
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Fed sees encouraging signs, leaves interest rates steady

BY MARTIN CRUTSINGER
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON

The Federal Reserve, noting encouraging signs that the economy is working through a "soft spot," left interest rates unchanged Tuesday and signaled that November's rate cut may turn out to be the last one needed for recovery.

The Fed decision to leave its benchmark for overnight bank loans at a 41-year low of 1.25 percent means that Americans will be able to keep borrowing at the lowest interest rates in decades on everything from auto loans to home equity loans.

Because of the Fed decision, banks' prime lending rate, the benchmark for millions of consumer and business loans, will remain at 4.25 percent, its lowest point since May 1959.

The central bank struck a more positive tone about the economy in the brief statement announcing its decision than in November when it had cited rising concerns about economic weakness stemming from increased "geopolitical risks" of a possible war with Iraq.

In Tuesday's statement, the Fed said economic signs

since then "are not inconsistent with the economy working its way through its current soft spot."

The central bank expressed the belief that the already low level of interest rates, coupled with continued strong gains in U.S. workers' productivity, was laying the groundwork for a sustainable economic rebound.

Many analysts read the decision to leave rates unchanged and the more positive tone to the statement as a clear indication that the central bank believes it has done enough to guard against a double-dip recession.

"The Fed is pretty much done for this cycle unless there is some major unforeseen disruption to the economy such as a messy war in Iraq," said Sung Won Sohn, chief economist at Wells Fargo in Minneapolis.

Wall Street took the Fed's decision to leave rates unchanged, which had been widely expected, in stride. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 100.85 points to finish the day at 8,574.26 as bargain hunters went shopping for stocks following a 458-point slide in the Dow over the past seven sessions.

The Fed, which aggressively cut rates 11 times in 2001 as it struggled to deal

with the country's first recession in a decade and then the economic fallout from the terrorist attacks, had left its fund rate unchanged through most of this year, until the half-point cut on Nov. 6.

Many analysts said given the fact that inflation continues to be held in check, the central bank could well leave rates at the current low level for some time to come, giving the economy a chance to mount a sustained rebound.

"We believe the Fed is done easing and will remain on hold through the end of 2003," predicted Gerald Cohen, senior economist at Merrill Lynch in New York.

The Fed may not feel any urgency to cut rates further in light of the preparations being made by President Bush to push Congress to pass a third economic stimulus package with an expected price tag of as much as \$300 billion for tax cuts and other measures to bolster economic growth.

In an effort to get a stronger team to sell the tax cuts to Congress, Bush on Friday ousted Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill, who had in recent months expressed doubts that another round of across-the-board cuts would be needed.

Many analysts had called on the administration to put forward a new stimulus package out of concern that the Fed was running out of room to stimulate further borrowing demand with interest rates at such low levels.

While analysts did not totally rule out another Fed rate reduction, of possibly a quarter point at its next meeting on Jan. 28-29, they said it would probably take something like a big jump in the unemployment rate to trigger that outcome.

They noted that the Fed left rates unchanged this week even after last Friday's report that the jobless rate had returned to an eight-year high of 6 percent in November.

"While the economy may be somewhat weak, the recovery remains on track," said Kurt Karl, chief economist at Swiss Re in New York.

Many analysts believe after slowing to an anemic growth rate of around 1 percent in the current quarter, economic growth will rebound to close to 3 percent in the first part of 2003.

Carter's prize possession



Dave Caulkin/Associated Press

Former President Jimmy Carter, shows off his 2002 Nobel Peace Prize just after he was awarded the honor by the Chairman of the Norwegian Nobel Committee, Gunnar Berge in City Hall, Oslo, Norway on Tuesday.

INTERNATIONAL



Baghdad bitter over U.S. takeover of Iraq declaration

BY CHARLES J. HANLEY

AP Special Correspondent

BAGHDAD, Iraq — The Iraqi government accused Washington on Tuesday of taking control of a U.N. master copy of Baghdad's arms declaration in order to tamper with it and create a pretext for war.

In the United States, specialists at the CIA and other U.S. agencies began poring over the 12,000-page declaration, in which Baghdad is supposed to "tell all" about its chemical, biological and nuclear programs. American officials said much of the material appeared to be recycled versions of earlier documents.

U.N. inspectors have said Iraq's earlier declarations were incomplete. The United Nations was beginning its own analysis of the mammoth declaration, a process officials say could take weeks.

Inspectors stepped up their search Tuesday, fanning across Iraq on surprise missions to 13 sites — the largest number of inspections since the U.N. operation resumed two weeks ago. One team moved in on a uranium mining site 250 miles west of Baghdad.

President Saddam Hussein, meanwhile, spoke of war and sacrifice in a meeting with top lieutenants, men U.S. strategists hope will abandon the Iraqi strongman in the event of war. If war comes, Saddam told them, "your heads will remain high with honor, God willing."

The U.S.-Iraqi tensions flared again in the southern "no-fly zone" Tuesday, when the U.S. command said its warplanes bombed an Iraqi anti-aircraft missile site 165 miles southeast of Baghdad. Just across Iraq's southeastern border in Kuwait, U.S. Army units were conducting desert exercises.

Iraq insists it no longer has weapons of mass destruc-

tion or programs to make them. The Bush administration says it's sure Baghdad does and has threatened war if, in the U.S. view, Saddam's government doesn't comply with U.N. disarmament demands.

Secretary of State Colin Powell denounced Saddam's claims, saying, "He's a liar."

"We'll see now whether he decides that the cost of lying is too great. The cost of lying now might result in his regime being destroyed by the armed forces of the international community," he said during a Dec. 5 interview with the French television station France 2. The State Department released the transcript Tuesday.

White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said the U.S. analysis of Iraq's declaration would be "deliberative" and "careful" in order to "understand what it is that Iraq is purporting to declare, as well as what they have failed to declare."

Two copies of the Iraqi documents were delivered to U.N. headquarters in New York late Sunday, one to the Security Council and the other to the U.N. Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission.

The complex declaration describes Iraq's former chemical, biological and nuclear weapons programs, and details hundreds of so-called dual-use sites in Iraq, whose products or equipment can be alternated between civilian and military uses.

Around midnight Sunday, the council's lone copy left the building in U.S. hands, supposedly because only the U.S. government could photocopy thousands of pages in secure surroundings. The transfer, which occurred before any other governments could examine the Iraqi reports, had the approval of the council's current president, Ambassador Alfonso Valdiveiso of Colombia.

The master copy was in U.S. hands for most of Monday, before copies were distributed to other council members.

Official Iraqi reaction was swift.

"This is unprecedented extortion in the history of the United Nations, when it (the United States) forced the president of the Security Council to give it the original copy of Iraq's declaration," the Iraqi Foreign Ministry said in a statement faxed to news organizations.

It accused Washington of "possibly forging what it wants to forge."

"This American behavior aims to play with the United Nations' documents with the aim of finding a cover for aggression against Iraq," it said.

Later Tuesday, Saddam was shown on national television meeting with top Iraqi defense officials, including Defense Minister Lt. Gen. Sultan Hashim Ahmed.

"Your heads will remain high with honor, God willing," he told them, "and your enemy will be defeated."

The U.N. monitoring operation received reinforcements Tuesday when 28 new inspectors flew in, expanding the staff to 70. Chief inspector Hans Blix says he expects to have 100 in place by the end of the year.

The inspectors visited a variety of sites Tuesday, including chemical and explosives facilities, and veterinary medicine institutes, whose vaccine-making processes were applied in the past to biological weapons-making.

The uranium mining operations at al-Qaim, also known as Akashat, in the desert near the Syrian border, were scrutinized by U.N. nuclear inspectors in the 1990s. Its phosphate deposits were exploited in the 1980s for their uranium content as well as for fertilizer, producing some 100 tons of uranium over six years.

Landmark defamation ruling could affect Internet publications worldwide

BY PETER O'CONNOR

Associated Press Writer

SYDNEY, Australia — In a landmark case, Australia's highest court on Tuesday gave a businessman the right to sue for defamation in Australia over an article published in the United States and posted on the Internet.

Analysts suggest the ruling against publishing company Dow Jones & Co. — the first by a nation's top court to deal with cross-border Internet defamation — could set a precedent and affect publishers and Web sites that post articles in the 190 nations that allow defamation cases.

"This is the first time that a supreme court anywhere in the world (rules) not just in libel but really tries to look at how jurisdictional law maps onto the Internet," said Michael Geist, a University of Ottawa law professor who tracks Internet cases around the world.

The High Court of Australia unanimously dismissed an appeal by Dow Jones & Co. aimed at stopping a defamation suit in Australia by mining magnate Joseph Gutnick.

Gutnick claimed that a 7,000-word article that had appeared in Barron's in October 2000 portrayed him as a schemer given to stock scams, money laundering and fraud. The article was also published online.

The decision means Gutnick can sue New York-based Dow Jones & Co. in his home state of Victoria, in Australia.

Dow Jones & Co., which publishes The Wall Street Journal, Barron's, Dow Jones Newswires and several stock market indicators, said it was disappointed with the ruling and promised to continue its defense.

"The result means that Dow Jones will defend those proceedings in a jurisdiction which is far removed from the country in which the article was prepared and where the vast bulk of Barron's readership resides," it said in a statement.

Several media and Internet organizations, including The Associated Press, Amazon.com and AOL Time Warner, filed legal briefs in support of Dow Jones.

Some media law experts doubted the ruling would have a major impact on what news organizations will be willing to publish online.

Jerome Barron, a First Amendment specialist at George Washington University Law School, said news organizations have historically published around the world even after being sued in other countries where their publications circulate.

"It will just be the cost of doing business," he said. "There's libel insurance for that."

Lawyers for Dow Jones argued that the case should be heard in the United States because the article was first published in New Jersey and intended for a U.S. audience.

Gutnick said the case should be heard in his hometown, Melbourne, since people in Victoria could see the article on the Internet and he was thus defamed where he is best known.

"It will certainly be re-established that the Net is no different than the regular newspaper," he told Australia's Channel Nine television. "You have to be careful what you write and if you offend somebody or write malicious statements about people like what was done in my case you can be subject to being prosecuted."

The judgment means material pub-

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Iraqi soldiers leave the Qaim Akashat phosphate complex while it is being inspected by International Atomic Energy Agency inspectors 186 miles west of Baghdad, Iraq near the Syrian border on Tuesday. This is the furthest from Baghdad UN weapons inspectors have ventured since resuming inspections last month.

lished on the Internet is deemed to have been published in the place it is viewed online, not just the country of origin.

"I think it will be accorded great respect by courts around the world, particularly those which have an English common law heritage like Britain, Canada, New Zealand," said Dr. Matthew Collins, a Melbourne lawyer and academic who has published a book on defamation and the Internet.

However, the seven-judge court imposed some limits on defamation actions.

In its ruling, the court dismissed Dow Jones' concerns that many defamation actions could be brought as a result of one publication. It said after any successful

defamation action, subsequent legal action could be viewed as "vexatious" and therefore unlikely to succeed.

The court dismissed Dow Jones' contention that it would have to consider the defamation laws from "Afghanistan to Zimbabwe" in every article published on the Internet.

"In all except the most unusual of cases, identifying the person about whom material is to be published will readily identify the defamation law to which that person may resort," the court said.

Tuesday's ruling in Australia's highest court of appeal made no decision on the defamation case itself. Gutnick will have to pursue his case in the Victorian Supreme Court.



SPORTS

ESPN to bring Great Outdoor Games to Reno-Tahoe

BY SCOTT SONNER

Associated Press Writer

RENO, Nev. — ESPN will bring the 2003 Great Outdoor Games to the Reno-Lake Tahoe area July 10-13, a move local tourism officials said Tuesday will fortify efforts to promote northern Nevada as a world-class destination for outdoor adventure.

"It will be one of the biggest events that northern Nevada — certainly Reno — has ever had," said Jeff Beckelman, president and chief executive officer of the Reno-Sparks Convention & Visitors Authority.

"It's very important for us because it not only gives us lots of visitation ... but we're also going to get 50 hours of television exposure on ESPN and ABC," he said.

ESPN officials made the official announcement at a news conference Tuesday at the 19th annual Governor's

Conference on Tourism in Reno.

"Reno-Tahoe will be a great host for the Great Outdoor Games," said Michael Rooney, ESPN Outdoors' senior vice president and general manager. "We're looking forward to sharing the intensity and authenticity of the games with a new region ... We expect that this move to the West will give a whole new fan base, great access and exposure to the event."

Nevada Gov. Kenny Guinn welcomed the news.

"We are thrilled that northern Nevada is following our lead to brand the state of Nevada as an outdoor adventure destination," Guinn said in a statement. "Landing the ESPN Great Outdoor Games is validation for the positioning as well as a tremendous opportunity to get exposure for the unique adventure experience of Reno-Tahoe."

The announcement comes a month after local tourism officials recommended

spending \$600,000 over two years to host the cable sports network's Great Outdoor Games.

The July competition was televised the past two years from Lake Placid, N.Y. The games feature outdoor events such as fishing, target sports, timber contests and sporting dogs.

Convention authority chairman Phil Salerno said last month that the games could draw crowds of up to 100,000 a year with as many as half of the spectators coming from out of town. Besides the tourist draw, officials said the national cable broadcast would help showcase the

Reno-Tahoe area.

"I think it's a win-win situation for the whole area, Reno, Sparks and Lake Tahoe," Salerno told the Reno Gazette-Journal last month.

Tourism officials in Lake Placid were bidding to keep the games.

The competition includes retriever trials as well as bass fishing, fly fishing, archery, rifle and shotgun shooting. The timber events include log rolling, speed climbing and "tree topping" in which competitors ascend a 65-foot pole with a cross-cut saw then cut off the top of the log.

Heisman week: Palmer proves to be lead contender

BY JOHN NADEL

AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES — Carson Palmer rolled to his right, as he has done dozens of times as the Southern California quarterback.

But on this occasion, his receivers were covered.

So he decided to run — not a pretty sight.

With the fans roaring, the 6-foot-6, 230-pounder rumbled down the sideline before diving toward the end zone as UCLA cornerback Ricky Manning — some nine inches shorter and 50 pounds lighter — dived at his legs.

Palmer spun like a helicopter propeller before crash-landing at the 1-yard line, eliciting a collective groan from USC fans among the crowd of 91,084 watching in the Rose Bowl.

But he quickly bounced to his feet after the 20-yard gain, turning the groan into cheers, and the Trojans scored a touchdown on the next play en route to a 52-21 victory over the Bruins on Nov. 23.

That was a signature moment for Palmer, who heard a lot more groans than cheers in his first years at USC. But it's a different story this season. He's a leading contender for the Heisman Trophy, which will be awarded Saturday night in New York.

"It's definitely been a struggle, so many seasons where you haven't gotten to where you want to go," Palmer said. "You hear of so many USC quarterbacks who did this, did that, guys like Pat Haden and Rodney Peete. Hopefully this will be my legacy."

Palmer completed nearly 63 percent of his passes for 3,639 yards and 32 touchdowns with 10 interceptions this year in leading No. 5 USC to a 10-2 record against the nation's toughest schedule.

Every opponent except Stanford was ranked in the Top 25 at some point this season, and five are ranked now.

Palmer was at his best during USC's final eight games, passing for 2,676 yards and 27 touchdowns with seven interceptions. He capped the season by passing for 425 yards and four touchdowns in a 44-13 victory over Notre Dame — the most passing yards ever allowed by the Fighting Irish.

"He's a tremendous quarterback.

There's nobody who can play better football in the country, I know that," USC coach Pete Carroll said. "Now that he's a fifth-year senior, he's cashed in on all the experience. He's had a career that's been under scrutiny, he had been singled out as the reason the team didn't do well. I never thought that was the case."

Carroll coached quarterback Drew Bledsoe, the first player taken in the NFL draft in 1993, for three years with the New England Patriots.

"Carson's worthy of that," Carroll said.

After playing in the Sun Bowl in 1998 and the Las Vegas Bowl last year, Palmer and the Trojans have finally made it to a major — the Orange Bowl — where they'll face No. 3 Iowa on Jan. 2.

"It's tough to lose six games in a year and be sitting at home watching teams play in a big-time bowl," Palmer said. "I was that dumb, naive high school kid — 'You're going to the Rose Bowl every year, you're going to win the Heisman.'"

"Other than Miami, who's a pro team, everybody's good. I don't know anybody that goes undefeated except for Ken Dorsey."

Palmer was referring to the Miami quarterback, who would be his pick for the Heisman.

"Everybody says it's not a career award, we'll see," Palmer said. "It's easy to go 10-2 one year, he's done even better for three years now."

Palmer said just being in New York for the ceremony will be the biggest thrill of his life.

"As far as really thinking you're going to win it, you can't even fathom it," he said. "At the beginning of the season, I wanted to be at the Heisman ceremony. That means you played well and so has your team."

Palmer and the Trojans didn't come close to meeting expectations before this season. He passed for 7,876 yards in three-plus seasons but had 39 interceptions and 39 TD passes — certainly nothing to boast about.

And USC was 16-16 in games he started.

"To me, Carson's always been just as good as he is now," safety Troy Polamalu said. "He's always had it in him. If he had this system by his sophomore year, he'd have been as good as he is now. This is his third system."

Female hockey player to start for Long Beach Ice Dogs

By The Associated Press

LONG BEACH — Danielle Dube is about to become the second woman to start a professional hockey game. But she just wants to be known as a member of the team.

"To myself, I am just a goalie. But to everyone else, I am a female goalie," Dube said as she prepared for Wednesday's game between the Long Beach Ice Dogs and San Diego Gulls.

Dube, 26, a native of Vancouver, B.C., is feeling the pressure — even though she's been playing hockey against the opposite sex for 22 years.

"I'm learning to deal with it," she said. "It's actually more awkward when I play

on the (Canadian women's) national team."

Dube is the first female player with the Ice Dogs. She's had a few awkward moments since joining the team. At the meet-the-team dinner this year, one player asked if she was someone's girlfriend.

Dube played with the Bakersfield Fog of the West Coast Hockey League in 1995-96 and the Central Texas Stampede of the now-defunct Western Professional Hockey League in 1996-97.

Earlier this season, she played eight minutes in relief for the Ice Dogs, stopping 12 of 13 shots against the Gulls.

"It's not like she is a girl but more like a goalie with long hair," said Ice Dogs teammate Roger Maxwell.

Franck, Spani, among others inducted into Hall of Fame

BY ANDREA SZULSZTEYN

AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK — George "Sonny" Franck never thought he'd live to see this day.

The former All-America tailback at Minnesota from 1938-40 didn't know whether he would ever make the College Football Hall of Fame — despite his accomplishments with the Golden Gophers.

The 84-year-old Franck is one of 15 former greats set to be inducted into the Hall of Fame on Tuesday night. The other players are Auburn split end Terry Beasley, Princeton running back Cosmo Iacavazzi, Arizona State receiver John Jefferson, Southern California safety Ronnie Lott, Pittsburgh quarterback Dan Marino, Navy tailback Napoleon McCallum, Michigan offensive guard Reggie McKenzie, Georgia Tech defensive tackle Randy Rhino, Texas offensive tackle Jerry Sisemore, Kansas State linebacker Gary Spani, Tennessee defensive tackle Reggie White and Missouri tight end Kellen Winslow.

The coaches to be inducted are Carmen Cozza, who spent 32 seasons at Yale, and Earle Bruce, who coached at Tampa, Iowa State, Ohio State, Northern Iowa and Colorado State.

Franck, the oldest of this year's inductees, also played quarterback, safety, and was a punt and kickoff returner. In 1940, he finished third in voting for the Heisman Trophy, was an All-American and helped the Golden Gophers win the national championship with an 8-0 record.

"I thought, if they miss me, they miss me," Franck said. "Maybe I'm too old to worry about those types of things. ...

Sometimes when you're in your 80s, people forget about you."

Another player surprised with his selection was Spani, the first player to be honored from Kansas State. Spani was the school's first consensus All-America in 1977 and is the Wildcats' career leader in tackles (543) and assists (343), playing during a time when Kansas State was not nearly as good as it is now.

Spani credits Kansas State's turnaround to coach Bill Snyder. He was on the hiring committee when the job came open and knew Snyder was the perfect fit.

"It's an honor to represent the old-timers," Spani said. "Kansas State struggled so much prior to me getting there and after I left. It's a miracle what coach Snyder pulled off."

Also honored Tuesday were the National Scholar Athletes, selected from all NCAA divisions. The Division I-A winners are offensive tackle Kyle Eaton of Oklahoma State, linebacker Hunter Hillenmeyer of Vanderbilt, linebacker Bradie James of LSU, and Chris Kelsay of Nebraska, quarterback Kliff Kingsbury of Texas Tech and offensive tackle Jon Stinchcomb of Georgia.

The Division I-AA winners are running back Cameron Atkinson of Princeton, running back Ryan Johnson of Montana State and safety Mark Kasmer of Dayton. Quarterback Kelby Klosterman of North Dakota was selected from Division II, and cornerback Todd Baldwin of Augustana (Ill.) College, wide receiver Andrew Hilliard from the University of St. Thomas (Minn.) and linebacker Brandon Roberts from Washington University were selected from Division III.

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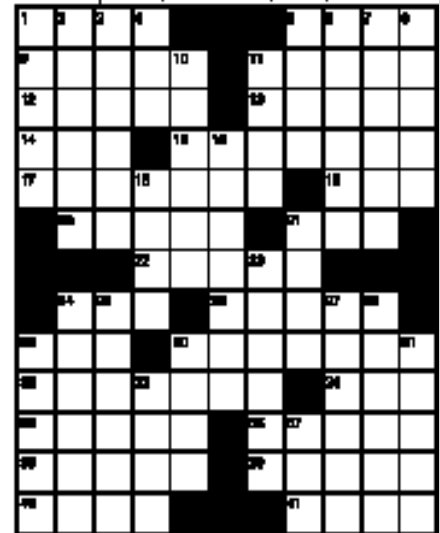
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

by Chuck Shepard

Restraining orders issued against co-workers

■ Sumpter Township, Mich., Supervisor Elmer Parraghi, 74, and Finance Director Dwayne Seals, 35, habitually, viciously feuding about business issues, recently obtained judicial restraining orders against each other, even though both work in a four-office building.

■ In September during the annual, vituperative Miami-Dade County (Fla.) budget hearing, Commissioner Natacha Seijas snapped at Chairwoman Gwen Margolis for interrupting her: "You're going to leave here in a body bag if you keep this up."

■ In June (according to telephone records obtained by the Tulsa World newspaper), Oklahoma State Rep. Chad Stites angrily told a Tulsa official whose department was badgering him about code violations on Stites' property that he would "neuter you sons of a (sic) bitches."

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SYLVESTER JENKINS 1919-2003

To actors who complain about tough "breaks," Sylvester Jenkins' story can be an inspiration. His unlikely acting career took off late in life when a manager at his church suggested the 77 year old had a "great look," and introduced him to agent Samantha Botana of The Samantha Group. Jenkins booked his first national for Merrill Lynch, which premiered on the 1997 Superbowl, and was soon followed by commercials for Nike, Dr. Pepper, Crackerjack and Sprint. Jenkins' great face and warm personality made him a hit with casting directors, and it was not long before film credits like *Being John Malkovich*, *The Nutty Professor II* (playing opposite Eddie Murphy) and *Corky Romano* began appearing on his resume.

Born in 1919 in Los Angeles, Jenkins served in the Army in WWII, worked for Lockheed in the years after, and then as a sandblaster, before losing his life savings on the horses and ending up on the streets. He learned to survive in ways few can imagine, relying on soup kitchens for food and taking shelter at night riding the MTA. Years later, he could tell you how to get anywhere in LA by bus - as he did regularly to attend casting calls.

In the years after raising himself from poverty, and despite his newfound celebrity, Jenkins' top priority was helping others. Even as his acting career flourished, he refused to schedule auditions that conflicted with his daily commitment serving meals at the Samoshell Shelter in Santa Monica. Dubbed "The Rock" by his friends at the church where he devoted much of his energies, he'll be remembered by all those whose lives he touched for his faith, his one liners, and his indomitable spirit.

Donations in memory of Sylvester Jenkins may be made to: The Salvation Army Samoshell Shelter, Attention: Ernest Harris, 505 Olympic Blvd. Santa Monica, CA 90404

A memorial service will be held Wed., Dec. 11, at The Olympic Collection, 11301 Olympic Blvd. at 6pm.



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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2002

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Puppetolio! presented by the Santa Monica Puppet & Magic Center. All ages, 3 and up. This musical revue features marionettes, ventriloquism, magic and more. Shows are always followed by a demonstration, Q & A, and a tour of the Puppet workshop and Museum. Saturdays and Sundays at 1pm and 3pm. Wednesdays and Holidays at 1pm. Seats are \$6.50. 1255 2nd Street in Santa Monica. Reservations/Information (310)656-0483. www.puppetmagic.com

Santa Monica Public Library presents Preschool Story Time, every Wednesday at 11:15am, 1343 Sixth Street. Stories for children between the ages of three and five who are ready to participate on their own. (310)458-8600

Senior Suppers - Discounted meals for people AGE 55 or older are served daily, from 3:30 p.m. To 7 p.m., in the cafeteria at Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center, 1250 16th Street in Santa Monica. \$3.69 Info only: (310)319-4837.

THURSDAY'S EVENTS

The Santa Monica Red Cross will hold a Holiday Open House today from 11am to 7:30pm, 1450 11th Street (Corner of Broadway and 11th). Holiday food, refreshments, music and

cheer! Everyone is encouraged to drop by and say hello!

Ongoing support groups for people 55 and older. Current openings in Men's Group. Thursdays, 11:15 to 12:45. Center for Healthy Aging, 2125 Arizona Avenue. Sliding scale fee. Not drop-in groups. Phone interview required. Call Information and Referral. (310)576-2550.

Dharma at the Clubhouse. A weekly book and multi-media study group, no fee. Applying studies of Buddhism-Dharma into our daily lives. Every Thursday night at the Clubhouse at Douglas Park, 25th & Wilshire. 7:30 to 9pm. Dan (310) 451-4368 www.santamonickaksg.org

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.

O'Briens Irish Pub, 2941 Main St., Santa Monica, pours A Pint of Funny, every Thurs., 8 p.m. FREE! (310)396-4725.

Gotham Comedy Night! Standup at Gotham Hall, 1431 3rd St. Promenade, Santa Monica; every Thursday, 7:30 pm, \$5.00 + 2 item min. 21/ over. (323) 525-5254

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

Gotham Hall presents Comedy Night! Featuring professional stand-ups. Every Thursday, 1431 3rd St. Promenade, 8pm. Admission is \$5 + 2 item minimum. 21 and over. (323)525-5254

MOVIE °GUIDE

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1441 Third St. at Broadway
The Emperor's Club (PG-13) 11:00, 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40. **Empire** (R) 11:20, 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 10:00. **Solaris** (2002) (PG-13) 10:40, 11:40, 1:20, 2:20, 4:00, 5:00, 6:40, 7:40, 9:20, 10:20.

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1313 Third St.
The Ring (PG-13) 12:45, 3:45, 7:05, 10:00.
Punch-Drunk Love (R) 11:45, 2:15, 4:45, 7:30.
Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets (PG) 12:00, 3:30, 7:00, 10:45. **Extreme Ops** (NR) 12:15, 10:05. **Friday After Next** (R) 2:45, 5:00, 7:45, 10:30. **Adaptation** (R) 11:00, 12:30, 2:00, 4:00, 5:00, 7:15, 8:00, 10:15, 11:00.

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1310 3rd Street
Santa Clause 2 (G) 1:35, 4:00, 7:00, 9:30. **8 Mile** (R) 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:05. **Analyze That** (R) 1:55, 3:10, 4:30, 5:30, 7:05, 7:55, 9:40. **Treasure Planet** (PG) 1:05, 3:05, 5:10, 7:25, 9:35. **Die Another Day** (PG-13) 1:25, 4:20, 7:20, 10:10. **Adam Sandler's Eight Crazy Nights** (PG-13) 2:30, 5:00, 7:00, 9:00. **Wes Craven Presents: THEY** (PG-13) 1:00, 10:15.

LANDMARK NU-WILSHIRE

1314 Wilshire Blvd.
Bowling for Columbine (R) 1:30, 4:15, 7:30, 10:15. **Far From Heaven** (PG-13) 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. **Rabbit-Proof Fence** (PG) 12:15, 2:40, 5:05, 7:30, 9:55. **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.

AERO THEATRE

1328 Montana Ave.
Bloody Sunday 5:00 **Secretary** 7:30, 10:00



BACK PAGE



Fugitive cows on the run

By The Associated Press

COVINGTON, Ga.— Police Lt. Philip Bradford said it's the oddest call he's been on in his 17-year career.

Four cows remain on the run after escaping Sunday from a stalled tractor-trailer on Interstate 20. Bradford said the animals broke free when the floor board of a trailer carrying 59 cows snapped.

"I must have missed the day they taught how to catch loose cows in police academy," Bradford said. "I guess we have to write a new page."

Police said the bovines caused a minor fender bender and several other close calls before officers shut down a section of I-20. Horseback riders from a nearby rodeo even tried to rope the animals.

The cows jumped through an opening in a guardrail onto a grassy embankment. Police called off the search after nearly five hours.

Johnny Jarel, the driver of the tractor-trailer, was charged for operating a "junky" vehicle, police said.

The cows were last seen headed for Atlanta.

Man wears dress in protest

By The Associated Press

CHARLESTON, W.Va.— Mike Samples doesn't like the new dress code at his state job — so he wore a dress to work.

Instead of his usual jeans, ball cap and T-shirt, the 32-

year-old claims manager in the Workers' Compensation Division wore a polka-dot maternity dress he'd borrowed from a friend to protest the new guidelines.

"Those things aren't nearly as comfortable as I thought they would be," Samples said Monday.

He didn't bother with hose or high heels and kept on his tennis shoes.

But Samples barely got to logon to his computer at work before he was sent home. That was fine with Samples since he didn't want to wear that dress all day.

Since then, Samples has been wearing more acceptable khakis and sweaters. So far he hasn't been disciplined and has apologized to his supervisor, Employment Programs Commissioner Robert Smith, who instituted the new guidelines Dec. 1.

Family cat causes divorce

By The Associated Press

TAIPEI, Taiwan — Many couples divorce because the wife refuses to share her husband with another woman. For one Taiwanese couple, the home wrecker was a cat.

Frequent squabbles over the cat — who frequently wet the bed — made it difficult for the couple to live together, Chen Tsai-wang, a Panchiao District Court judge in suburban Taipei, ruled Monday in granting the couple a divorce.

The husband had allowed the cat to urinate "on the bed and anywhere at home," according to the woman's brother, identified only by his surname.

"He refused to put the cat in another room. This showed how he had ignored my sister's feelings," the brother said.

Wallet surfaces after 50 years

By The Associated Press

FILER CITY, Mich.— Ron Bauman now has his wallet, nearly a half century after he lost it.

The missing billfold was found behind some ceiling

tiles at the Packaging Corp. of America plant by maintenance workers Rod Schimke and Al Zatarga.

"My first thought was I wondered if the owner was still alive," said Zatarga. "But when we looked at the drivers license we said (he) must still be alive."

After a bit of sleuthing, the pair discovered the wallet's owner had moved away, then returned to Manistee after retirement. Zatarga called him with the news.

"The wallet is an amazing time capsule filled with things that were important to me as a young man," he said.

Bauman said he lost the wallet while installing insulation at the plant during a summer job in 1955. The wallet was in good condition and still had his old drivers' license, pictures of his girlfriend and a \$2 bill.

Bauman said he and his girlfriend carried matching \$2 bills as a symbol of their love. They eventually married, and she still has hers.

Helping kids 'LEARN'

By The Associated Press

WAVERLY, Iowa— Some Wartburg College students have a Christmas wish this year for high school youth halfway around the world: college entrance exams.

About 12 Wartburg students are raising money so youngsters in the West Bank city of Nablus can take tests required for high school graduation and entrance to college.

The project is called Leading Education And Relief for Nablus, or LEARN. It was organized by Ibrahim Khader, a Wartburg student and Palestinian.

The tests cost about \$26, but last year only 45 percent of students could afford to pay for the exam, Khader said.

"Education is our only venue to progress," said Khader, a Nablus native and a junior computer information systems major. "Without it, we stay where we are."

Unemployment in Nablus is 60 percent, he said, and if families can't work, there is less money for educational fees. Without education, people can't get jobs to support their families, Khader said.

So far, the group has collected about \$1,000.

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