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A newspaper with issues

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Andrew H. Fixmer/Daily Press
After Christmas sales attract many shoppers to the Third Street Promenade Thursday, a strong day nationally for shopping. (See related story on page 10.)

Local man leads national pediatric cancer program

Personal loss creates drive to keep fighting for a cure

BY ANDREW H. FIXMER
Daily Press Staff Writer

A Santa Monica community activist has teamed up with a country-western recording artist to help kids with cancer understand what they are going through.

Neil Carrey, who lost his 16-year-old son, Chris, to pediatric cancer in July 2000, has teamed up with singer/songwriter Karen Shayne — a three-time cancer survivor — to create a series of songs, books and videos to reduce the fear and aid the understanding of children stricken by cancer.

The materials will follow a young boy named Ivan and his dog, Sam, through the challenge of cancer, from diagnosis to treatment to a return to normal life.

Included in the package will be guides for parents and small, stuffed animals for children to carry from the hospital to doctors' offices.

"There really isn't anything out there like this, and it's really needed," Carrey said. "It's such a wonderful idea, and I really think it's going to be big."

The project is a nationwide effort to help children with cancer, and already



Chris, left, and Neil Carrey

Children's Hospitals in Los Angeles and Atlanta are working with Shayne and Carrey's non-profit, which Shayne named the Ivan & Sam Foundation. Hospitals in other cities are also talking with the foundation, Carrey said.

Since very little support material currently exists for stricken children and their families, the Ivan & Sam project will be available soon to provide reassurance and comfort to thousands across America, Shayne said.

"This project will leave a lasting mark in the battle against cancer," said Shayne in a prepared statement.

When Shayne was undergoing treat-

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FAA investigates Santa Monica's airport plan

BY ANDREW H. FIXMER
Daily Press Staff Writer

Santa Monica's airport is once again at the center of a national dispute with the Federal Aviation Administration, which may have implications for airports across the country.

Airport officials are studying whether to create 300-foot "safety buffer zones" at each end of the runway, removing 600 of the nearly 1700 feet of runway asphalt planes use to take off and land at the airport.

By instituting the restricted runway spaces, larger business jets — which studies show are using the airport in increasing numbers — would be precluded from taking off or landing at the airport.

However, federal officials say Santa Monica is wrongly interpreting the FAA's own rules. The safety zones are only required for new airports under construction, and they argue there are no FAA rules that allow an airport to restrict itself to a certain aircraft size.

The FAA has launched a formal investigation into Santa Monica's proposal, dubbed the Airport Conformance Plan. Federal investigators want to know if what's being proposed violates federal law, FAA grant requirements or an agreement the city made with the FAA in 1984

to continue operating the airport uninterrupted until 2015.

"We'll have an inquiry into the events and practices surrounding the issue of the safety buffer," said Jerry Snyder, a regional FAA spokesman. "But certainly if we didn't have concerns over the issue, we would not be investigating at this point."

It's no secret Santa Monica remains a recurring thorn in the FAA's side. For more than 20 years, the FAA has fought the city on many things, from when Santa Monica unsuccessfully tried to ban jet aircraft and then attempted to close the airport entirely to changing flight patterns and enacting some of the stringiest noise ordinances in the country.

"Santa Monica is a very unique situation," said Marcia Adams, a Washington, D.C.-based spokeswoman for the FAA. "This is the first time an airport has attempted something like this."

Some FAA officials and business jet supporters now accuse Santa Monica of loosely interpreting FAA rules as another way of instituting another jet ban. They back up their claims with a study that they believe shows if Santa Monica's Airport Conformance Plan is enacted, 50 percent of the jets currently using the airport

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Homeless couple charged with stealing from Good Samaritan

BY MITCH STACY
Associated Press Writer

CLEARWATER, Fla. — A homeless couple taken in by a stranger on Christmas Eve stole the man's van, presents and groceries while he slept, sheriff's deputies said.

James Dixon was remorseful when he and Venus Dixon were arrested Wednesday, deputies said. They said he told them, "A man took me and my wife into his home last night, treated me as a person and a brother, and I did him wrong."

Earnest L. Green saw the couple Tuesday on a rainy street in Clearwater, about 20 miles west of Tampa. He offered them a ride to his home to dry off, eat a hot meal and spend Christmas Eve.

"I fed them good, man," Green said. "It made their day. They couldn't stop thanking me all that night."

Green, 45, told deputies he awoke Christmas morning to find the Dixons, his

van, his presents, frozen food and \$80 cash gone. The van was returned later that morning, missing its stereo and CD player.

"You just can't look at nobody and tell what kind of people they are," said Green, who stayed home alone to work over the holidays while his wife visited family in Alabama.

James Dixon, 48, was charged with burglary and auto theft. He told deputies he left his wife at a nearby gas station, where she was found pushing a shopping cart containing the stolen goods.

Venus Dixon, 43, was charged with burglary, auto theft, possession of cocaine, resisting arrest and possession of a crack pipe. Police said she tried to swallow crack as she was arrested.

The Dixons were jailed Thursday and had not yet had attorneys appointed, a jail spokeswoman said. James Dixon was being held on \$20,000 bail, and his wife on \$26,000.

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♈ ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★★ Others demonstrate their caring in a manner that makes a substantial difference. You might not always agree with what these people offer, but clearly others have a way of provoking you to thought. Brainstorm to your heart's content. Tonight: Go along with others' plans.

♉ TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ Again, your actions count more than you realize, especially with family members. Pick and choose your activities with this thought in mind. Keep family and home as your highest priority. Build togetherness within your immediate circle. Tonight: Easy does it. Flow with a partner.

♊ GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ Make an effort toward others. How you feel could change substantially after you grasp what a partner or friend is sharing. Just be yourself and allow others the same space. Caring mixes well with humor. Understand the thought behind an action. Tonight: Play away as only you can!

♋ CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★★ Your efforts make a huge difference in how you handle a loved one or a roommate. Your understanding takes you in a new direction if you're willing to relax and work with others' peccadilloes. You're not going to change anyone. Tonight: Anchor in.

♌ LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ Realize what might be ailing a friend or neighbor. Perhaps Santa left this poor person some coal! Help others work past the materialistic nature of this holiday. Check in with those in your immediate circle. Don't worry so much. Tonight: At your favorite hangout.

♍ VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★★ Treat yourself well. You might find that something you really wanted didn't come your way this Christmas. Take advantage of the sales and get this special item. Your instincts serve you well with a special thought for someone. Tonight: Your treat.

♏ LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ Stopping you might be close to impossible. Energize others by joining in and making the most out of a special opportunity. Laughter surrounds plans. Visit with friends. Others demonstrate their caring. Tonight: Where the action is.

♐ SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ Step back and take your time when dealing with others around you. You might be more exhausted by what is happening than you realize. Establish your priorities and make your time count for the most. Listen carefully. Tonight: Stay in.

♑ SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ Friends surround you. Christmas might be over, but don't think your pals would even consider entering the New Year without you. Get into the spirit of the moment. You might not have a choice as it stands. Tonight: Where the action is.

♒ CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★★ You might still be in the position of carrying the ball, whether you want to or not. Take your time when dealing with those around you. Others might be in more of a touchy mood than you realize. Be gentle when dealing with those around you. Tonight: A must show.

♓ AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ Reach out for others. Examine what is happening behind the scenes. Touch base with a friend at a distance. You might want to meet a this person halfway. Carefully consider your options surrounding an emotional decision. Tonight: Make escape your theme.

♐ PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★★ Continue dealing with a partner on a one-on-one level. Realize what is happening with a child or loved one you care a lot about. Spend quality time with this person. The two of you might enjoy visiting with a special relative. Tonight: Say "yes."



QUOTE of the DAY

"What is youth except a man or a woman before it is fit to be seen."

— Evelyn Waugh (1903-1966)

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

'Community Voices' meeting to discuss needs

By Daily Press staff

A City of Santa Monica "Community Voices" meeting will take place on Jan. 11, 2003, between 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. at John Adams Middle School on 2425 16th St. Registration takes place at 8:30 a.m.

The gathering is a time for neighbors and community members to discuss various needs and social problems in Santa Monica, and representatives from over 25 community programs will be present. Child care, information booths, prizes, refreshments and a Spanish interpreter will also be offered at the event. For more information, call the Human Services Division at (310) 458-8701.

Christmas tree recycling service for residents

By Daily Press staff

After the holidays, Santa Monica residents may recycle their Christmas trees at various parks throughout the city, but tinsel, ornaments and stands should be removed. Trees may also be brought to the city's Refuse and Recycling Transfer Station at 2401 Delaware Ave. throughout the month of January for free. The transfer station is open Monday through Saturday from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The drop-off dates at Douglas Park, Christine Emerson Reed Park, Los Amigos Park and Clover Park will be on Saturdays and Sundays, starting Dec. 28 and ending on Jan. 12. For more information, call the Transfer Station at (310) 829-7323.



surf report

Information compiled by Jesse Haley

Conditions are small again today, as we ride out the end of a dwindling northwest swell.

There were some fun sets Wednesday. Longboarders caught some decent, little, peeling rights inside the take-off at Leo Carrillo, and Manhattan Beach beach breaks were hitting with knee- to waist-high surf.

Health officials still advise avoiding the water due to remnant pollution and run off from the rains early in the week.

Saturday promises further decline in swell and more small, blown-out conditions.

We are expecting some new swell Sunday, when we should see waves ramp up a foot or two, but weather reports call for more rain.

**Today's Tides:**

High- 3:53 a.m. 4.67'
Low- 10:27 a.m. 1.72'
High- 3:45 p.m. 3.50'
Low- 9:54 p.m. 1.00'

Location	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Water Quality
County Line	2-3'/Fair	2-3'/Fair	3-4'/Fair	N/A
Zuma	2-3'/Fair	2-3'/Fair	3-4'/Fair	N/A
Surfrider	1-2'/Fair	1-2'/Fair	1-3'/Fair	N/A
Topanga	1-3'/Fair	2-3'/Fair	2-3'/Fair	N/A
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OPINION

LETTERS

Artists and consumers beware

Editor:

Regarding the story in today's SMDP by John Wood entitled "Unless otherwise noted, judge rules art sale is final," I would like to comment thereon as an artist who had an original stone sculpture in one of the galleries, which shall remain nameless, at Bergamot Station.

After the opening night reception, the gallery was virtually never open. I liked the gallery director, and the only paper work I had was a sheet of paper indicating the name of the sculpture and the selling price. That was it!

There was nothing more, either written or verbal. I began making phone calls to see what was happening when I could not find the gallery open, and after somewhat repeated calls, I was told that the singer Seal was interested in my piece, which I was pleased to hear.

It seems, however, that he never took any steps to purchase the piece, and I later learned that without my permission the gallery owner had given it to a business acquaintance of his, and he informed me that it was sitting in his bookcase, or something of that nature.

The sculpture is 24 or more inches high, so I assume the bookcase accommodated the piece. The gallery owner and I never had any agreement to place the sculpture on "approval" in anyone's home, and I believe he should have consulted with me about it.

Instead, he just took it upon himself to do it without contacting me to see if I was agreeable to that.

Regarding Patricia Correia's statement, "God forbid something terrible happen," that is precisely what I thought. The business acquaintance had the sculpture in his home for over a month, and I never received so much as even a rental fee. For all I know, he might have just borrowed it for a dinner party, or something of that nature.

In any event, I finally requested that it either be purchased or be returned to the gallery, and it was returned to the gallery, whereupon, I immediately picked it up.

So, it is not just the consumers who must protect themselves, but the artist as well. What would have happened if the sculpture was broken or damaged in some way?

Fortunately, it was not. However, I am now leery of having my work on consignment. Thank you for the story. I related to it from another point of view.

Julia Reeves
Santa Monica

Way to go, Joe!

Editor:

Congratulations on a great year of cartoons contributed by Mr. Joe King. The recent one turning the WTC plans in NYC into a dollar sign said it all. And best of luck on his new book!

Hank Rosenfeld
Santa Monica

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City denies banning jets

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would be displaced.

"Although the staff memorandum dances around the subject, it is clear that the operation of larger aircraft at the airport does not raise a safety issue — and has not raised a safety issue for more than a decade — that such aircraft have been operated to and from the airport," wrote Jack Olcott, president of the National Business Aviation Association, in a July 22 letter to the city's Airport Commission.

"The proposed action is no more than an attempt to ban larger aircraft, and probably all jets, from the airport, more on the grounds of perception than reality," he wrote.

City officials dismiss claims that they are attempting anything other than safety-related measure. But they agree the FAA watches Santa Monica fairly closely because of its past dealings.

"I think they are taking a fairly aggressive stance towards us," said Deputy City Attorney Martin Tachiki. "I think they believe this is about restricting access, and it's really not. This about making sure the right size aircraft are flying into the airport."

In 2000, of the 172,274 flights in and out of Santa Monica Airport, about 13,000 were jet operations, according to city officials. In 2001, there were 147,869 flights, with about 15,000 of those being jet operations.

While jet activity at the airport has been growing, it still remains about 10 percent of the total traffic at the airport. Of that 10 percent, about half are non-conforming aircraft, city officials said.

That means on average, less than 5 percent of the airport's total traffic is non-conforming.

"We're not saying ban jets, we want aircraft to fly into here that conforms to the airports layout and conforms to the FAA's own guideline for conformance," said Santa Monica Airport Manager Bob Trimborn. "It's reacting to a gradual fleet-mix change of aircraft using the airport."

While city officials acknowledge they cannot ban jet aircraft from using the airport, they say Santa Monica has every right to protect its residents and make the facility as safe as possible.

A study conducted by the Airport Commission found that some business jets, which are technically too large to use Santa Monica Airport, are increasingly flying into the airfield. Last year, the study found there were over 6,000 take-offs and landings by the larger business aircraft, violating an FAA threshold for airport's the size.

To cope with the increased presence of larger jets, the Airport Commission was given two options.

One was to extend the airport's runway by 300 feet in either direction — which would cross Bundy Drive at one end, and eat up approximately 50 residential homes at the other.

Or create 300-foot "safety buffer" zones at either end of the runway and prohibit planes from flying through the airport that couldn't land on the remaining 1,200 feet of runway.

Since the first option is prohibitive both politically and monetarily — it's estimated extending the runway could cost millions of dollars — last May the Airport Commission voted unanimously to create the safety buffers.

"If you can't make the facility fit the aircraft, then the next turn is making the aircraft fit the airport," said Trimborn.

The City Council unanimously agreed, and two weeks ago gave the conformance plan conceptual approval. By its vote, the council sent a strong message to Washington that it intends to back up its Airport Commission and pursue the buffer zones, Trimborn said.

"To me, safety trumps everything," said Trimborn. "This has nothing to do with banning jets. This isn't a noise issue."

If the FAA investigation finds Santa Monica in violation of federal laws of the 1984 agreement, then it can file a complaint in federal court, seeking an injunction.

That could be a tough argument to sell to a judge, Trimborn said.

"But it will be hard for them to argue that these aircraft can magically operate here when the airport doesn't conform to their own standards," he said. "It'll be a tough sell, I think."

Son's spirit moves father

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ment, other patients of the hospital would see her walking with her IV pole, and say, "There goes Karen and Ivan," Carrey said.

It was also during this time that Shayne met numerous children with cancer who didn't understand what was happening to them, the singer said. Then soon after being released from the hospital, Shayne's dog, Sam, died of cancer.

That's when Shayne decided she needed to help create these materials to help children, and at the same time she decided to dedicate it to "Ivan" and her dog, Carrey said.

The story starts out with a little boy who is about to pitch his first little league game, but first he has to go to the doctor's office. It's then the boy finds out he is diagnosed with cancer, and the story follows him through the process of getting back to playing baseball again.

"She's the talent end, and I'm the business end," said Carrey. "And we both have a strong tie-in to pediatric cancer."

Carrey said he knows his son is watching his work, helping to push him ever-

forward in his dedication to helping raise awareness for pediatric cancer.

"Chris was one of the most amazing, brave kids who touched so many people," Carrey said. "I wanted to do something my son would be proud of."

Carrey and his wife, Karen, formed the Chris Carrey Charitable Foundation shortly after their son's death to help fund pediatric cancer research. Since then, the foundation has given tens of thousands of dollars to researchers in hope of finding a cure for pediatric cancer.

This past holiday season, Carrey said he made his latest \$25,000 donation to Los Angeles-based Stop Cancer, which is the organization that brought Shayne and Carrey together on the Ivan & Sam Foundation.

"Chris' spirit is still reaching out to us," Carrey said. "He sent me Karen, who not only has a passion for my cause but is also a country music performer. And for this country music fan, I am honored he granted my wishes and sent me two gifts in one."

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STATE

Top actors are trying their hand behind the camera

BY DAVID GERMAIN

AP Movie Writer

LOS ANGELES — Nicolas Cage, George Clooney and Denzel Washington are among a rush of big-name actors making directing debuts in movies.

The appeal of directing, they say, is partly to flex their muscles behind the camera and partly to use their clout to get unconventional projects into production.

"I loved the screenplay and thought it wasn't going to get made," Clooney said of his "Confessions of a Dangerous Mind." It features Sam Rockwell as game-show host Chuck Barris, who claimed in his fanciful "autobiography" that he doubled as a CIA hitman.

"There was a feeling that if I came on board and directed it for (bottom-scale wages) and got some A-list actors to work for virtually nothing, then we thought they'd make the movie," Clooney said.

Washington's "Antwone Fisher" is based on the true story of a volatile sailor (Derek Luke) struggling to overcome a troubled past. Cage's "Sonny" stars James Franco as a newly discharged soldier reluctantly drawn back into his pre-Army life as a gigolo.

Also opening before year's end is "Love Liza," starring Philip Seymour Hoffman in the directing debut of Todd Louiso, most recently seen as John Cusack's meek record-store clerk in "High Fidelity."

Next year brings directing debuts by John Malkovich with "The Dancer Upstairs," Matt Dillon with "City of Ghosts," Steve Guttenberg with "P.S. Your Cat Is Dead" and Salma Hayek with the cable-TV movie "The Maldonado Miracle."

Even in the early days of film, performers such as Charlie Chaplin and Buster Keaton moved into directing to control their material better.

Some actors have directed with mundane results, including John Wayne ("The Alamo," "The Green Berets"), Jack Nicholson ("Goin' South," "The Two Jakes") and Sally Field ("Beautiful").

Yet many have succeeded brilliantly. Robert Redford ("Ordinary People"), Clint Eastwood ("Unforgiven"), Kevin Costner ("Dances With Wolves") and Mel Gibson ("Braveheart") won best-director Academy Awards. Others were nominated, including Warren Beatty for "Reds" and "Heaven Can Wait," Tim Robbins for "Dead Man Walking" and Kenneth Branagh for "Henry V."

"Actors tend to make the transition to directing fairly well, probably because they can communicate well with other actors," said Cage, who had hoped to star in "Sonny" in the 1980s but was unable to get the picture made. He sought out the script again years later when he decided to direct.

"I did feel the one thing I could count on was that I would be able to have respect for the actors and give them an environment where they would feel free to try different things."

"Sonny" was shot on a small, \$5 million budget, while "Antwone Fisher" cost

a modest \$13 million, making them fairly slim gambles for investors.

With a \$29 million budget, "Confessions of a Dangerous Mind" is riskier. But a big-name cast, including Clooney, Julia Roberts and Drew Barrymore, should help its box-office prospects, Clooney said.

Cage said he would have preferred staying completely behind the camera, but he agreed to a small role in "Sonny" to boost its commercial appeal.

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— NICOLAS CAGE
Actor

Washington has a substantial part in "Antwone Fisher" as the Navy psychiatrist in San Diego who helps the title character work through the trauma of his hard-luck childhood in Cleveland.

"The one thing I made sure of was to not be in the picture the first three or four weeks," Washington said. "So we shot everything in Cleveland first, and I wasn't in any of that, so I could get some kind of rhythm and sense of what it is I have to do."

The crew finished in Cleveland on a Friday, flew to San Diego over the weekend and started shooting there on Monday, "six days straight, and it was all scenes in the psychiatrist's office. By the end of that week, I was ready to give up," Washington joked. "I went, 'I want my mommy, I want to go home. I don't want to direct.' It's hard to be focused on the big picture as director, then suddenly have to step into a scene."

Cage, Clooney and Washington all say they're interested in directing again if the right projects come along. Through their production companies, Cage and Clooney also have nurtured other filmmakers' projects — Cage with "Shadow of the Vampire," Clooney and producing partner Steven Soderbergh with "Insomnia" and "Far From Heaven."

They view it as playing godfather to difficult projects that might not get made if not for their Hollywood clout.

"You look at it as protecting those films and filmmakers," Clooney said. "If you get to a place where you can use your power for good, why not do that? They take it away from you anyway eventually — whatever power you have is going to go away. But why not be able to say, 'You know, there was about nine years there where we really pushed the envelope and got some interesting stuff made?'"

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STATE



No funds for a rainy day, UC, CSU officials say

BY JESSICA V. BRICE
Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO — As they face imminent budget cuts as the state fights a \$34.8 billion deficit, the University of California and California State University are being criticized for not maintaining a "rainy day" fund that could be used in tight budget years.

Instead of raising fees and tuition, some faculty and students said, the universities should use reserves.

However, the state doesn't usually provide money for rainy-day funds for education, according to the Department of Finance, and university officials say state law makes it difficult to keep reserves.

Instead, CSU spokeswoman Colleen Bentley-Adler said the state requires the university to hand money back if it isn't spent within a year.

"We really can't build up a reserve fund," she said. "You can carry money over for about a year and then you have to turn it back to the state."

But critics said it doesn't make sense for the UC and CSU systems to not have a fund, despite the difficulties.

"Since it isn't mandated, they say they don't have it ... and they are making a political issue out of it," said Kevin Roddy, president of the University Council, part of

the American Federation of Teachers that represents UC lecturers. "But any other institution would have stored money for rainy days. It wouldn't make sense for them to not have reserves somewhere."

To deal with Gov. Gray Davis' proposed reductions over the next 18 months, California State University trustees and University of California regents have voted to raise student fees.

The board of CSU, the nation's largest public university system, voted to raise fees by 10 percent for undergraduate students and 15 percent for graduate students. That amounts to about \$72 to \$114 more per semester for California residents.

The UC regents also raised fees by about 10 percent. Annual attendance fees are set to go up about \$405, starting this spring.

UC spokesman Brad Hayward said the regents needed to increase fees to maintain university programs. He said UC doesn't store reserves because it is not required by law.

"We are not required to have the reserves that could get us through this budget crisis," Hayward said. "The state expects us to use the money they give us to fund programs, not build reserves. It would be problematic for us to use funds for a purpose other than what they were intended for."

Celebrity photographer Herb Ritts dies at age 50

BY ERICA WERNER
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES — Herb Ritts, a leading fashion and celebrity photographer whose subjects ranged from Madonna to the Dalai Lama to Monica Lewinsky, died Thursday of complications of pneumonia, his publicist said. He was 50.

Ritts, whose mostly black-and-white portraits helped define the image-conscious '80s and '90s, died at the University of California, Los Angeles, Medical Center, said publicist Stephen Huvane.

Ritts' access to celebrities, even at their most fragile moments, gave him an edge in the competitive world of photography. He photographed Christopher Reeve wired up and immobile in a high-tech wheelchair. In another photograph, Elizabeth Taylor sported a crew cut and the scar resulting from her brain surgery.

"He could get people to do things that they were reluctant to do, because in the end it would make a great photograph," said David Fahey, co-owner of the Fahey/Klein Gallery in Los Angeles and Ritts' exclusive gallery representative.

The Taylor portrait was an example. "Her hair is short, you can see a scar on her head, but she's beautiful."

Edward Norton, one of Ritts' subjects, once told the Los Angeles Times: "I feel like Herb really does see everything as beautiful ... it's almost as if he can't help but see it in its idealized form."

Ritts was born in Los Angeles in 1952 and grew up in Brentwood. The family furniture business, Ritts Co., paid for a comfortable lifestyle for him and three siblings. He moved to the East Coast to attend Bard College, graduating in 1974

with a degree in economics and a minor in art history.

After graduation he returned to California and took a job as a sales representative for the family business.

Taking pictures started out as a hobby and chance and connections propelled him into the world of celebrity photography in the '70s.

He got to know Richard Gere through someone who was dating the actor at the time. A drive in the desert led to a flat tire and an impromptu photo session in a service station.

The result? A photo of a steamy Gere in a white vest, his arms over his head and a cigarette dangling from his mouth.

Ritts shot celebrities like George Clooney, Michelle Pfeiffer and Dizzy Gillespie for top fashion and culture magazines including Interview, Harper's Bazaar, Vogue, Elle and Vanity Fair. When Taylor married construction worker Larry Fortensky in 1991, Ritts had exclusive rights to photograph her eighth trip down the aisle.

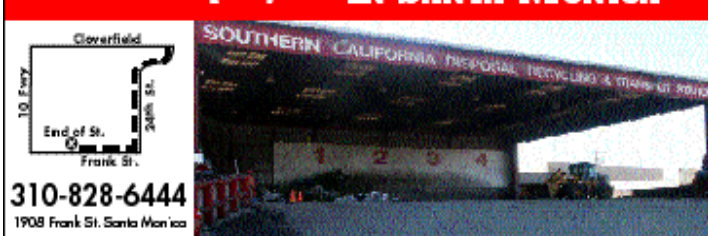
He showed Madonna grabbing her crotch, Cindy Crawford dressed as a man, Annette Bening pregnant and lounging on a couch.

Ritts published at least eight books of photographs and did work for top fashion designers including Calvin Klein, Ralph Lauren, Chanel, Revlon and Giorgio Armani. He took pictures for album covers and directed music videos.

His work was displayed at studios and museums, including a major retrospective at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, in 1996-97. The show attracted more than 253,000 people, along with some carping from critics who dismissed Ritts' work as pop art fare.

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NATIONAL

55-year-old contractor wins \$314.9M Powerball ticket; record single ticket prize

BY GAVIN MCCORMICK
 Associated Press Writer

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — A 55-year-old contractor won the \$314.9 million Christmas Day jackpot — the biggest undivided lottery prize in history — and said the first thing he will do is turn over 10 percent to his church.

"I just want to thank God for letting me pick the right numbers — or letting the machine pick the right numbers," said Powerball winner Andrew "Jack" Whittaker Jr., dressed in black with a big black cowboy hat.

Whittaker stepped forward Thursday with his wife, daughter and 15-year-old granddaughter and accepted an oversized facsimile check for \$314.9 million and a cashable \$10 million first installment on the multistate lottery prize.

He said he plans to lavish money on his family, expand his contracting business, maybe buy a helicopter, and give to his church.

"The very first thing I'm going to do is sit down and make out three checks to three pastors for 10 percent of this check," he said.

Whittaker, who lives in the small town of Scott Depot, about 20 miles west of Charleston, and is president of three construction companies that build sewage plants and other water projects, opted to take a lump sum of \$111.7 million after taxes instead of 30 annual installments.

"I've had to work for everything in my life. This is the first thing that's ever been given to me," he said.

Whittaker said he originally thought he had lost the jackpot because the numbers came up wrong on the televised drawing Christmas night. It was not until Thursday morning that he realized he hit all six numbers and won.

His daughter, Ginger McMahan, said she had cancer twice and had not worked for about a year. "I was getting ready to go back to work, but I think I'm retired now," she said.

Whittaker's wife of 36 years said she plans to go to Israel. "I'd just go to go there. It's where Jesus walked," Jewell Whittaker said.

Whittaker also said he wants to help "people to want to better themselves to have a better life."

"I'm getting really excited because of the good works I can do with this money," he said.

He said little about buying luxuries for himself — aside from a helicopter he said he had had his eye on for a while.

"I have 25 people laid off right now at Christmas and I want more work so I can put them back to work," he said. He said he currently employs 117 people.

He said he was not a regular lottery player but bought \$100 in tickets because the jackpot was so high. He said he plays only when it reaches \$100 million.

The ticket was purchased at the C&L Super Serve in Hurricane, a town of 5,200 people 25 miles west of Charleston.

Whittaker went back to the store Thursday morning to fill up on gas and buy some biscuits, as he does each day. The clerk was the one who sold him the ticket. He told her he won, but "she said, 'No you didn't, you're not excited enough to win the lottery.' And she just pushed me out the door," he said.

"It's so just that the poorest state in America wins the biggest Powerball in history," said Bob O'Dell, a 51-year-old resident of Hurricane, pronounced HER-ah-cun. (West Virginia's per capita income actually was second-lowest to Mississippi's in 2000.)

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— ANDREW WHITTAKER JR.
 Lottery winner

The jackpot was the largest ever for a single winning ticket, West Virginia lottery spokeswoman Nancy Bulla said. It also was the fifth-largest jackpot in U.S. history.

The Super Serve's owner, Larry Trogon, will get \$100,000 for selling the ticket.

"I have a daughter getting married this summer," he told NBC, smiling.

"I guess we're honeymooning in Hawaii," said his daughter, Amy, who manages the Super Serve and is getting married next summer to a clerk at the store.

"Heck, if you're going to Hawaii, I'm coming with you," Trogon answered, laughing.

Powerball, the nation's largest lottery game, is sold in 23 states, the District of Columbia and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Before the Christmas 2002 prize, the largest Powerball jackpot was \$295.7 million in July 1998.

The biggest lottery jackpot in U.S. history was a Big Game prize of \$363 million, won in May 2000 by two ticketholders in Michigan and Illinois. The second-biggest was a \$331 million Big Game jackpot split between three tickets in April.

Spain's annual Christmas lottery known as El Gordo — The Fat One — is billed as the world's richest. This year's jackpot is \$1.7 billion. But about 10,000 numbers win at least a piece of prize, from \$20 to \$200,000.

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NATIONAL



Northeast digs out from underneath a white Christmas

BY DONNA LIQUORI
Associated Press Writer

Snowplow crews struggled to clear clogged streets across the Northeast as cities watched the holiday-overtime bills pile up Thursday from a Christmas Day storm that dumped up to 3 feet of snow.

The storm was blamed for at least 23 deaths since it moved out of the Plains earlier in the week and hit as a nor'easter.

For the Northeast, the timing was a blessing in some respects: Schools are closed this week for Christmas, and many workers are on vacation, too.

"Most of the long-distance travelers were at their destination, eating their turkey and stuffing during the worst of it," said Kellie Boulware, spokeswoman for the Maryland Highway Administration.

Dozens of municipalities declared emergencies to deal with the snow, which fell at 5 inches an hour in Albany, N.Y., during the storm's height Wednesday.

Flights throughout the Northeast were delayed or canceled, but many airports resumed normal service Thursday. In some airports, passengers slept on cots.

Tens of thousands of people from Massachusetts to Pennsylvania remained without electricity, though utility officials expected to restore power by Thursday afternoon. At one point, 100,000 people in eastern Pennsylvania were without power.

Legions of municipal plows worked on the roads through the night and all day Thursday, joined by a pickup-truck army of contractors clearing driveways and parking lots.

Larry Waldron, 36, had been awake for more than 24 hours and had cleared about three dozen driveways in suburban Albany.

"I'm very tired," Waldron said. But he said he would keep plowing "as long as I can keep my eyelids opened up."

Cedarville, N.Y., about 50 miles east of Syracuse, got 34 inches of snow. Emergency crews had to use snowmobiles to get to medical emergencies.

Lillian Ferguson, an employee at the Cedarville Country Store, was stranded by the storm, disappointing her grandchildren.

"Nobody was going anywhere," she said. "I

was lucky I had some leftover ham and spaghetti in the refrigerator. That was my Christmas dinner."

It wasn't all bad news, especially for winter enthusiasts.

"It's a white Christmas times 10," said Greg Kuzia-Carmel, 17, as he strapped on a snowboard at an Albany golf course.

Woodstock, Vt., got 27 inches of snow while Franklin, Maine, had 22. Goshen, Mass., about 90 miles west of Boston, had 16 inches.

In Connecticut, more than 600 snowplows worked side by side scraping highways Thursday to clear away up to 9 1/2 inches of snow.

The bills for the cleanup were compounded by the holiday.

Albany's mayor figured his city's costs at \$250,000. New York City expected to spend about \$2 million to remove the 5 inches of snow that fell on its 6,000 miles of road.

The Connecticut town of Burlington had already spent about \$95,000 of its \$130,000 winter cleanup budget on several snowstorms and a major ice storm.

"The storm itself wasn't that bad — we've seen much worse — but we're strapped," said First Selectman Ted Scheidel Jr.

The work kept Connecticut state plow driver Vinnie Benincasa from spending any time with his three children on Christmas.

"That's the one day you can do without overtime. It makes the day a lot longer and harder to get through," said Benincasa, who worked all day Christmas and all night and was still on duty Thursday afternoon.

A 103-mile stretch of the New York State Thruway was closed for six hours Wednesday night. The Red Cross sheltered more than 100 travelers at an ambulance corps building in Herkimer just off the state's main east-west highway. Parts of three Pennsylvania interstates also were closed.

Most of the deaths stemmed from traffic accidents. Since Monday, seven people died in Missouri, four in Oklahoma, three in Kansas and Ohio, two in New Mexico and Pennsylvania and one each in Illinois and New York.

One of the Ohio victims was an 8-year-old boy who was killed in Warren when an oncoming car veered into the path of the vehicle he was riding in.



photo courtesy/Associated Press

A pedestrian walks down a street in the midst of heavy snow on Christmas day in Wilkes-Barre, Pa. Snow fell over parts of Pennsylvania on Tuesday night. The National Weather Service said early Wednesday that heavy snowfalls were anticipated for much of Pennsylvania, except in the southeastern part of the state, which was expected to see mostly rain.

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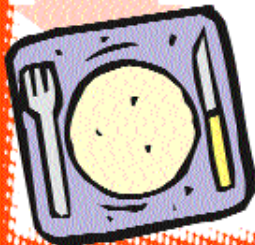
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NATIONAL

Bush family sets sail on three-night Disney cruise

BY MIKE SCHNEIDER
Associated Press Writer

PORT CANAVERAL — Former President Bush and his son, Gov. Jeb Bush, embarked Thursday on a three-night holiday cruise with family and security agents, undeterred by the recent outbreak of stomach viruses that have sickened some cruise passengers.

The family, including the Bush wives, was joining about 2,500 other passengers aboard the Disney Wonder, its stern adorned with a figure of Donald Duck.

The departure was delayed an hour because two of the Bush granddaughters were late. President George W. Bush's daughters Jenna and Barbara were listed on the ship's manifest, although it was not immediately known if they were the late-comers.

"This is a personal, family vacation, a much deserved and needed one," said Katie Muniz, the governor's spokeswoman.

The ship was bound for the Bahamas under blue skies and an unusually chilly wind.

Jeb Bush has said he was undeterred by the outbreak that sickened hundreds. The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is looking into more than 20 outbreaks on cruise lines, more than it has seen in the four previous years combined. The agency considers an outbreak to be 3 percent or more of a ship's passengers or crew members getting an illness.

"I'm not worried at all about the health issue, I'm more worried about just being on a boat, getting along without e-mail

and stuff," he said with a laugh last week.

Disney spokesman Mark Jaronski said no parts of the ship would be restricted and that he expected the Bushes to eat in the main dining room with the other passengers. The dozen or so relatives will be joined by agents from the Secret Service and state law enforcement.

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— KATIE MUNIZ
Governor's spokesperson

The ship, which is about the length of three football fields with 875 staterooms, has stops in Nassau and Disney's private island, Castaway Cay. It returns Sunday morning.

Former President Carter took a similar trip with his family during last year's holiday season.

The Bushes are paying their family's expenses, while the federal and state governments are paying for their security detail. Muniz and a spokesman for the U.S. Secret Service cited security concerns in declining to comment on government costs for the cruise.

Many guests said they planned to leave the Bushes alone.

"I'm sure they're here to have a good time," said Frank Romero, 39, of Melbourne, Australia. "Just like us."

Customers flock to stores for post-holiday shopping

BY ANNE D'INNOCENZIO
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK — Shoppers flocked to stores for post-Christmas sales Thursday as merchants sought to clear out leftovers and salvage something from what could be the weakest shopping season in at least 30 years.

Still, the question remains: How much can the barrage of discounts boost holiday spending, if already-deep discounts before Dec. 25 failed to entice shoppers?

"I'm strictly a sale person. If I buy something today and come back and find it on sale, I'm going to bring it back and buy it at the sale price," said Leila Cooper, a retired cafeteria worker who had just bought two sweatshirts at the Oakwood Shopping Center in New Orleans.

At a Wal-Mart in Columbus, Ohio, York and Marla Ingels of New Haven, W.Va., selected two artificial Christmas trees.

"It's a good time to pick them up when they are 75 percent off," said York Ingels. "We're heading to the mall next."

Despite a better-than-expected sales surge following Thanksgiving, customers have been frugal, uninspired by the lack of must-have items and worried about the economy. Also, the shopping season was six days shorter than it was a year ago.

Wal-Mart Stores, the world's largest

retailer, said Thursday that it has reduced its December forecast for sales at stores open at least a year. Those figures are known as same-store sales.

There were some bright spots.

According to BizRate.com, a comparison shopping site that tracks sales at 2,000 Web sites, online sales from Nov. 1 through Dec. 23 grew 41 percent to \$12 billion from \$8.48 billion a year ago.

Amazon.com said that it had its busiest holiday season ever, with more than 56 million items ordered worldwide since November.

Still, Michael P. Niemira, vice president of Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi Ltd., expects same-store sales for the combined November and December period to be up only 1.5 percent from the year before. That would be the weakest increase since the same-store index started tracking the data in 1970.

And the National Retail Federation this week scaled back its forecast for total holiday sales, which exclude the restaurant and auto categories. It now expects sales to be up 3.5 percent, instead of 4 percent.

But the association is not giving up hope.

The final week of December "can definitely help and turn it into a decent holiday season," said Scott Krugman, a federation spokesman. "Shoppers always seem to surprise us."

INTERNATIONAL



Pakistanis mourn, denounce attack on church

BY ASIF SHAHZAD

Associated Press Writer

LAHORE, Pakistan — Three girls killed in a grenade explosion inside a Pakistani church were buried Thursday, while Christians and Muslims alike denounced the Christmas Day attack that also wounded 13.

Police detained six people, including an Islamic cleric who allegedly told his followers to kill Christians, after the attack on the tiny, one-room church that was filled mainly with women and girls.

Two assailants covered in burqas — the all-encompassing garment worn by women in some Islamic countries — tossed the explosives at about 40 Pakistani worshippers, turning a Christmas service into blood-soaked chaos.

"I was praying when these two youngsters threw a shopping bag into the congregation," said Fazeelat James, 21, from her hospital bed. "Then, something exploded and I fell down."

She said the assailants, who were inside the church, tossed what appeared to be a bag containing explosives into the crowd.

"I saw people running in panic. I too ran toward the church," said Iris Aslam, who left the church just before the attack. "I saw children, girls and men bleeding, and crying in pain."

On Thursday, paper Christmas decorations still hung from the wood-beam roof of the church, in Chianwala, 40 miles northwest of Lahore. Blood stained the woven straw carpets on the floor.

About 2,500 people gathered for a memorial service Thursday. Many of the mourners, mostly fellow Christians who came from nearby towns, wept as the coffins of the victims, aged 6, 10 and 15, were carried to a cemetery for burial.



K. M. Chaudary/Associated Press

Relatives mourn over the bodies of three girls in Chianwala, about 65 kilometers (40 miles) northwest of Lahore, Pakistan, on Thursday.

Pakistani leaders denounced the attack. It was the latest of several on Christians that have left more than two dozen dead since the Pakistani government backed the U.S.-led military campaign to oust Afghanistan's Taliban last year.

Prime Minister Zafarullah Khan Jamali said the attack were "dastardly" and designed to "foment religious and sectarian strife" in this mostly Muslim nation of 140 million people.

Aftab Ahmad, a spokesman for the militant Islamic Jamaat al-Dawat organization, said "those who kill Christians serve the cause of enemies of Islam."

Many of Pakistan's 3.8 million Christians expressed outrage.

"Now we will not keep silent," said Shehbaz Bhatti, a

Pakistani Christian who leads the All Pakistan Minorities Alliance, which represents Sikhs, Hindus and other minorities. "We will protest at all levels."

About 200 demonstrators, mainly Christians and a handful of Muslims, gathered in front of the Catholic Cathedral Church in the central Pakistani city of Multan. "We want protection but the present government has failed in this," Andrew Francis, the Bishop of Multan, told protesters.

The detained cleric — who uses only the one name, Afzar — allegedly made anti-Christian remarks three days before the attack in a sermon at a mosque not far from where the blast took place. There was no evidence yet that he was linked to the blast.

"It is the duty of every good Muslim to kill Christians," Nazir Yaqub, a local police officer, quoted Afzar as telling his congregation. "Afzar told people, 'You should attack Christians and not even have food until you have seen their dead bodies.'"

Afzar's son, Attaullah, was also detained. The two have openly supported Jaish-e-Mohammed, a violent, anti-India organization with ties to the al-Qaida terrorist network, and may have received training at a camp run by the group, said Mohammed Riaz, a police officer in Chianwala.

The group, outlawed by Pakistan in January, denied involvement in the attack.

Police in Chianwala arrested four other people, and a police officer who didn't show up for work at the church the day of the attack was being questioned. Two other officers were suspended for negligence.

Separately, police said they found two handmade grenades and 20 shell casings Wednesday near a Protestant church in Islamabad, the capital, but it wasn't clear if the church was a possible terrorist target.

North Korea accused of engaging in 'nuclear brinkmanship'

BY CHRISTOPHER TORCHIA

Associated Press Writer

SEOUL, South Korea — North Korea's moves to restart a nuclear reactor that U.S. officials believe was used to make one or two atomic bombs amount to "nuclear brinkmanship" and are "very worrying," the U.N. nuclear watchdog said Thursday.

Ready for war



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An F/A-18 Hornet takes off on board the aircraft carrier USS Constellation in the Persian Gulf region Thursday.

North Korea, however, said it was "peace-loving" and had no plans to develop weapons at the site.

Across the fortified border from North Korea, South Korean President Kim Dae-jung said his nation will never tolerate its neighbor's nuclear development. But he said the South seeks a peaceful end to a dispute that resembles a 1994 crisis over the same reactor that some say nearly led to war.

The White House, which is considering a war against Iraq, also wants a diplomatic solution on the Korean Peninsula. A prominent Republican senator said U.S. military action against the North would invite a "devastating" reprisal against South Korea.

"Our strategy now has to be one of multilateral engagement," involving nations such as Japan, China and Russia, Sen. Richard Lugar, incoming chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said on NBC's "Today."

North Korean workers have moved 1,000 fresh fuel rods to a storage site near the Soviet-designed, 5-megawatt reactor at Yongbyon that was frozen in a deal with Washington that ended the 1994 crisis, the U.N. International Atomic Energy Agency said. A total of 8,000 such rods is needed to start the reactor.

"Moving towards restarting its nuclear facilities without appropriate safeguards, and towards producing plutonium raises serious nonproliferation concerns and is tantamount to nuclear brinkmanship," Dr. Mohamed ElBaradei, director of the Vienna-based agency, said in a statement.

IAEA spokesman Mark Gwozdecky called the situation "very worrying."

Since the weekend, North Koreans have removed U.N. seals and impeded the functioning of surveillance cameras at the nuclear facilities north of Pyongyang, despite international appeals for restraint.

The IAEA has called its board of governors to an extraordinary meeting tentatively planned for Jan. 6. ElBaradei said he plans to tell the board that North Korea's actions have left the agency unable to verify "that there has been no diversion of nuclear material to nuclear weapons or other nuclear devices."

The board could refer the matter to the U.N. Security Council.

North Korea is believed to be pushing the dispute to the brink of crisis in order to extract concessions at the negotiating table. The North has repeatedly called for a nonaggression treaty with the United States, though economic benefits are also a priority for the destitute country.

However, the United States has ruled out talks unless North Korea, labeled part of an "axis of evil" by President Bush, abandons nuclear development.

IAEA officials estimate it would take at least one month for North Korea to restart the reactor, which produces plutonium, the material used to make nuclear bombs, as a residue.

The U.N. agency, which has two inspectors at the site, is especially worried about a storage area holding 8,000 spent fuel rods and a laboratory used to reprocess the rods to get plutonium.

Intelligence experts say plutonium in the spent fuel rods could yield four or five nuclear weapons within months, and that North Korea already has one or two. However, the IAEA said there was no sign of North Korea activity at those two key facilities.

North Korea said it was restarting the reactor in order to provide electricity because Washington had reneged on a promise to provide energy sources.

"Our republic constantly maintains an anti-nuclear, peace-loving position," state-run Radio Pyongyang said.

ElBaradei disputed the North Korean claim, saying the reprocessing facility at Yongbyon was "irrelevant" to electricity production, and that North Korea had "no current legitimate peaceful use for plutonium."

U.S. officials have said the reactor itself would provide a negligible amount of electricity.

In Seoul, President Kim told a special Cabinet meeting that the standoff should be resolved through dialogue.

"We can never go along with North Korea's nuclear weapons development," Kim said. "We must closely cooperate with the United States, Japan and other friendly countries to prevent the situation from further deteriorating into a crisis."

Kim's successor, Roh Moo-hyun, has also advocated dialogue to ease nuclear tensions since he was elected to the presidency last week.

In the deal with the United States in 1994, North Korea froze its suspected plutonium-based nuclear weapons program. Earlier this month, it decided to restart it after Washington and U.S. allies halted fuel oil supplies as punishment for revelations in October that it had moved forward with a second nuclear weapons program that used enriched uranium.

On Thursday, Germany joined nations urging North Korea to immediately halt its activities at Yongbyon, calling the moves a "blatant violation" of its international obligations.



SPORTS

Lance Armstrong is AP Male Athlete of the Year

BY JIM VERTUNO

Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN, Texas — To this day, Lance Armstrong insists cancer was the best thing that happened to him.

By beating the disease that spread from his testicles to his lungs and brain, Armstrong gained the courage and will to conquer the Tour de France, considered one of the most grueling events in all sports.

Armstrong went from having a 50 percent chance to live in 1996 to four straight Tour championships, earning worldwide praise and admiration from sports fans and other cancer survivors. On Thursday, he was named The Associated Press Male Athlete of the Year.

Armstrong and Barry Bonds were the top two vote-getters for a second straight year, only this time the San Francisco Giants' star finished second. Armstrong received 45 first-place votes and 292 points from sports writers and broadcasters. Bonds had 31 first-place votes and 233 points.

"Uh-oh, hopefully he's not mad," Armstrong said, referring to Bonds. "It's nice to be recognized."

Tiger Woods, who won the award 1999 and 2000, finished third for the second year in a row. He received

seven first-place votes and 110 points.

Armstrong's comeback has given him the platform to lead public-awareness campaigns against cancer. He started the Lance Armstrong Foundation, which funds cancer research, and fills his rare free time with hospital visits and fund-raising speeches.

While he has no stump speech, his message is the same: Cancer made him the person he is today.

"When I came back, I said if I ever get a chance to do this, I'm going to give it everything. I'm going to train correctly, eat right. I'm not going to mess up," he said. "That's why I say all the time that the illness is the best thing that ever happened to me."

"I would never have won one Tour de France if I hadn't had it. No doubt."

Winning one Tour would have secured his place in cycling history. Capturing four in row put him among the greatest riders ever.

A victory in 2003 — the 100th anniversary of the race — would tie the record of five. Spain's Miguel Indurain (1991-95) is the only rider to win five in a row. Armstrong raced in three of Indurain's victories and holds the Spaniard in high regard.

"He was an incredible time trialist, the best that ever lived," Armstrong said. "I can win a time trial today, but I would do it by seconds. He could win by a couple of minutes."

Armstrong was a time-trial specialist himself before the cancer. It was during his recovery that he amazingly turned himself into a dominator on the Tour's punishing mountain stages, where his breakaways up steep climbs separate him from the rest of the pack.

Tour officials already have added mountain stages for the 2003 race, but there are fewer severely steep climbs. That still bodes well for the 31-year-old Armstrong winning No. 5.

While he's already eyeing a possible sixth title in '04, Armstrong won't get caught daydreaming.

"The illness taught me to focus on what's going on now," he said.

Away from his bike and his cancer-related work, Armstrong is a proud family man. He met wife Kristin while taking chemotherapy. His son, Luke, was born in 1999, when Armstrong won his first Tour. Twin girls Isabelle and Grace were born last year.

It's his family, and the realization that he almost never had one, that drives Armstrong.

"Seeing your kids tomorrow isn't guaranteed," Armstrong said. "Look at this life like it's a gift. That's the way I try to view my life, my family — as a gift."

Sanders won't be joining Raiders

BY DAVE GOLDBERG

AP Football Writer

NEW YORK — Deion Sanders will not become a member of the Oakland Raiders. Nor will he return to the NFL this season.

The San Diego Chargers, one of five AFC teams to put in claims, were awarded the former All-Pro cornerback Tuesday. As a result, Sanders can't fulfill his plan of returning to football with Oakland.

Nor can he play for the Chargers because he will have to be placed on its reserve-retired list, the same list he was on with Washington, which released him Monday.

The only way Sanders could have returned this season was to clear waivers and then sign with the team of his choice, presumably the Raiders.

According to a source within the league who requested anonymity, all the teams that claimed Sanders were AFC teams that didn't want to face him in the playoffs. In addition to San Diego, Sanders was claimed by Indianapolis, Tennessee, Pittsburgh and Kansas City.

The Titans and Steelers, along with the Raiders, are the only teams in the conference assured of playoff berths.

The Raiders, at 10-5, are tied for 27th on the claiming list. The Chargers, at 8-7, had the worst record and thus the first shot at Sanders among those who put in claims. The Chargers are barely alive in the playoff hunt. They must beat Seattle on Sunday, then get help from several other teams in order to clinch a wild-card spot.

"We will always do what's in the best interest of the

San Diego Chargers, for now and for the future," Chargers coach Marty Schottenheimer said in a statement. "We have not been eliminated from playoff contention. We're not going to concede anything to what could be a potential playoff opponent. We're going to continue to put ourselves in the best possible position to be successful."

"Should Deion decide he wants to play in the future, we would welcome the opportunity to discuss that with him at the appropriate time," Schottenheimer said.

The Raiders, according to senior assistant Bruce Allen, did not put in a claim for Sanders.

"My reaction is the same reaction I had yesterday," Oakland coach Bill Callahan said. "It was all speculation. Nothing's changed. I'm pleased with the guys that we have that are working."

Coincidentally, in September 2001, Sanders called Washington "a team in disarray" and said Schottenheimer, then the Redskins' coach, was the reason he retired rather than return to the team.

"I was in a stage of my career where I didn't want to accept change," Sanders said at the time. "I came in under the assumption that (ex-coach) Norv Turner was going to be in place. I didn't see a winning forecast in the future. (Owner) Dan Snyder allowed Schottenheimer to have control of the whole situation. This is the 21st century. Guys are not buying into his system."

The 35-year-old Sanders announced Sunday he was considering a comeback.

Sun Devils not dogged by odds vs. K-state

BY BERNIE WILSON

AP Sports Writer

SAN DIEGO — The Arizona State Sun Devils don't have to look far for motivation going into the Holiday Bowl against the No. 6 Kansas State Wildcats on Friday night.

All they have to do is pick up a newspaper, turn to the betting line and see that they're the longest shots of any team in the postseason.

So what's a coach to do, other than turn it a motivational tool?

The Sun Devils (8-5) have already turned back some long odds. They were picked to finish ninth in the Pac-10, but finished third to earn the bowl bid.

As of Thursday, they were 18-point underdogs to Kansas State (10-2).

"It might be a great season if we beat that spread, huh?" Arizona State coach Dirk Koetter said.

"Usually, the people that determine those kind of things don't know what the heck they're talking about anyway," Koetter said. "We've been underdogs all year. I try not to let limits be put on us by other people."

Although this is a huge mismatch on paper, it is, after all, the Holiday Bowl, which has a history of close, wacky finishes.

And it's not like the Sun Devils are talentless.

Junior All-American defensive end Terrell Suggs set an NCAA record with 22 sacks and won the Lombardi Award as the nation's top collegiate lineman.

Junior wide receiver Shaun McDonald was one of three finalists for the Biletnikoff Award. Sophomore quarterback Andrew Walter threw for a school-record 3,584 yards despite starting only nine games, and his 26 touchdown passes are second on the school's single-season list.

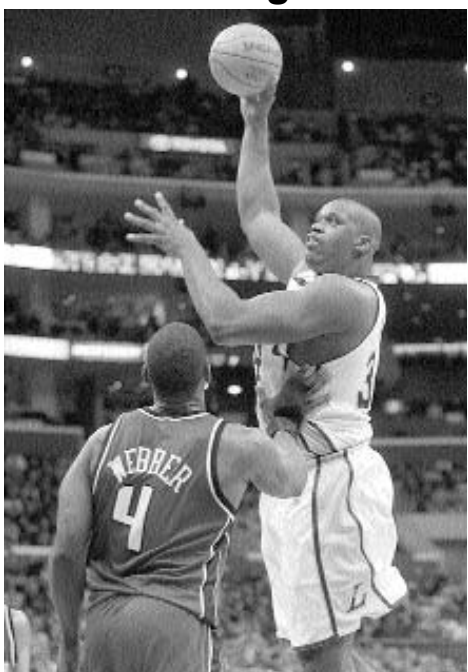
Arizona State's offense took off on Sept. 14 at Qualcomm Stadium, site of the Holiday Bowl. Walter didn't start against San Diego State because of a sprained left knee, but came off the bench after the Sun Devils fell behind 22-0 in the second quarter. He threw four TD passes to McDonald in rallying ASU to a 39-28 win.

Kansas State coach Bill Snyder said Arizona State is the kind of team that gets better and better each time he watches them on videotape. He hopes his players realize it, too.

"If any of them misunderstand this, we'll have to sit down and take IQ tests," Snyder said. "They watch the same tape I do, and unless they're sound asleep, they see what I see."

The Wildcats are one of the nation's hottest teams, but they're also the highest-ranked team not playing in a BCS game.

Lakers lose again



Mark J. Terrill/Associated Press

Los Angeles Lakers' Shaquille O'Neal shoots over Sacramento Kings' Chris Webber during the second half Wednesday night in Los Angeles. The Kings won 105-99.

Snyder and other school officials went to Miami before the bowl lineups were set to beg Orange Bowl officials to take them as an at-large team. They promised they'd sell a minimum of 25,000 tickets.

But Iowa got the at-large pick to the Orange Bowl to play Southern Cal, which lost 27-20 to Kansas State on Sept. 21.

On the hook for 11,500 tickets to the Holiday Bowl, the Wildcats sold only 5,500 and returned the rest.

There appears to be some lingering disappointment, as evidenced by Snyder's slip of the tongue at a news conference on Friday.

"Our players would have certainly been excited to play in the Orange Bowl," Snyder said. "But before the decision was made, and it was out of our control ... our players had resigned themselves, not resigned themselves, that's a poor choice of words, our players understood they'd either be playing in San Diego or in Miami and they indicated to me that they were fine with either one."

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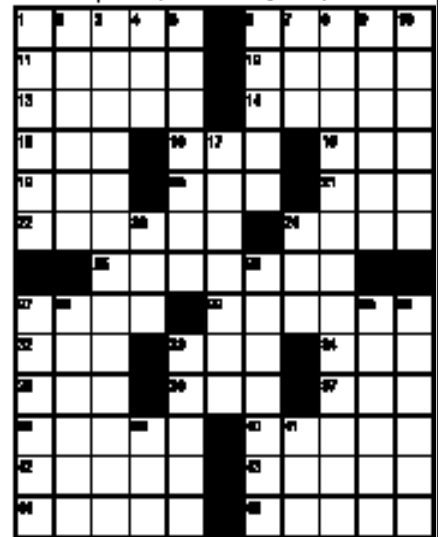
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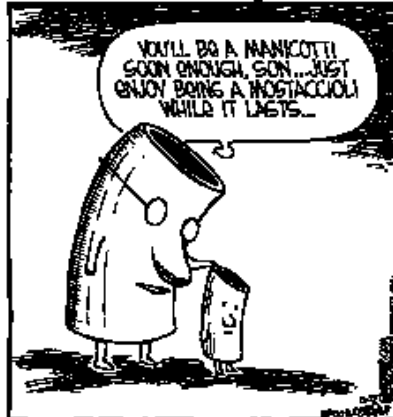
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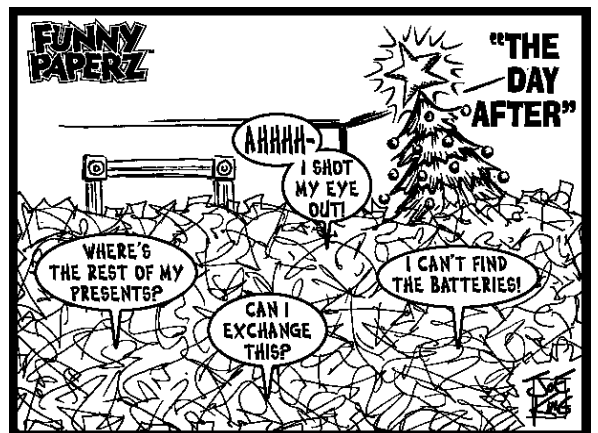
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD by Chuck Shepard

Man kills partner in act of sadomasochism

■ Sadomasochism practitioner Steven H. Bailey, 54, was indicted in St. Paul, Minn., in November in the bondage death of a sexual partner (one of 5,000 he said he's had); Bailey calls himself "The True Master" of his craft but allegedly failed to render assistance when his partner stopped breathing through the chloroform-soaked bag over his face.

■ November, The Washington Post disclosed that one of the members of the United Nations weapons inspection teams headed for Iraq was also an uncloseted S&M master: Harvey John "Jack" McGeorge, 53, of Woodbridge, Va., an instructor in "Dungeon 501," featuring activities involving knives, ropes and choking devices.



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SATURDAY

The annual Santa Monica Nativity Scenes is on display at Palisades Park along Ocean Avenue near Arizona. The 14 lighted scenes with

life-size figures depicting events surrounding Christ's birth will remain on display through January 1. For more information please call (310) 453-4445.

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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 High School Theater Arts Department presents Romeo & Juliet. Friday and Saturday nights at 8:00pm. November 22nd through December 21st. \$10.00 for students, children, and seniors, \$15.00 for adults. Humanities Center Theater at Santa Monica High School, 601 Pico Blvd. For more information please call (310)458-5939.

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Music Showcase. UnUrban Coffeehouse. 3301 Pico Blvd., Santa Monica, (310)315-0056.

The Red Ribbon Squares, Santa Monica's official square dance club, invites you to enjoy an evening of plus level square dancing, alternating with round dancing, with an A-1 tip during break time. We dance every Saturday at Marine Park from 7:45pm to 10:30pm. Pre-rounds begin at 7:15pm. Admission is \$5 for dancers, including refreshments. Spectators are free. For more information, please call (310)395-3383

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1441 Third St. at Broadway

About Schmidt (R) 12:40, 3:40, 6:40, 9:40. Two Weeks Notice (PG-13) 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:10. Antwone Fisher (PG-13) 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 10:20. The Hours (PG-13) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00.

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1313 Third St.

Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets (PG) 11:30, 3:15, 7:05, 10:30. Treasure Planet (PG) 12:00. The Hot Chick (PG-13) 2:30, 5:00, 7:45, 10:10. Gangs of New York (R) 11:15, 12:15, 3:00, 4:15, 7:10, 8:15, 10:40. Narc (R) 11:00, 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 10:00.

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Die Another Day (PG-13) 11:35, 9:50. Drumline (PG-13) 10:30, 4:40. Maid in Manhattan (PG-13) 11:45, 2:20, 4:55, 7:35, 10:05. Star Trek: Nemesis: with Captions (PG-13) 12:05, 2:45, 5:15, 8:00, 10:40. The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers (PG-13) 11:15, 2:20, 3:05, 6:15, 7:05, 10:15, 11:00. Catch Me If You Can (PG-13) 10:15, 12:00, 1:20, 3:20, 4:35, 6:45, 7:50, 10:00, 11:00.

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.

Pinocchio (NR) 1:45, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40. Frida (R) 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 10:05. Sonny (R) 1:20, 4:10, 7:00, 9:50. Max (R) 1:30, 4:35, 7:25, 10:05.



BACK PAGE

A bitter end: Sugar Land's sugar refinery shut down

BY KRISTEN HAYS

AP Business Writer

SUGAR LAND, Texas — The company that gave this Houston suburb its sweet name has shut down its 77-year-old processing plant, marking the end of sugar refining in Sugar Land.

The Imperial Sugar refinery processed up to 3 million pounds of granulated, brown and powdered sugar each day. It refined its last bit of raw sugar last week.

"This was truly a business decision," said Duffy Smith, executive vice president of operations at Imperial, the largest processor and marketer of refined sugar in the United States. "It's an industry that's fraught with overcapacity. We, as a member of the industry, had the same problem."

The shutdown cost more than 300 people their jobs and represented the end of an era at 158-year-old Imperial Sugar, one of the state's oldest corporations still operating at its original site.

Imperial is consolidating its refining operations in Gramercy, La., and Savannah, Ga. The company, which has 2,200 employees nationwide, will keep its headquarters in Sugar Land and continue to run a packaging and shipping operation here, with about 100 workers.

The employees who lost their jobs will be paid through the end of January.

Gloria Nunez, a 51-year-old machine operator at the refinery, is a third-generation Imperial employee. Her grandmother, both parents and four uncles either work or have worked there. One of her uncles, 81-year-old George Morales, is in his 61st year as an Imperial security guard.

"We're more like family than co-workers there," she said. "I've worked there since I was 19, and this really hurts because something like this affects everybody. But I have faith. I know God's going to have something for me — if it's not Imperial, it will be something else."

Closing the refinery will not make much of a dent in Sugar Land's economy. Sugar Land, which has seen a 158 percent jump in population to more than 63,000 since 1990, has enjoyed an influx of jobs as other businesses moved in, including oil company Unocal; Fluor Daniel, a unit of engineering and construction giant Fluor Corp.; and K-Tec Electronics.

Walter McMeans, 73, and his wife, Jane, moved to Sugar Land in 1965 when Imperial was still the town's dominant industry.

"It was the godfather of the city," McMeans said. "I would say today the town does not look upon the sugar company as they did in the beginning. They know it was here in the beginning, and it helped Sugar Land in its development stage, but now a lot of other companies are in the city that produce jobs."

The U.S. sugar industry is struggling with low sugar prices in a market glutted with imports. For Imperial Sugar, that meant the company was refining too much sugar for too little profit.

Imperial, which sells sugar under such brand names as Imperial, Dixie Crystals and Diamond Crystal, filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy a year ago, citing \$250 million in debt. It emerged from bankruptcy eight months later. But it reported a third-quarter loss of \$1.1 million this year.

Imperial has been milling or refining sugar in Sugar Land since the mid-1800s. The refinery was built in 1925. But the company stopped growing sugar cane around here a few years later.

Raw sugar was instead brought in by ship to Houston and then transported by rail to Sugar Land to be refined, increasing production costs.

Pregnant doll pulled from Wal-Mart shelves

BY RON TODT

Associated Press Writer

PHILADELPHIA — She's Barbie's oldest friend, happily married and visibly pregnant — which, some parents complain, makes her unfit for children.

The pregnant version of Midge, which pops out a curled-up baby when her belly, attached by a magnet, is opened — has been pulled from Wal-Mart shelves across the country following complaints from customers, a company spokeswoman said Tuesday.

"It was just that customers had a concern about having a pregnant doll," Wal-Mart spokeswoman Cynthia Illick said.

She said the retailer would no longer sell the "Happy Family" set, which included pregnant Midge, her husband

and her 3-year-old son.

Illick said the decision was made in mid-December. "What we try to do is listen to what our customers want," she said.

Messages left for representatives of the toy's maker, Mattel Inc., were not returned Tuesday.

Midge was introduced in 1963, the first of a slew of friends and family members for Barbie, who first appeared four years earlier and has been one of the world's top-selling dolls ever since.

The pregnant Midge wears a wedding ring and comes with doll-sized crib, cradle, changing table, baby toys and a baby monitor. The husband and son are sold separately.

Mattel posted an article on its Barbie Web site by University of Southern California psychology professor Jo Ann

Farver praising the doll as a "wonderful prop," particularly for families expecting a new sibling.

Manager Bill Boehmer of the KB Toys store in Philadelphia's Roosevelt Mall said he had heard only positive responses from customers.

But at KB Toys in downtown Philadelphia, customer reaction Tuesday was uniformly negative.

"It promotes teenage pregnancy. What would an 8-year-old or 12-year-old get out of that doll baby?" asked Sabrina Fagan, 29, who has a 9-year-old son.

"Most girls want to be like Barbie" or her friends, said Kenya Williams, 29, who has two daughters, ages 9 and 7. "Maybe if they would have put them all together as a family, it might be a little different, but alone it sends out the wrong message."

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