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004. schedule	Schedule for Hillary Rodham Clinton, Draft #1 [partial] (2 pages)	9/19/94	b(6)

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9/18/94

PHOTOCOPY
PRESERVATION

ROUTING SLIP

DATE: 9, 12, 94

FROM: Ricki Seidman

Assistant to the President

and Director of Scheduling and Advance

SUBJECT: Academic Decathlon Los AngelesJoan Baggett ✓Rebecca Cameron ✓Lloyd Cutler Rahm Emanuel Mark Gearan David Gergen Jack Gibbons Cindy Gire Pat Griffin Marcia Hale Alexis Herman Nancy Hernreich Harold Ickes Phil Lader Anthony Lake Bruce Lindsey Anne McGuire Mack McLarty Leon Panetta John Podesta Jack Quinn Carol Rasco Bob Rubin Patti Solis G. Stephanopoulos Ann Stock Stephanie Streett Christine Varney Joe Velasquez Melanne Verveer Maggie Williams Tony Wilson Grace Garcia FILE: Sept 18FYI ✓ADVICE ACTION COMMENTS: We will try to do in California on
Sept 18 or 19 - Ricki

Schedule Proposal

34 MAY 13 1994

will consider photo op when I get back

May 11, 1994

☐ ACCEPT

☐ REGRET

☒ PENDING

TO:

Ricki Seidman

FROM:

Joan Baggett J B

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DATE/TIME:

Open, event could be done in ten minutes.

REMARKS:

LOCATION:

White House (location flexible).

MEDIA COVERAGE:

Photo Spray.

RECOMMENDED BY:

Political Affairs.

CONTACT:

Tom Epstein: xx66257

Check with Anna Leggett have garden bore ceremony on your record.

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May 11, 1994

President Bill Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I write with respect to Taft High School, whose team of nine students recently became the National Academic Decathlon Champions, scoring more points than any other school in the history of the United States Academic Decathlon.

I am especially proud of this achievement as this public high school is in the Congressional District I represent, and the students are my constituents.

As you are well aware, Los Angeles is recovering from a severe earthquake, and many of the homes and schools in the San Fernando Valley sustained tremendous damage to their structures. For this team of students to excel during such a difficult period is a testimony to their outstanding strengths and commitment to education. This was a momentous accomplishment.

For these reasons, I feel that it is very important to be able to grant the one honor that has not yet been bestowed upon these young people: to meet and be recognized by the President of the United States. These students have already been recognized by the State of California and City of Los Angeles, and their academic achievements have been lauded. But, as the enclosed letter so ably states, the one honor that would mean the most is a meeting with the President of the United States.

I certainly understand that the many requests that you receive make it impossible for you honor all of them, but I do hope that this particular request will warrant the special attention that I feel it deserves.

Sincerely,



ANTHONY C. BEILENSON
Member of Congress



United States
of America

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No. 47

House of Representatives

TRIBUTE TO TAFT HIGH SCHOOL,
WOODLAND HILLS, CA

HON. ANTHONY C. BEILENSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 26, 1994

Mr. BEILENSON. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of myself and my constituents in California's 24th Congressional District, I am honored to call my colleagues' attention to the achievement of Taft High School of Woodland Hills, CA. This month, for the second time in 5 years, Taft won the national championship of the U.S. Academic Decathlon, the "Super Bowl" of secondary-school academics. The nine-member team recorded the highest score in the 13-year history of the event, as well as the highest individual score, and won the more than half of the \$30,000 in scholarships awarded to individual students.

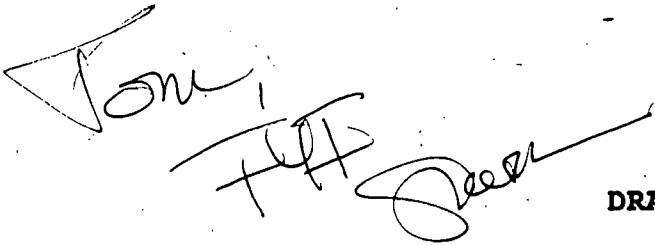
The team members, who claimed five of nine awards for individual high scores, included: top student, Daniel Bedichevsky, 17; Chris Huie, 17; Michael Michrowski, 17; Sheldon Peregrino, 18; Rebecca Rissman, 17; Andrew Salter, 17; Kimberly Shapiro, 18; Stephen Shaw, 16; and Sage Vaughn, 17;

These nine high school students and their academic coach, Arthur Berchin, began preparing for the decathlon last summer. After competing with classmates for a place on the Taft team, the students took practice tests every day after school and studied over weekends and holidays, even after the January 17th earthquake damaged their homes and school.

In March Taft defeated 42 California public and private schools to place first in the State, and the team went on to the national match, competing against 41 States and the District of Columbia in 10 events, including math, fine arts, economics, science, and literature. The competition also included a gameshow style super quiz that tested students' knowledge of 19 important documents, such as the Camp David accords.

I congratulate the team members, their coach, Arthur Berchin, and the Taft faculty and student body for this very special achievement. Their high level of excellence—especially in the face of both today's tight school budgets and the often unfair criticism of our schools and students—shows what can be accomplished through dedication and hard work. Taft continues to be a credit to our city and a role model for other schools to follow.

I am enormously proud to be able to bring Taft's outstanding achievement to the attention of the Members of the U.S. Congress.


DRAFT #1

MEMORANDUM

TO: Grace Garcia
FROM: Sharon Kennedy
DATE: September 15, 1994
RE: Airport Greeters in LA

Following are the RSVP's for the Greeters at the airport in LA on Sunday.

YES:

Controller Gray Davis
Chairman Brad Sherman
Supervisor Chairwoman Yvonne Burke

NO:

Lt. Governor Leo McCarthy
St. Insurance Commissioner John Garamendi
Council Member Marvin Brade (Taft HS)
Council Member Hal Bernson (Northridge)

TENTATIVE:

Mayor Richard Riordan
Supervisor Ed Edelmun
School Board President Mark Salvkin (Taft HS)
Council President John Ferraro

Please feel free to give me a call if you have any questions.

Thanks.

cc: M. Hale
L. Avent
J. Hart
K. Mason

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NO PUBLIC SCHEDULE

RON **The White House**

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- lists
- political briefings

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5 min. remarks - ?

① Photos

Little League
Academic decathlon

open arrival(?) → Cong. Bilensoni
→ Marsha Scott

② State Party Clutch

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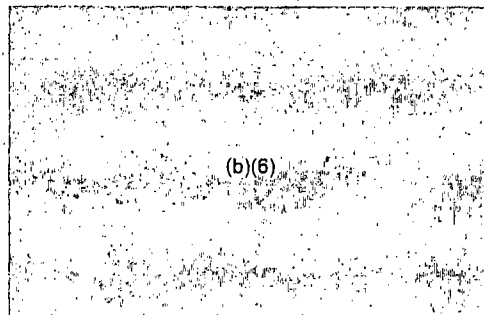
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PREV RON **The White House**

9:00 am



XXXX am-
XXXX am

PVT MTG w/Maggie Williams & Patti Solis
HRC's Office

XXXX am-
XXXX am

PVT MTG w/Maggie Williams
HRC's Office

10:00 am-
10:15 am

DROP BY [redacted] **(b)(6)** **004**
HRC's Office
CLOSED PRESS

PARTICIPANTS:
- HRC

[redacted] **(b)(6)** **004**

FORMAT:
-- Informal drop by

NOTE: WH Photographer will be present.

Contact: [redacted] **(b)(6)** **004** **212/891-2442 (w)**

10:15 am-
11:00 am

OFFICE/PHONE TIME

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XXXX am-
XXXX am

PRIVATE MEETING [TIME TBD]
HRC's Office
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PARTICIPANTS:

- HRC
- Mayor Jacques Chirac of Paris, France
- Melanne Verveer???
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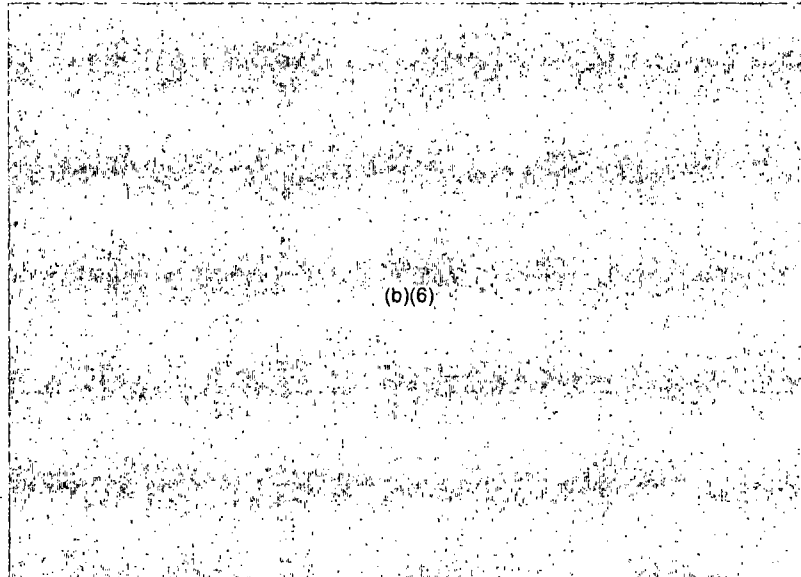
FORMAT:

- Informal meeting

NOTE: WH Photographer will be present.

Staff Contact: Julian LeBourgeois 456-9151

12:30 pm-
12:45 pm



12:45 pm-
1:45 pm

LUNCH

1:45 pm-
4:30 pm

OFFICE/PHONE TIME

4:30 pm-
4:55 pm

TEA
Yellow Oval Room
CLOSED PRESS

SCHEDULE FOR HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1994
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PARTICIPANTS: Approx. 8-10 expected to attend
[See briefing book for complete list]

FORMAT:

-- Informal mix and mingle

Staff Contact: Ann Stock

4:55 pm

PROCEED to Blue Room

5:00 pm-
xxxx pm

RALPH LAUREN RECEPTION

East Room

Attire: tbd

PRESS??

PARTICIPANTS: Approx. 180 expected to attend
[See briefing book for further info]

FORMAT:

-- Stage participants are announced from the Blue Room

-- HRC gives welcoming remarks and intros Susan Blumenthal; _____

-- Susan Blumenthal gives brief remarks and intros Dr. _____ Lipman; _____

-- Dr. _____ Lipman gives brief remarks and intros Ralph Lauren

-- Ralph Lauren gives brief remarks and intros HRC

-- HRC delivers remarks, closing remarks and invites guests to proceed to the State Dining Room for reception

RECEIVING LINE???

Staff Contact: Ann Stock, Melanne Verveer

RON

The White House

ECONOMY

The state Public Utilities Commission returned on the 15th to discuss a telephone company proposal, opposed by consumer groups, to raise basic phone rates and lower local toll charges. The plan would reduce by 40 percent the charges for local toll calls. Monthly charges, however, would rise 35 percent. Consumer groups argue that the poor and the elderly will end up paying more because they make fewer local toll calls.

The merger of Ralphs Grocery Co. with the owner of the Alpha Beta, Boys, Viva and Food 4 Less stores creates a \$2.5 billion company that will rival Vons Cos. as Southern California's biggest supermarket chain. According to company officials, the merger makes sense because it eliminates duplicate operating costs. They also believe that a year from now more people will be working for the company than now.

Hughes Aircraft Company will close its huge Fullerton aerospace complex causing the elimination of 800 to 1000 jobs. Additional cuts from factories in El Segundo, Long Beach, and Santa Barbara will mean the further loss of 4400 jobs in the next 16 months.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Chief Willie Williams ordered a sweeping reorganization of LAPD management by demoting Assistant Chief Bernard Parks to Deputy Chief with a pay cut. Deputy Chief Bayan Lewis was promoted to Assistant Chief and Cmdr. Dave Gascon to deputy chief. After threatening to sue, the city brokered an agreement with Parks allowing him to resign with full pension. Williams gave no specific reason for the shake-up only indicating that he wanted the department to continue to move forward.

HEALTH CARE

The AARP and two major labor unions announced their backing of proposition 186 which would create a single payer medical system in the state. Under the measure, a state-run insurance program would be offered as an alternative to private health insurance. The state would collect a 2.5% surtax on all taxable income. Corporations would pay a payroll tax of 4.4% to 8.9% depending on the number of workers.

EDUCATION

The Los Angeles teachers union voted overwhelmingly to accept the new contract offered by the school district. The contract includes an 8 percent pay restoration for the 1994-95 school year, after teachers took a ten percent pay cut in 1992 to help the district balance its budget. Helen Bernstein, President of

the teacher's union, said, however, that they don't intend to surrender in their salary wars with the school district. Many teachers reluctantly agreed to the contract.

AM-Illegal Aliens, Bjt, 0780

Report: States Spend Millions for Aliens' Education, Health Care, Prison

By KIM I. MILLS= Associated Press Writer=

WASHINGTON (AP) The seven states with the largest numbers of undocumented aliens will spend nearly half a billion dollars this year to imprison aliens convicted of crimes, according to a government-commissioned study.

Those states, led by California, also spent \$3.1 billion to educate undocumented aliens in fiscal 1993, and \$422 million on their Medicaid costs, according to the analysis released Wednesday by the Urban Institute.

The study, commissioned by the federal government and based on data from official government sources, did not calculate the net costs of undocumented immigrants on state budgets.

"Furthermore, there is no consideration whether the federal government should reimburse states and local areas for costs incurred because of the presence of undocumented aliens or how such reimbursements should be allocated," the authors wrote.

The analysis was undertaken in response to complaints by the states that the federal government should pay some of the costs of educating, imprisoning and providing emergency health care for undocumented aliens.

Four of the seven states Texas, California, Arizona and Florida have sued the federal government to recover some of this money. The other states in the study were New York, Illinois and New Jersey.

The 199-page study, titled "Fiscal Impacts of Undocumented Aliens: Selected Estimates for Seven States," examined the cost of providing the three services and the revenues generated by three types of taxes. It made no attempt to measure undocumented aliens' contributions to the states' economies as workers, business owners or consumers.

It was based on U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service estimates that 3.4 million undocumented aliens lived in the United States in October 1992. A total of 86 percent of those, or 2.9 million, lived in the seven states that were the focus of the study.

The report found that 21,395 illegal aliens were incarcerated in the seven states in March 1994. California has a disproportionate share, and its cost of incarcerating them was much larger than the other states' \$368 million, the report found. The next highest state was New York, \$45 million.

The report estimated that 641,000 undocumented alien children were enrolled in public schools in the seven states in 1993-94. Of the \$3.1 billion spent by the seven states to educate these children, California accounted for \$1.3 billion, according to the study. This was 40 percent less than the state's own estimate of what it paid.

The researchers questioned the reliability of states' data on Medicaid costs for illegal aliens. They developed "benchmarks," or estimated ranges, to assess the costs reported by the states.

They found California and Texas reported Medicaid costs well above the benchmark ranges, while Arizona, Florida, New York and New Jersey reported costs considerably lower than the benchmarks. Illinois was on target, according to the study.

The report estimated that undocumented aliens paid \$1.9 billion in sales, property and state income taxes in 1992.

Florida sued the federal government in April, seeking \$1.5 billion roughly what it says it will cost over two years to provide education, health care, prison beds and other services to an estimated 345,000 illegal immigrants.

Within weeks, California filed a similar lawsuit, seeking nearly \$2 billion for the cost of imprisoning illegal immigrants. That suit seeks \$377 million to cover the cost of incarcerating about 16,700 illegal aliens this year. It also argues that California should get compensation for the prisons already built to hold illegal immigrants. Gov. Pete Wilson's administration estimated the prisons cost \$1.6 billion.

Arizona filed suit in May, demanding that the federal government reimburse

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it more than \$121 million for the cost of imprisoning illegal aliens convicted of felonies.

Texas sued the government in June for nearly \$370 million for the cost of providing health care to illegal immigrants.

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AM-CA--People-Allende,180

Allende Bashes Anti-Immigrant Initiative

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SAN FRANCISCO (AP) Chilean author Isabel Allende is speaking out against a controversial state initiative that would limit services to illegal immigrants.

The author of "The House of the Spirits" called Proposition 187 "fascist in essence and mean in spirit," and added that her family "didn't come here to take but to give."

Allende, a resident of San Rafael, made her comments during a rally at San Francisco City Hall that was staged by a coalition of activists opposed to the "Save Our State" initiative, as backers nicknamed it.

The novelist fled her native Chile in 1973 after her uncle, Salvador Allende, was killed during a violent military takeover. She settled in San Rafael with her children.

Her first and best known novel, "House of the Spirits," was made into a movie starring Meryl Streep and Jeremy Irons,

Proposition 187 would deny public schooling, non-emergency medical care and social services to undocumented residents. Police would be required to ask anyone they arrest about their citizenship and immigration status.

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BC-CA-ELN--Wilson Profile, Bjt, 990

Political Survivor Pete Wilson Bounces Back, Leads Re-Election Polls

With BC-CA-ELN--Wilson-Bio Box

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By DOUG WILLIS= AP Political Writer=

SACRAMENTO (AP) Gov. Pete Wilson is back on top in the latest polls for re-election, despite the political wounds of four years of unrelenting natural and economic disasters in California.

He leads Democrat Kathleen Brown, his attractive, mediagenic opponent, by nine points in the latest Los Angeles Times poll.

Wilson's zigzag, middle-of-the-road policies have alienated both liberals and conservatives during his four years as governor. His monotone speeches are long on numbing detail and short on inspiration.

But Wilson is a tenacious political survivor.

He trailed Brown by up to 23 percentage points in polls a year ago, when his job performance rating hit a record low 15 percent. From certain political death he has staged a remarkable comeback.

The Nov. 8 election will be Wilson's third confrontation with the Brown family, the state's Democratic dynasty, in three decades.

In 1962, Wilson, then a 29-year-old law school graduate, was a campaign advance man for Richard Nixon during the future president's unsuccessful governor campaign. Nixon was defeated by incumbent Pat Brown, Kathleen Brown's father.

In 1982, Wilson, then mayor of San Diego, defeated Kathleen Brown's brother, Gov. Jerry Brown, in a race for the U.S. Senate. Wilson left the Senate after eight years to run for governor in 1990.

Wilson, 61, has spent three-quarters of his adult life in elected office five years in the state Legislature, 11 as mayor of San Diego, eight in the U.S. Senate and four as governor. He lost only one election in three decades, a 1978 campaign for the GOP nomination for governor.

Wilson has defeated now-U.S. Sen. Dianne Feinstein for governor, then-Reps. Pete McCloskey and Barry Goldwater Jr. for the Senate nomination and Jerry Brown and Lt. Gov. Leo McCarthy in two Senate campaigns.

He started most of those campaigns as the underdog and fought to narrow victories. Rivals describe him as a dogged foe who seldom inspires but rarely makes mistakes.

Bill Press, chairman of the California Democratic Party, describes Wilson as "the toughest SOB in California politics...a very skilled campaigner."

The former Marine's re-election campaign this year is built on the premise he is "tough enough" to manage the problems that have devastated California during his four years as governor.

They range from drought and earthquakes to crime, economic recession and the post-Cold War slashing of California's defense industry.

"We've cut taxes. We've reformed workers compensation. We've slashed red tape," the Republican governor says. "We in fact are going to make California shine again. We're going to make California safe, safe for jobs, safe for job creators, safe for families."

Most of all, Wilson is campaigning against crime. Despite a decline in incident rates, crime has grown astronomically as a voter concern due to high-profile news ranging from the Los Angeles riots to the Polly Klaas murder.

"Nothing is more important to the people of California than to guarantee the most fundamental of rights, to be free of crime," said Wilson, who signed a "three-strikes" life sentencing law for repeat felons and sought even tougher penalties for rapists, child molesters and arsonists.

Fighting illegal immigration, which Wilson blames for taking \$2.7 billion a year in services and benefits away from legal residents, is the other central theme of his campaign.

Those are also issues, along with the economy, on which Brown attacks Wilson for failing to provide leadership. "Pete Wilson's legacy is no legacy. He is a governor without promise," Brown says.

While crime, immigration and the economy have grown into more serious political problems under Wilson, polls show that on all three issues voters have more confidence in him than in Brown.

In some cases, disaster may have helped rather than hurt Wilson.

His tough-enough-for-the-job, can-do image got a boost from the Los Angeles earthquake earlier this year, when his administration rebuilt and reopened the Santa Monica Freeway, the nation's busiest highway, in 2 1/2 months.

Still, it's been a rough road back to a political pulse for Wilson.

Faced with deficits of up to \$14 billion annually due to the national recession and cuts in defense spending, Wilson has steered a zigzag fiscal course in compromises he offered to share the pain among all interests.

He raised some taxes while lowering others, imposed record college fee hikes while courses were being reduced, cut deeply into most state programs and ran up record deficits.

Conservatives tarred and feathered an effigy of Wilson at a Republican state convention, labeling him a traitor to his party for raising taxes. Similarly, environmentalists who once counted Wilson as the No. 1 Republican ally have condemned him for sacrificing environmental protections to stimulate economic development.

Democrats criticize him as a heartless and failed governor while teachers' unions and students cast him as the No. 1 enemy of education. Only the state prison system has grown under his administration.

"He's alienated the right, and the middle and left don't like him. The antipathy to Wilson is overshadowing everything else," pollster Mervin Field said less than a year ago.

At the same time, the media-savvy Brown daughter of one governor and sister of another was enjoying a series of glamor-struck national print and television profiles which wrote Wilson off or ignored him while in some cases doing everything but electing Brown by acclamation.

But while Brown has stumbled politically, Wilson was quietly rehabilitating himself and rebuilding fences.

He hammered out a workers compensation and regulatory relief legislative package last year which was widely praised by business leaders and bolstered his claims of helping California's economy. At the same time, his anti-crime message was resonating with voters.

Although voters in the Times Poll were evenly divided over his job performance, with 47 percent each approving and disapproving, Brown's popularity has been slipping. And Wilson has made gains on key indicators, favored by 2-1 over Brown as best to fight crime and by 4-3 as best prepared to manage the economy.

Polls say voters have never been enthusiastic about Wilson, and still aren't, but that he has won their respect. The latest Times Poll reported that the No. 1 reason voters gave for supporting Wilson was simply that he was "doing the best he can."

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PM-CA--Phone Rates, Bjt,450

EDs: Lead planned before 11 a.m. with PUC action.

PUC Takes Up Higher Rates, Lower Toll Charges

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By BOB EGELKO= Associated Press Writer=

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) After a one-year detour, the state Public Utilities Commission returns today to a telephone company proposal, opposed by consumer groups, to raise basic phone rates and lower local toll charges.

The plan also includes allowing long-distance companies to compete for local toll service, now monopolized by Pacific Bell and GTE California. Customers could reach one of those companies by dialing a special access code.

The proposal unveiled by the PUC in July would reduce by 40 percent the charges for local toll calls, those of more than 12 miles that are within one of the state's 11 local phone service areas.

Starting Jan. 1, basic residential monthly charges for Pacific Bell, which has 9 million customers, would rise by 35 percent, from \$8.35 to \$11.25. GTE, which has 3.1 million customers, would raise monthly rates by 56 percent, from \$11.20 to \$17.49.

Phone companies say savings from the toll cuts and new competition would offset the service charge increases and help the economy by encouraging more toll calling. But consumer advocates like San Francisco-based Toward Utility Rate Normalization say most residential customers will pay more, particularly the poor and elderly, who make few local toll calls.

The PUC, controlled by appointees of Gov. Pete Wilson, has eased regulatory controls on energy and communications utilities and shifted some rate burdens from businesses to residential customers. Commission members say they want to promote competition and set rates closer to the cost of serving each group of customers.

The commission voted a year ago for a similar rate-shift plan, with even steeper increases in basic service charges. The plan was to have taken effect this year but was shelved after disclosures that a Pacific Bell official had been allowed access to PUC staffers the night before the vote, in violation of PUC rules, and had actually written part of the commission's order.

The incident prompted legislators to pass a bill that would have forbidden private contacts with PUC members after the public comment period on any issue, strengthened open-meeting standards for the commission, and required all proposed decisions to be circulated to the public 30 days before a vote.

Wilson vetoed the bill, saying portions of it went too far. Several of its provisions, including the requirement for advance circulation of all PUC decisions, were also contained in separate bills now on the governor's desk.

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PM-CA--Wilson-Parole, Bjt, 925

Magistrate Backs Challenge to Wilson's Power To Block Parole

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By BOB EGELKO= Associated Press Writer=

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) Ever since 1991 when Gov. Pete Wilson first used his power to block a convicted murderer's release, attorney Dennis Riordan has insisted the action was unconstitutional.

Riordan's argument that the state was using a new law to increase prisoners' punishment retroactively was rejected by state courts in two separate decisions the lawyer doggedly attributed to politics.

But now, after three years, he has his first glimmer of hope in federal court.

A U.S. magistrate in Sacramento has recommended that a federal judge order the release of a San Diego man convicted of a 1977 murder. The prisoner was found suitable for release by the parole board in 1991, only to have his parole vetoed by Wilson.

The governor was using the authority to overrule the parole board that was granted under a November 1988 ballot measure. The initiative gave him the final say on any decision granting or denying parole.

But federal Magistrate Gregory Hollows, in a July 27 decision, ruled that the Constitution prohibited Wilson from blocking the parole of any prisoner whose crime was committed before November 1988.

If the decision stands and defendant Robert Johnson goes free, he's likely to be followed by at least 10 other prisoners whose paroles have been thwarted by Wilson, Riordan's office said.

California has about 6,000 prisoners, nearly all convicted murderers, who were sentenced to life with the possibility of parole for pre-November 1988 crimes. The ruling could affect any of them who persuade a future parole board that they are suitable for release.

The case has a long way to go, though. Hollows' decision, attacked by the state, is under review by U.S. District Judge David Levi. His decision is sure to be appealed.

Politically, the case is comfortable for Wilson, who is cast as the defender of longer imprisonment for murderers as well as the will of the voters who passed the 1988 law. Legally, the governor is on less-certain footing, particularly in the federal courts, which have recently rejected some of his welfare cuts and overturned two California death sentences.

In a ruling that could be crucial to the case, the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals decided this February that another California law, postponing annual parole review of some imprisoned murderers, could not be applied to those who committed their crimes before the law passed. The state has appealed that ruling to the Supreme Court.

The dispute dates back to 1983, when a state appeals court ruled that then-Gov. George Deukmejian had no power to block the Board of Prison Terms' release of William Archie Fain, a convicted murderer-rapist from Stanislaus County.

In response, voters overwhelmingly approved a state constitutional amendment in 1988. It specifies that no parole board decision becomes final for 30 days, a period in which the governor can modify or veto either a grant or a denial of parole.

Wilson, the first governor to use the law, blocked 11 paroles between 1991 and 1993, upheld six others either intact or with modified conditions.

No one has questioned the governor's power to overrule the parole board. But Riordan argues that the U.S. constitutional ban on ex post facto laws those that apply new criminal penalties to acts already committed was violated when Wilson used the new law to block the paroles of pre-November 1988 convicts.

State lawyers reply that the law doesn't increase punishment because it doesn't change any inmate's actual sentence of up to life in prison, and it allows the governor to grant as well as deny parole.

"Although (the governor's) review might have been a negative factor for any given inmate, the process is neutral on its face and neutral in its application," said Deputy Attorney General James Ching in papers filed with Judge Levi.

California's courts have sided with Wilson. The 3rd District Court of Appeal ruled 3-0 in 1992 that the new law was merely "a procedural change to add a level of executive review" and could help or hurt individual prisoners.

After the seven-member state Supreme Court unanimously denied review, Riordan turned to the federal courts, saying he had more faith in life-tenure federal judges than in elected state judges. His first client was Johnson, who had been sentenced to 25 years to life in prison in 1977 and was found suitable for parole by the board 14 years later. A day before his scheduled release in October 1991, Wilson intervened and kept him in prison.

The case was referred to Magistrate Hollows, who found, contrary to the state's position, that the 1988 law "was intended to, and actually works, a lengthening of punishment."

Quoting ballot arguments that urged voters to protect themselves from the "early release of murderers," Hollows said the law's sole purpose and effect was to let the governor block paroles. He also said the U.S. Supreme Court has established that the delay of an inmate's release from prison is punishment, even if the inmate's original sentence is unchanged.

Wilson could not constitutionally use his power over parole decisions to block Johnson's release, the magistrate concluded, because that power did not exist when Johnson committed his crime.

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PM-CA--Illegal Immigration,Bjt,730

Illegal Immigrants Use Billions More Than They Pay In Taxes, State Says
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By STEVE FARR= Associated Press Writer=

SACRAMENTO (AP) The state taxes paid by California's illegal immigrants don't cover the costs of providing them with services, according to two new studies.

A Wilson administration report found that illegal aliens will receive at least \$2.7 billion more in state services than they will pay in state taxes. State officials said that's not surprising given illegal immigrants' low incomes.

"Low-income legal residents also use more in services than they pay in taxes," said the report released Wednesday.

The state survey was released on the same day as a federal report by the Urban Institute that concluded illegal immigrants cost California taxpayers a net \$1.8 billion last year.

Administration officials said the state report by the Office of Planning and Research and the California Department of Finance lent support to Gov. Pete Wilson's call for federal reimbursement.

"This report, we hope, will lead to some legitimate action on the part of the federal government," said Russell Gould, director of the Department of Finance.

The state's review of 16 separate studies found that California's 1.7 million illegal immigrants will consume \$3.4 billion in state-funded services in fiscal year 1994-95 while paying the state just \$739 million in taxes.

Most of those services \$2.4 billion worth are mandated by the federal government, the report said. They include \$1.5 billion spent on public education, \$474 million for incarcerating illegal immigrants, and \$395 million for Medicaid and other health care programs.

Illegal immigrants also will use \$1 billion worth of other state services this year, including courts, roads, parks, and environmental protection, the report said.

The Immigration and Naturalization Service estimates there are 1.7 million illegal aliens in California, or 5 percent of the state's population. California is home to 43 percent of the nation's illegal aliens, but has 71 percent of the illegal immigrants incarcerated in U.S. prisons.

The state cost estimates do not include the costs to states and counties of arresting and holding illegal immigrants in jails, nor do they include the costs of emergency services and local health programs for the indigent.

The state report coincided with the release of a federal report on the impact of illegal immigration in seven states. That study, conducted by the nonprofit Urban Institute for the Office of Management and Budget, found that illegal immigrants cost California taxpayers \$1.8 billion this year.

Wilson said the Clinton administration should insist that Congress pass a supplemental appropriations bill before it adjourns in three weeks to cover the costs of immigration to California and other states.

"Enough is enough," Wilson said in a statement. "No more foot-dragging, stonewalling and stalling."

The Urban Institute, the Washington D.C.-based research arm of the National League of Cities, estimated that incarceration costs for illegal adults as of March were \$367 million, or \$19 million more than the state's estimate.

The institute's report also pegged education costs at \$1.3 billion, or \$200 million less than the state, and placed health care costs between \$113 million and \$166 million, well below the state's figure of \$350 million.

The institute also estimated that illegal aliens contribute just \$732 million to state coffers, \$7 million below the state's figure.

"The Urban Institute agrees in large part with the assumptions that California has made," said Wilson spokeswoman Leslie Goodman. "We've had enough studies and California can't wait any longer. We need action, we need

reimbursement and we need it now."

California is one of five states including Texas, Arizona, Florida and New Jersey that have sued the federal government to recover some of the money spent on illegal aliens.

Florida sued the federal government in April for \$1.5 billion, the estimated cost for two years of providing education, health care, prison beds and other services to an estimated 345,000 illegal immigrants.

California filed a lawsuit within weeks, seeking nearly \$2 billion for the cost of imprisoning illegal immigrants. The suit seeks \$377 million to cover the incarceration of about 16,800 illegal aliens this year and \$1.6 billion in compensation for the prisons built to hold them.

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Here are the top stories in sight at this hour for PMs of Thursday, Sept. 15, 1994. The supervisor in Los Angeles is Niko Price, followed by John Antczak, and can be reached at (213) 626-1200. The supervisor in San Francisco is Elizabeth Weise, followed by Karyn Hunt, and can be reached at (415) 621-7432. For photos in Los Angeles, call (213) 626-2500. For technical problems, call Los Angeles at (213) 626-5833 or San Francisco at (510) 463-9180. All times are Pacific unless otherwise noted.

O.J. SIMPSON

Sources: Final DNA Tests Link Simpson to Crime Scene

LOS ANGELES Final DNA tests show some of the evidence found at a bloody murder scene matches the blood of O.J. Simpson, sources said, as the athlete's lawyers tried to suppress gloves, watch caps and 100-odd other items that could be used against him in court, it was reported today.

Slug PM-CA--Simpson-Slayings.

By Special Correspondent Linda Deutsch.

As Legal Bills Soar, O.J. Liquidates Stock Holdings

LOS ANGELES As the bill for his all-star legal team soars, O.J. Simpson has begun liquidating more than a half-million dollars in stock holdings he acquired while serving on four corporate boards.

Slug PM-CA--Simpson-Stock.

By Business Writer E. Scott Reckard.

San Francisco Coroner Declines Offer to Testify in Simpson Case

LOS ANGELES Prosecutors want San Francisco's medical examiner to testify against O.J. Simpson in the upcoming murder trial, but officials say they can't spare Boyd Stephens.

Slug PM-CA--Simpson-Coroner.

ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION

Illegal Immigrants Use Billions More Than They Pay In Taxes, State Says

SACRAMENTO The state taxes paid by California's illegal immigrants don't cover the costs of providing them with services, according to two new studies.

Slug PM-CA--Illegal Immigration.

By Steve Farr.

Illegal Criminals Forming Gang in California Prisons

SAN DIEGO Criminals who are illegal immigrants have formed a violent, mercenary gang inside state prisons, a gang expert warned the California Board of Prison Terms.

Slug PM-CA--Illegal Criminals.

By Amanda Covarrubias.

With:

PM-Illegal Aliens.

PHONE RATES: PUC Takes Up Higher Rates, Lower Toll Charges

SAN FRANCISCO After a 1-year detour, the state Public Utilities Commission returns today to a telephone company proposal, opposed by consumer groups, to raise basic phone rates and lower local toll charges.

Slug PM-CA--Phone Rates. Lead planned before 11 a.m. with PUC action.

By Bob Egelko.

MERVIN FIELD: Field Poll Founder Says Governor's Race Close

SAN FRANCISCO Michael Huffington probably won't get to tack a senator's title before his name, and Kathleen Brown had better change her tactics if she wants to be governor, the founder of the Field Poll says.

Slug PM-CA--Field Talk.

By Lisa Alcalay Klug.

With:

PM-CA--Times Poll

GEORGE BURNS: Comedian Improving, Enchanting Nurses With Mirth

LOS ANGELES George Burns is recovering steadily from the surgery that removed fluid from the Oscar-winning comedian's brain, doctors say, and his manager said the 98-year-old entertainer still has his sense of humor.

Slug PM-CA--George Burns. AP Photos LA12, LA110 of Sept. 14.

By Jeff Wilson.

SUPERMARKET MERGER: Ralphs-Alpha Beta Merger OK'd

LOS ANGELES The merger of Ralphs Grocery Co. with the owner of the Alpha Beta, Boys, Viva and Food 4 Less stores creates a \$2.5 billion company that will rival Vons Cos. as Southern California's biggest supermarket chain.

Slug PM-CA--Supermarket Merger.

By Business Writer E. Scott Reckard.

WILSON PROFILE: Political Survivor Pete Wilson Bounces Back

SACRAMENTO Gov. Pete Wilson is back on top in the latest polls for re-election despite the political wounds of four years of unrelenting natural and economic disasters and the challenge of an attractive, mediagenic opponent.

Slug BC-CA-ELN--Wilson Profile. AP Photo. With Bio Box.

By Doug Willis.

BROWN PROFILE: Brown, Believer in "California Dream."

IRVINE, Calif. She grew up believing in the California Dream the promise of good jobs, a home, wide-open freeways, top schools and unlimited possibility. A lot has changed since Kathleen Brown's father was governor.

Slug BC-CA-ELN--Brown Profile. With AP Photo. With Bio Box.

By Sally Streff Buzbee.

PARAMOUNT-SALHANY: Ex-Fox Executive to Head New Paramount TV Network

LOS ANGELES Lucie Salhany, who was the first woman to head a television network before she resigned from Fox Broadcasting Co., was named president and chief executive officer of Paramount's new TV network.

Slug PM-CA--Paramount-Salhany.

By Television Writer Lynn Elber.

PLANE MISHAP: 747 Blows Tires On Takeoff, Lands Safely

LOS ANGELES Flying over the Pacific Ocean, the passengers on Thai Airlines flight 1771 were told there was a technical problem as they watched fuel stream out of the jet. In fact, the plane had blown at least two tires during takeoff, but it landed without incident.

Slug PM-CA--Airliner Mishap.

By Michael White.

WILSON-PAROLE: Magistrate Backs Challenge to Wilson's Parole-Blocking Power

SAN FRANCISCO Ever since 1991, when Gov. Pete Wilson first used his power to block a convicted murderer's release, attorney Dennis Riordan has insisted the action was unconstitutional.

Slug: PM-CA--Wilson-Parole.

PM-CA--LAPD Shakeup, 340

Report: Police Chief Orders Assistant to Retire or Take Cuts

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LOS ANGELES (AP) In their first meeting since a public demotion earlier this week, Police Chief Willie Williams told his No. 2 man to accept the pay cut, pension reduction and lower rank or retire within 10 days, it was reported today.

The ultimatum came during a Wednesday morning meeting in which Williams served Assistant Chief Bernard Parks with his demotion papers and the two exchanged harsh words, the Los Angeles Times reported, citing unnamed police officials.

As the two met, a police officer began packing up the personal belongings in Parks' office, the Times reported.

The Daily News of Los Angeles cited an unnamed police officials who described the meeting as tense.

A lawyer for Parks said his client was weighing whether to file a lawsuit against the city in an attempt to save his job.

"He's considering all his options," said attorney Skip Miller.

Another lawyer for Parks, Barry Levin, said Williams had made several errors in handling the demotion, including failing to give the assistant chief adequate notice of the pending action. But Gary Greenebaum, a member of the Police Commission, said he believed the proper procedures had been followed.

Wednesday's 20-minute meeting was the first between the officials since Williams announced a sweeping reorganization of LAPD management on Monday.

Parks was abruptly demoted to the rank of deputy chief, and Deputy Chief Ronald Banks was promoted to fill Parks' role in a new position, first assistant chief.

The chief promoted Deputy Chief Bayan Lewis to assistant chief and Cmdr. David Gascon to deputy chief.

Accepting the demotion could cost Parks an estimated \$15,000 a year in lost salary and more than \$500 a month in pension payments for the rest of his life.

Police pensions are based on an officer's last salary, so Parks would lose the money unless he stayed with the department and eventually regained a position as an assistant chief.

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Ralphs-Alpha Beta Merger OK'd
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By E. SCOTT RECKARD= AP Business Writer=

LOS ANGELES (AP) The merger of Ralphs Grocery Co. with the owner of the Alpha Beta, Boys, Viva and Food 4 Less stores creates a \$2.5 billion company that will rival Vons Cos. as Southern California's biggest supermarket chain.

The deal had been delayed several days by France's Banque Paribas, which owns 10 percent of Ralphs' stock, over concerns that majority shareholder Edward DeBartolo Corp. was getting a better deal.

That dispute was resolved and the agreement was signed Wednesday, said Byron Allumbaugh, chairman of Compton-based Ralphs.

Allumbaugh will be chief executive of the emerging Ralphs Grocery Co., which will have about \$5.3 billion a year in sales. The chairman will be Ron Burkle, who heads Yucaipa Cos., the Century City-based owner of the other markets, and Yucaipa's Food 4 Less Supermarkets Inc., which operates them.

They described the merger as friendly and in the strategic interests of both companies.

"Both management groups have been instrumental in bringing these companies together," Burkle said.

Two kind of stores will be operated: Ralphs supermarkets and Food 4 Less warehouse grocery stores. The Boys, Viva and Alpha Beta names will be eliminated. Some too-small and duplicate stores will be closed but the company plans to open about 24 large new markets, Allumbaugh said.

The 100 or so new jobs at each of those markets will help offset the effect of the inevitable layoffs that follow mergers, at least in terms of the numbers of workers at the company.

"I think a year from now we'll have more people working for us than we do now," Allumbaugh said.

Other savings will come from applying Ralphs' advanced electronic management systems and from lower overall advertising costs in newspapers, radio and television.

"We'll probably save \$20 million to \$30 million a year in advertising alone," Allumbaugh said.

The two companies presently operate 368 supermarkets throughout Southern California, 25 in Northern California and 38 in the Midwest.

The merged chain will include about 360 locations 280 Ralphs and 80 Food 4 Less warehouse stores in about a year, Allumbaugh said.

Because the chains overlap so little Ralphs is stronger in Los Angeles and much of Orange County, Yucaipa in outlying and inner-city areas there are only about 20 stores in the same trade areas.

Some closures will result, Allumbaugh said. In other cases, the company will operate one store as a supermarket, the other as a cheaper-priced warehouse. Prices will fall at Yucaipa's many inner-city stores as Ralphs' more efficient operating methods take hold, Allumbaugh predicted.

Discussions are under way with government antitrust overseers. Allumbaugh said he believed the anti-competitive problems could be worked out within a week.

The merger will create a company with about 22 percent to 23 percent of the overall Southern California market, the same as Vons, and a slightly higher percentage in Los Angeles. Lucky has about an 18 percent share, meaning there will be three major supermarket competitors in Southern California.

Those shares are far less than in many other major markets. Washington, D.C., Denver and Chicago have chains with more than 50 percent market share, and in San Francisco Safeway and Lucky have about 40 percent each.

The merger makes sense because it enables the companies to eliminate duplicate operating costs at a time when non-traditional competition is heating up, Allumbaugh said. Old-line supermarkets these days must compete

against Price Club, Wal-Mart and Smart & Final stores, just to name a few.

The current Ralphs shareholders, led by the DeBartolo real estate concern, bought their stakes from Federated Department Stores during that company's bankruptcy proceedings in 1992. Yucaipa is paying them \$500 million plus assuming \$1 billion in Ralphs debt, valuing the company at \$1.5 billion.

The deal values Yucaipa at \$1 billion, putting the worth of the merged company at \$2.5 billion.

Financing for the merger will include additional investment from Apollo Investors, a limited partnership that already has a major stake in Burkle's companies. Apollo is headed by Leon Black, once a top executive with 1980s junk-bond giant Drexel Burnham Lambert Inc.

It will carry a heavy debt load of about \$2 billion, but Allumbaugh noted that cash flow from the current Ralphs operations is more than enough to handle the interest payments. Ralphs' cash flow was about \$230 million this year.

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LOS ANGELES (AP) They were trying to locate water pipes to avoid rupturing them in the future. Instead, the crew punctured an eight-inch main, flooding an intersection and cutting water service off to a Hollywood already beleaguered by subway construction.

About 20 businesses were forced to spend the day without water.

"These people have no idea what the hell they're doing!" said Stan Seiden, president of the Pantages Theater on Hollywood Boulevard.

"We apologize," MTA spokeswoman Andrea Greene said. "We know how extremely frustrating this is."

The break occurred when Metropolitan Transportation Authority construction crews "exposed pre-existing cracks in an eight-inch water line" at the intersection of Argyle Avenue and Hollywood Boulevard.

The eight-inch pipe, installed in the 1920s, had existing cracks which began to leak as crews worked nearby, said MTA spokeswoman Andrea Greene.

Streets in the neighborhood about a mile from Wednesday's problem were previously closed when the ground underneath it was weakened by subway tunneling. =

HUNTINGTON BEACH, Calif. (AP) A mother whose son was murdered has hired a nationally renowned criminal sketch artist after police failed to produce clues about his killer.

Alice Sommer is determined to find the killer of her 23-year-old son Kenny Paul, and his friend Chen Cosmo Maui Blanchard, also 23. Both were murdered in this surfside town March 31 shot to death after leaving a restaurant on Main Street.

Sommer called sketch artist Jeanne Boylan after seeing her featured in a magazine. Boylan has drawn more than 7,000 sketches in her 16-year career. Many have been used in high-profile cases, including the kidnaping of 12-year-old Polly Klaas of Petaluma.

With descriptions from two witnesses police had interviewed, Boylan sketched a composite drawing of a suspect.

"I felt at a dead end," Sommer said at a news conference Tuesday to release the drawing. "I need to do this as a mother."

Huntington Beach police said their investigation is still open but has stalled as tips dried up. =

COMPTON, Calif. (AP) More than two dozen shouting parents demanded more Hispanic officials and employees be hired in the Compton Unified School District at an elementary school.

"We are not represented in all aspects of this school," parent Angelina Gonzalez said at the gathering Wednesday.

A flyer written in Spanish was distributed days before the gathering, calling for parents to state grievances at McKinley Elementary, said district superintendent Harold Cebrun.

The group of about 30 protesters met at 2:30 p.m. and were forced off campus when it closed at 4 p.m. because they didn't have a permit to gather there, he said.

The parents said their children are not getting the bilingual education they need because the school is dominated by blacks.

"Our PTA, our school ... council, everything in here .. all these forums, (are run) by black Americans, African Americans. We don't want them out, we want them in. But we want to be in together with them," Gonzalez said.

The last four of five principals hired in the district, which is more than 50 percent Hispanic, were Hispanic, Cebrun said.

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Expert Tells Prison Panel Illegal Criminals Forming Mercenary Gang

EL PASO NOTE

By AMANDA COVARRUBIAS= Associated Press Writer=

SAN DIEGO (AP) Criminals who are illegal immigrants have formed a violent, mercenary gang inside state prisons, a gang expert warned the California Board of Prison Terms.

Members of the gang have banded together in the last eight years to protect themselves against U.S. gang members in prison who harass them, said Carlos Chacon, a San Diego Police Department sergeant who works with gang members on both sides of the U.S.-Mexico border.

"These are the most violent, aggressive inmates," Chacon said Wednesday. "These individuals don't care if they're deported. They have nothing to lose."

The board is holding three hearings to hear ways to renegotiate a U.S.-Mexico treaty that allows the United States to return undocumented criminals to serve their prison terms in their home countries.

But reformists say the treaty is flawed, noting that in the past 5 1/2 years only five prisoners have been returned to Mexico.

They also point out that there's no guarantee inmates will serve their full sentences in Mexico if they're sent there, and that undocumented felons have to agree to be deported. Most decline.

More than 20,147 undocumented felons are in California prisons, making up 16 percent of the total prison population, said Joe Sandoval, secretary of the Youth and Adult Correctional Agency.

Illegal immigration remains a hot topic nationally, especially in California, which has sued the federal government to recover nearly \$2 billion for the cost of imprisoning illegal immigrants.

Democratic gubernatorial candidate Kathleen Brown called this week for a border blockade in California like one in El Paso, Texas. Gov. Wilson began running ads encouraging Californians to call President Clinton and demand action against illegal immigration.

And voters will be asked Nov. 8 to decide on Proposition 187, which would deny school, health and welfare benefits to illegal immigrants.

John Nielsen, chairman of the Board of Prison Terms, said the state does not deport serious, violent offenders such as drug traffickers, but only those who commit more low-level crimes.

Gov. Pete Wilson directed the panel to hold the hearings, also scheduled for Santa Ana and Fresno.

Although he has no jurisdiction over the international treaty, Wilson plans to present his recommendations to the Clinton Administration, said a Wilson spokeswoman.

Even when criminals who have served their California prison sentences are deported to Mexico, they often return to the United States and commit more crimes, Chacon said.

To prevent that revolving door, they should be returned to the interior of the country, where they have less chance of re-crossing the border, he suggested.

And the United States should monitor Mexican prisons to make sure criminals are serving their sentences.

"Without these checks and balances, it's not going to work," Chacon said.

Gangs of criminal illegal immigrants have become savvy in how to buck the system, he said.

They learn English in language classes offered in jail and they memorize the names of Los Angeles high schools and U.S. hospitals to tell officials where they were supposedly born.

"This country has created a system of criminals who are Mexican nationals," Chacon said. "They know our system and they take advantage of the system we have."

AM-CA--Times Poll, 520

Poll Finds Voters Likely to Pass Immigration Measure

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LOS ANGELES (AP) A California ballot measure that would deny schooling, health care and other services to illegal immigrants has overwhelming voter support, according to a poll published Wednesday.

Proposition 187 is favored by 62 percent of those likely to vote in the November election while only 29 percent oppose it, according to the Los Angeles Times Poll.

Registered voters favor the proposition by nearly the same margin.

The survey found support for the measure crossed demographic lines, winning wide acceptance from both Democrats and Republicans, conservatives and liberals, and voters of all ages, sexes, incomes and educational levels.

Proposition 187 would cut off welfare and medical benefits to illegal aliens and kick undocumented children out of public schools. The school provision likely would spark a court fight because a 1982 U.S. Supreme Court decision declared that undocumented children are entitled to public education.

Critics say 187 is anti-Hispanic because that group comprises the majority of illegal aliens in California. Mexico also has condemned the proposition and said it will work to defeat it.

But the poll found even Hispanic voters favored the measure by 52 percent to 42 percent.

The U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service estimated in 1992 that there were 786,000 Mexicans illegally in California. Gov. Pete Wilson claims they cost the state \$3 billion in services each year, a figure challenged by other studies and initiative supporters blame them in part for the state's prolonged recession.

Among registered voters, 90 percent felt illegal immigration was a problem, the poll found.

Asked why they would vote for Proposition 187, 34 percent of those surveyed checked the answer: "We've got to do something about illegal immigration."

The nebulous nature of that response shows the support isn't based on details of the ballot measure, said poll director John Brennan.

"Much of the pro-187 momentum seems founded on sheer frustration rather than on specifics," Brennan said. "It's as if some people are saying: 'Do something, anything, no matter what it is.'"

On another controversial measure, the poll found likely voters support Proposition 184 by 59 percent to 29 percent.

The so-called "three strikes" initiative mirrors state legislation that took effect this year that calls for prison sentences of 25 years to life for third-time felony offenders.

Voters apparently don't know enough about two other propositions to form opinions.

Proposition 186 calls for a state-run health system, and Proposition 188, a measure backed by the tobacco industry, would establish statewide smoking restrictions which could override stricter local ones.

About two-thirds of the likely voters said they hadn't heard enough about the measures to form an opinion on them.

The poll of 1,502 adults including 1,165 registered voters and 721 likely voters was conducted from Sept. 8 through Sunday. It has a margin of error of plus or minus 4 percent for likely voters and 3 percent for registered voters.

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Poll Shows Feinstein's Lead Over Huffington Slipping
With PM-CA--Field Talk, Bjt

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LOS ANGELES (AP) Sen. Dianne Feinstein's lead over challenger Mike Huffington is slipping, but the incumbent Democrat still holds a nine-point advantage in November's election, according to a poll published today.

Feinstein was nine percentage points ahead of the Republican congressman from Santa Barbara among registered voters, 49 percent backing Feinstein and 40 percent backing Huffington, according to the Los Angeles Times poll.

The lead was smaller among respondents who said they were likely to vote on election day 49 percent to 43 percent, the survey found.

In March, a Times poll found Feinstein 30 percentage points over Huffington, but after a relentless television attack on Feinstein's record and character Huffington has gained ground. A poll in May showed her lead dropping to 52 percent to 38 percent.

But while the advertisements apparently have caused some voters to move away from Feinstein, they haven't created a broad base of support for her challenger, according to the survey.

Some 54 percent of voters, and almost half of Huffington supporters, said they didn't know him well enough to have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of him.

The rest of the voters were split 23 percent on each side between a favorable and an unfavorable view of Huffington.

Feinstein's favorable rating among registered voters was 42 percent in the poll.

The poll, conducted Sept. 8 to Sept. 11, surveyed 1,165 registered voters, including 721 who said they were likely to vote in November. The margin of error for registered voters was plus or minus three percentage points, and it was plus or minus four percentage points for likely voters.

The survey also found that President Clinton's favorable rating has dropped from 59 percent in March to just 44 percent among registered Californians in the latest poll. Almost half of the respondents said they disapprove of Clinton's job performance.

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BC-CA--Political Fundraiser,290

Former U.S. Cabinet Secretaries Stumping for Sybert

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LOS ANGELES (AP) Former U.S. Cabinet secretaries William Bennett and Jack Kemp put their names behind Republican congressional candidate Richard Sybert as he campaigned to beat Democratic incumbent Rep. Anthony Beilenson.

About 400 people attended a \$150-a-plate breakfast for Sybert at the Warner Center Hilton Hotel on Wednesday, which followed a \$500-a-head private reception with Kemp and Bennett. The events raised about \$75,000, said Sybert campaign manager James Vaughn.

"Want to change America? Change Congress," Kemp told the audience. "Every stupid piece of legislation that infringes upon and disenfranchises the American people has arisen from the Democrat-controlled Congress" in the last 30 years, he said.

Sybert is one of only three California hopefuls getting help from Bennett and Kemp at campaign fund-raisers.

Voters in the 24th District, which stretches from Sherman Oaks to Thousand Oaks and Malibu, are split about evenly between the two major parties.

Sybert, an attorney and businessman making his first run for public office, is among the best-financed congressional challengers in the nation.

But Beilenson, a Democrat who has been in Congress for 18 years, also is getting some help from the national level, said his campaign manager Craig Miller.

Vice President Al Gore attended a Beilenson fund-raiser July 16, and Donna Shalala, U.S. Secretary of Housing and Human Services, is expected to attend a future fund-raiser, Miller said.

Kemp, an ex-congressman and former housing secretary under President Bush, is regarded as a likely GOP presidential candidate in 1996.

Bennett, former education secretary and ex-drug czar, also was viewed as a contender until his recent announcement that he will not seek the Republican nomination in 1996.

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By The Associated Press=

LOS ANGELES (AP) Gloves, knit caps and a script are among some 100 items O.J. Simpson's lawyers are trying to suppress, and sources close to the case say some final DNA evidence matches with the athlete's blood, it was reported today.

Final DNA tests point to Simpson as the source of at least two of the blood drops found near the bodies of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman, the Los Angeles Times reported today.

Tests of genetic material gathered as evidence are still being conducted by two laboratories and some of the tests are inconclusive, but a batch of final results were forwarded to defense lawyers and prosecutors this week, the Times reported.

Tests of such material could provide some of the most damaging scientific evidence against the football Hall of Famer who has pleaded innocent in the slaying of his ex-wife and her friend.

"The judge has directed us not to discuss the evidence and I'm going to honor that," lead defense attorney Robert Shapiro said.

Simpson's defense lawyers have pursued an aggressive assault on the physical evidence in the case, saying it was gathered illegally or in a sloppy fashion.

The defense's evidence suppression motion filed Wednesday, an amendment to papers submitted earlier, listed 112 items of evidence.

New items on the inventory from Simpson's bedroom included two sets of gloves, two caps, a black knit head scarf, dark shirts and the TV movie script titled "Frogmen" which featured Simpson as an ex-Navy commando.

A knit watch cap was found outside the condominium where Ms. Simpson, 35, and Goldman, 25, were found slain on June 12.

Simpson, 47, has pleaded innocent and is scheduled for trial Sept. 26.

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) Michael Huffington probably won't get to tack a senator's title before his name, and Kathleen Brown had better change her tactics if she wants to be governor, the founder of the Field Poll says.

"I don't predict elections," Mervin Field said, however. "I'm always ready for the next set of data to change my mind."

The polling expert, whose independent Field Poll is widely recognized as a sound measure of voter opinion, discussed the November elections Wednesday at a luncheon sponsored by the local chapter of Radio-Television News Directors Association.

Although Republican Gov. Pete Wilson previously trailed Brown by 20 poll points, polls show he is now slightly ahead of the Democratic contender, Field said.

"That's a very close race," he said. "Kathleen Brown is the underdog. She can't continue the way she has the past two months."

Turning to the U.S. Senate race, Field said Huffington, a Republican from Santa Barbara, made a dramatic impact by spending about \$10 million on television commercials.

His ads sharply criticize incumbent opponent Dianne Feinstein, a Democrat from San Francisco, but Huffington is being scrutinized by reporters, Field said.

"Right now, I'd be very surprised if he were to win," said Field, who expects to release his next poll in a few weeks.

However, a poll by the Los Angeles Times released today found that Feinstein's lead over Huffington is slipping, although the incumbent Democrat still holds a nine-point advantage in November's election.

SACRAMENTO (AP) The state taxes paid by California's illegal immigrants don't cover the costs of providing them with services, according to two new studies.

A Wilson administration report found that illegal aliens will receive at

least \$2.7 billion more in state services than they will pay in state taxes. State officials said that's not surprising given illegal immigrants' low incomes.

"Low-income legal residents also use more in services than they pay in taxes," said the report released Wednesday.

The state survey was released on the same day as a federal report by the Urban Institute that concluded illegal immigrants cost California taxpayers a net \$1.8 billion last year.

Administration officials said the state report by the Office of Planning and Research and the California Department of Finance lent support to Gov. Pete Wilson's call for federal reimbursement.

"This report, we hope, will lead to some legitimate action on the part of the federal government," said Russell Gould, director of the Department of Finance.

"Enough is enough," Wilson said in a statement. "No more foot-dragging, stonewalling and stalling."

FOSTER CITY, Calif. (AP) Visa is using missile detection technology to combat credit card fraud.

The technology, similar to that used in guided missile systems, identifies unusual spending patterns.

Foster City-based Visa on Wednesday began using the technology known as "neural-network" to help its computers spot suspicious transactions then quickly notify card owners.

The company hopes the technology will help it stem an estimated \$655 million in fraud reported worldwide last year alone.

Many banks, credit card and telephone companies already use computers to identify charges that exceed certain spending limits. But the "neural network" goes one step further by analyzing an individual customer's buying habits to identify any that are out of character.

If a particularly expensive purchase is flagged or the program notices a large amount of spending in a foreign country or unusual location, the system notifies the card holder electronically or the bank that issued the card can call the person directly to ask if the purchase was theirs.

Visa tested the system at 15 banks over the course of a year and found it cut fraud losses by more than \$20 million.

Visa is just the latest company to adopt the technology. Bank of America and Wells Fargo Bank have used similar networks.

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PM-CA--LA Teachers, Bjt, 400

With Most Votes Cast, Teachers Union Overwhelmingly Approves Contract
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By NIKI KAPSAMBELIS= Associated Press Writer=

LOS ANGELES (AP) Members of the Los Angeles teachers union say despite overwhelming approval of a contract offer, they don't intend to surrender in their salary wars with the school district.

Helen Bernstein, president of United Teachers-Los Angeles, said the union will wage a full-scale public relations campaign in an effort to rally public support for teachers.

"We will use whatever means is necessary," Bernstein said. "We're not saints, and we haven't chosen to join some order. ... We need to make a living wage."

Of the 22,004 ballots cast by members of United Teachers-Los Angeles, 19,513 or 88.6 percent approved the contract, while 2,491, or 11.4 percent, rejected it.

"There was not one member of UTLA, I'm sure, that was happy with this proposal," Bernstein said. "We didn't win anything. I think the district barely escaped a strike."

Union officials had recommended approval of the proposal, which includes an 8 percent pay restoration for the 1994-95 school year. Teachers took a 10 percent pay cut beginning in 1992 to help the district balance its budget.

Of the pay restored, 4 percent is permanent, and another 4 percent is guaranteed this year and will continue if money is available.

Before the 1992 salary cuts, teachers were making an average of \$45,005 a year. The average pay is now \$40,662.

Union officials had sought full restoration of the pay cut, and threatened to strike when previous offers by the school district fell short.

The 630,000-student district had earlier offered only a 7 percent salary restoration made up of a 4 percent permanent restoration and a 3 percent one-year pay hike.

Bernstein said full restoration will continue to be an issue in future contract negotiations.

David Tokofsky, a social sciences teacher at Marshall High School in Echo Park, said he voted for the contract, reluctantly.

"The offer soothes some of the financial hardship of the last three years, but continues the sense of demoralization, because it's not completely paying up," he said.

But he acknowledged that the approved contract was better than nothing.

"In the economic climate that we have in the state ... it's probably better to get the agreement now," he said.

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PM-CA--LAPD Shakeup, 320

Reports: City Works Out Deal With Demoted Assistant LAPD Chief

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LOS ANGELES (AP) Concerned over the possibility of a lawsuit, the City Council has brokered a deal that would let demoted Assistant Police Chief Bernard Parks retire with full pension, it was reported today.

The deal would keep Parks on the payroll as assistant chief until February but would prohibit him from working at police headquarters, according to reports in the Daily News and the Los Angeles Times, both of which cited anonymous sources.

In return, Parks would agree not to sue the city, Police Chief Willie Williams or Mayor Richard Riordan, the Times said.

The Daily News cited highly placed City Hall sources who said the basic deal had been agreed upon and probably would be announced today. The paper said Williams had approved the deal. Williams declined comment.

"We are heading towards an amicable resolution whereby Chief Parks will be able to move on with his life in a dignified and respectful manner and without any lingering bitterness," said Parks attorney Skip Miller.

"And it would be in a way that would not hurt him financially," Miller said.

The deal reportedly uses accumulated vacation and compensatory time to keep Parks on the books until February, when he completes 30 years with the department.

Pensions are based on rank at retirement, and Parks threatened to sue the department because his demotion would reduce his retirement pay. If demoted to Deputy Chief, Parks' pension would drop from \$7,489 a month to \$7,111 a month, said Gary Mattingly, general manager of the city Pensions Department.

Williams on Monday announced a shakeup of his top staff, demoting Parks from Assistant Chief to Deputy Chief. On Wednesday, he gave Parks 10 days notice of the plan. Miller said Parks found out about the demotion from news reports.

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The boys of Northridge, CA, dubbed the "Earthquake Boys" after most of them lost their homes during L.A.'s January earthquake, are home after losing the Little League Championship game.

BODY:

DICK SCHAAP: The baseball season's over for the little leaguers of Northridge, California. As Brian Rooney reports, it was a memorable year.

BRIAN ROONEY, ABC News: [voice-over] The Northridge All-Stars returned home this afternoon to a heroes' welcome. Heroes, they found out, don't always have to win the last big game. They nicknamed this team the Earthquake Kids. The day after the big Northridge quake, most of these boys were out of their homes. But they dusted themselves off and went back to playing baseball.

Their friends and fans gathered in a local restaurant yesterday to watch Northridge play for the world championship of Little League baseball.

BARBARA CASSEL, Player's Mother: It was beyond our dreams that they could get up this far.

BRIAN ROONEY: [voice-over] The odds against reaching the finals are big. They were bigger for Northridge than for anybody else this year. This was what their hometown looked like after the January 17th earthquake that erupted right beneath them.

DAVE ESLICK, Northridge Little League: No matter what adversity faced them - at

home, if they couldn't live in their homes; they were being rebuilt because of this earthquake - they had the heart from within. And that thing from within is what really helps a kid.

BRIAN ROONEY: [voice-over] And the ground under this ballfield never stops shaking.

IRV SELMAN, Northridge Little League: We were having a game where you got one of those 5 point-plus tremblers. And the whole field shook. And it sent a panic through the crowd and everybody had to call home and make sure the rest of

their family was okay. And that's what we've been living through.

BRIAN ROONEY: [voice-over] But winning is a tradition with the Northridge Little League. They have sent teams to the playoffs in Williamsport three times since 1967.

ANNOUNCER: We talked about the resiliency of this Northridge team.

BRIAN ROONEY: [voice-over] Yesterday, they had to put up with nature again. After two scoreless innings, the game was delayed three hours by rain. When it resumed, Northridge was in the game all the way. But they didn't get their fairy tale ending. Spencer Gordon hit a homer for Northridge, bringing them within one run.

SPENCER GORDON, Northridge Little League: I'm not disappointed. We're going home the best team in the United States. There's nothing wrong with that.

BRIAN ROONEY: [voice-over] The end came quickly. One last strike and Northridge was out. One minute these kids were holding back tears; the next, they were getting over it.

MATT CASSEL, Northridge First Baseman: We'll just do it next year or sometime later.

BRIAN ROONEY: [voice-over] They learned a long time ago there are worse things than losing a ballgame.

Brian Rooney, ABC News, Northridge, California.

DICK SCHAAP: And the news on the big league front -- none. Carole?

CAROLE SIMPSON: Thanks, Dick. And that's World News Sunday. Tomorrow, watch ABC's World News Tonight with Peter Jennings.

I'm Carole Simpson. Have a good week and good night.

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BASEBALL: THREE-HOUR RAIN DELAY DOESN'T DETER SOUTH AMERICAN
TEAM IN FINAL GAME OF LITTLE LEAGUE WORLD SERIES.

BYLINE: From Associated Press

DATELINE: WILLIAMSPORT, Pa.

BODY:

Venezuela ended the United States' two-year run as Little League champion, beating the California team whose city was ravaged by an earthquake seven months ago.

Venezuela came back after a three-hour rain delay Saturday and defeated Northridge, 4-3, to become the first Latin American team to win the title since 1958.

The game was scoreless in the third inning when rain, hail and lightning stopped play.

The storm left 18 inches of water in the outfield and when the game resumed 3 hours 5 minutes later, it was 7:20 p.m. EDT and ABC had cut away from its telecast in the East.

Northridge pitcher Justin Gentile, whose palm ball worked well before the break, and Venezuela pitcher Cesar Hidalgo each were in control when the severe weather hit. But after the game resumed, Gentile threw five wild pitches and gave up seven hits.

Gentile had a 3-2 count on Effinson Mora with two out in the top of the third when the storm came. After the delay and after a foul tip, Mora doubled to right field, where more than a foot of water had stood only two hours earlier. Mora took third when the next pitch sailed over catcher Matthew Cunningham's head and scored two pitches later on Esteban Avila's single to right.

The Venezuelans picked up another run in the fourth when Guillermo Quiroz reached on an error, moved to second on Hidalgo's single and scored two wild

pitches later.

Northridge tied the game at 2-2 in the bottom of the fourth.

Mathew Fisher walked, then Matthew Cassel and Peter Tuber singled to load the bases. Michael Frost's grounder to second forced Tuber at second, but Mora's throw to first for the double play was off the mark and let Cassel score behind Fisher.

In the Venezuela fifth, Elio Perez singled to right, moved to second on a wild pitch and scored the go-ahead run on Avila's second run-scoring single. Avila himself scored -- on a wild pitch -- after Erik Villalobos walked and Hildago singled.

Spencer Gordon hit his second home run of the Series in the bottom of the fifth, dropping the ball just over Avila's glove in center field. Gordon's three-run homer in Thursday's semifinal put Northridge in the title game.

Cassel, Tuber and Frost went in order in the sixth to end the game.

Northridge was attempting to become the third California team in a row to win a World Series title. Long Beach won the last two.

Little League's Latin American region hadn't won a World Series championship since Monterrey, Mexico, won consecutive titles in 1957 and 1958. U.S. teams hadn't won three consecutive titles since they won eight in a row after Monterrey's last title.

The game marked Venezuela's first appearance in a championship game.

Three California teams -- El Cajon, San Jose and Granada Hills -- won consecutive championships from 1961-63. Pennsylvania, with titles in the first two World Series, 1947 and 1948, is the only other state with titles in consecutive years.

Torrents of rain, then hail, inundated Lamade Stadium for 30 minutes. Fire station pumpers had water off the field in another hour.

The National Weather Service at Williamsport recorded three-quarters of an inch of rain within 25 minutes -- a rate of nearly two inches per hour -- and hail up to half an inch in diameter.

Lightning became so vivid that the public address announcer warned fans not to take shelter beneath the outfield scoreboard or stand too close to the 60-foot flagpole past the right field fence.

GRAPHIC: Photo, Northridge Manager Larry Baca (left) and coach George Saul try to keep team equipment dry during rain delay. Associated Press

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HEADLINE: NORTHRIDGE LITTLE LEAGUE NATIONAL CHAMPIONS;
MAKING A RUN AT GLORY AND FUN;
COACHES: SPIRIT OF VOLUNTEERISM -- AS EXEMPLIFIED BY FRANK POLITO --
HAS BEEN A HALLMARK OF LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL.

BYLINE: By JACK CHEEVERS, TIMES STAFF WRITER

BODY:

For 55 years Little League has endured. And for 40 of them, Frank Polito has been there. Polito, 79, is among the tens of thousands of volunteer coaches in Little League, an organization that last year attracted 2.7 million children in 79 countries, including 2.5 million in the United States.

They are insurance agents and lawyers, plumbers and business executives -- hard-working, blue-collar and middle-class parents who give up countless hours of their time for the pure, simple pleasure of teaching kids to play ball.

For Polito, it has been a passion for 40 seasons. Get to know him and you see why Little League carries on. In an era in which major league baseball strikes seem inevitable, Little League remains a summer certainty, as comfortable as a favorite glove.

Polito has been a fixture of Little League baseball in Alhambra, a gruff former truck driver who has coached hundreds of kids, a hard-nosed taskmaster who players unfailingly address as "Mister Polito."

Not Coach. Not Frank. Mister Polito.

Over the years, he coached both of his sons -- now in their 50s -- and all four of his grandsons. He won so many Alhambra National Little League championships he doesn't remember the exact number.

Former players recall Polito bellowing commands so loud they were audible two playing fields away.

But his players also talk of him patiently teaching the fundamentals not only of

baseball but of life: the perils of showboating, the rewards of teamwork, how to win with humility and lose with grace.

"If you didn't play on the Giants, you were intimidated by him," said his son Vince, 51, who himself coached Little League for 18 years. "But if you played on the Giants, you loved him."

Many Little League coaches volunteer in hopes of forging a special bond with their sons or daughters through sports. But others, like George Saul, assistant coach of this year's Northridge Little League, have no children.

"We have several people like that, who dedicate their time to the kids," said Denise Aronson, a former longtime board member and volunteer for the Northridge league. "They honestly care about kids and the game of baseball."

For many coaches, Little League represents a chance to instill in their children the virtues of hard work, loyalty and self-sacrifice, small-town American values encouraged by the league since it was founded in 1939 by a Williamsport, Pa., lumber-yard clerk, Carl E. Stotz.

But over the years coaches often have been at the center of controversies that have smudged Little League's squeaky-clean image. Among them: cheating scandals and even on-the-field violence.

Last year, the Little League international division disqualified teams from Taiwan and the Dominican Republic from the Little League World Series after coaches fielded ineligible players.

In June, 1992, the Little League season in Albuquerque, N.M., was cut short because of hostility and fighting among adults. A postgame fight that sent one person to the hospital included a group of parents, a league director, a coach and even the coach's mother.

That same year, a coach in Whiteville, N.C., used a pocketknife to slash the throat of another coach in front of 100 Little Leaguers, spattering blood on one boy's jersey.

Moreover, gung-ho coaches are perennial targets of critics who say they push kids too hard to win, fail to let less-talented kids play and set bad examples by arguing and swearing.

"We have all seen managers who exerted a wonderful influence upon their boys — an influence which was as fine an educational experience as any lad might undergo," wrote the late Dr. Arthur A. Esslinger in the official Little League rules handbook. "Unfortunately, we have also observed a few managers who were a menace to children."

Despite the excesses of some adults, Little League is more popular than ever. From 1 million players in 1982, its player rolls burgeoned to 1.8 million five years ago and 2.7 million today.

And they are led through seasons both good and bad by coaches such as Polito, whose hard-guy exterior and foghorn voice disguise a fundamental affection for kids that was never lost on them.

The grandson of Italian immigrants, Polito for many years drove a trailer truck for the Vons supermarket chain.

After work on game days, he showed on the field dressed in his gray work uniform, his arms sternly crossed over his chest, his eyes squinting from beneath the lid of a black Giants cap as his young charges played their regulation six innings.

Over the years, he has watched as changing demographics and social mores have altered Little League, pushing it inexorably out of the innocent, Leave-It-to-Beaver years of the 1940s and '50s into the more contentious, and

more democratic 1990s.

He saw the forced admission of girls into Little League baseball in 1974 (when Congress revised the Little League charter over league officials' objections).

He has seen the effects on kids of a rising divorce rate.

He has seen how the growing Asian and Latino communities in Alhambra have changed the racial makeup of local teams.

He approves of the admission of girls into Little League baseball, saying they have been among his better players.

"I had one year when I had two girls," he said. "I had one in the All-Stars . . . She handled herself pretty good."

He worries about competition for playing fields from adult softball teams. And he frets about parents who use Little League as a cheap baby-sitting service.

But when all is said and done, he keeps coming back, season after season, year after year, a gravel-voiced Mr. Chips in cleats, eager for the next inning, the next squeeze play, the next home run.

"I think he loves the kids," said his son Vince.

"I think he loves to see their development. I think he gave a lot of his heart to the kids. And they in turn felt that."

Vince Polito still plays too – in a softball league every Tuesday night. And in the stands, every week, there is Frank Polito, watching his boy play ball.

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