

Lloyd Bloom found dead

MALIBU, Calif. — Lloyd Bloom, a former sports agent who once was at the center of a major college sports scandal, was found shot to death at a Malibu residence. He was 36.

Bloom was found by a friend Thursday, said sheriff's spokeswoman Benita Hinojos. Hinojos said it was unclear if anything had been taken from the home along Pacific Coast Highway.

No weapon was found. Bloom was reportedly shot several times, and there was no sign of a break-in.

Bloom and partner Norby Walters were convicted in 1989 of racketeering and other charges relating to their attempts to sign college football players to representation agreements before their eligibility had expired. An appeals court reversed the convictions a year later.

Both Bloom and Walters then entered conditional guilty pleas to two counts of mail fraud for allegedly defrauding the players' schools. Those convictions were overturned in June.

Golf

Gallagher, Edwards lead champions

Jim Gallagher and David Edwards shot 4-under-par 66s to share the first-round lead in the World Series of Golf, a 41-man event made up of tournament winners from around the world in the last 12 months.

John Huston, Fulton Allem, David Frost and Masy Kuramoto opened with 68s on the Firestone Country Club course and Greg Norman, Nick Price, Steve Elkington and John Cook shot 69s.



Gallagher

Canada's Dawn Coe-Jones, who holed a 4-iron from 179 yards for double eagle on the 462-yard fourth hole, shot a course-record 8-under-par 64 to take a one-stroke lead in the duMaurier Classic.

Medalist Brian Gay of Daleville, Ala., made a 12-foot birdie putt on the final hole to beat Van Phillips of England in the first round of the U.S. Amateur Championships.

Four-time winner Bernhard Langer of Germany and Johan Rystrom of Sweden shot 7-under-par 65s to share the first-round lead in the German Open.

Tennis

Courier gets top U.S. Open seed

Top-seeded Jim Courier drew a far easier path in the U.S. Open than No. 2 Pete Sampras and two-time defending champion Stefan Edberg.

Courier, seeking his first U.S. Open title, opens against Marco Aurelio Gorriz of Spain, with the winner advancing to play a qualifier.

Sampras, the Wimbledon champion, faces the possibility of a tough match against No. 16 Andre Agassi in the round of 16. Edberg, No. 3, and Michael Stich, No. 6, are in the bottom half of the draw with Sampras and Agassi.

Mats Wilander, the 1988 champion, received the final wild-card berth.

Arantxa Sanchez Vicario of Spain beat Mary Joe Fernandez 6-2, 6-4 and Manuela Maleeva-Frangiari of Switzerland defeated Lori McNeil 2-6, 6-3, 6-4 to give the world team a 2-2 tie with the Americas team after the second day of the WTA Challenge.

Miscellaneous

Gretzky will return this year

Wayne Gretzky, who hinted at retirement after the Los Angeles Kings lost to Montreal in the Stanley Cup final, informed club owner Bruce McNall on Wednesday night that he's returning for a 15th season.



Gretzky

The 32-year-old Gretzky, who will earn \$3 million this season, has a personal services contract that expires after the 1998 season.

John Roethlisberger of Afton, Minn., won the all-around competition in the U.S. Gymnastics Championships to join Kurt Thomas and Rusty Mitchell as the only three-time winners. He finished with 111.3 points.

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In the Bleachers

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... BEACH VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS LIVE FROM MALIBU... (CLICK)

... SLATER CATCHES A FIVE-FOOTER AND CARVES THE FACE OF THE WAVE... (CLICK)

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Scoreboard

GOLF

US Amateur Championship

At Houston
17,900-yard, par-71
Champions Golf Club
Brian Gay (139), Daleville, Ala., def. Van Phillips (146), England, 1-up.
Michael Podolak (144), Oxbow, N.D. def. Tim Ailes (144), Delaware, Ohio, 6 and 5.

Chris Couch (143), North Lauderdale, Fla., def. Sam Hogan (145), Valdosta, Ga., 5 and 4.
Gregory Aune (145), Dallas, def. Jeff Thomas (143), South Plainfield, N.J., 6 and 4.
Kevin King (146), Hilton Head, S.C., def. Fred Lutz (142), Oklahoma City, 2 and 1.
Bobby Kalinowski (144), Boulder, Colo., def. Patrick Talient (145), Vienna, Va., 3 and 2.
Danny Ellis (142), Haines City, Fla., def. Doug Farr (146), Monroe, La., 6 and 5.

William Hoelle (145), Ames, Iowa, def. Jiri Volpenhen (143), Stuttgart, Ky., 2 and 1.
Jay Segel (141), Berwyn, Pa., def. Jason Gore (146), Valencia, Calif., 3 and 2.
Raymond Russell (144), Scotland, def. Paul Mohler (144), Indian Wells, Calif., 4 and 2.
John Bernatovicz (142), Ireland, def. Padraig Harrington (145), Ireland, 1-up.
John Curley (145), Osterville, Mass., def. Patrick Lee (143), Oxford, Miss., 1-up.

David Boesel (146), Winter Park, Fla., def. Scott Sterling (141), Orange, Texas, 5 and 4.
John Pate (145), Santa Barbara, Calif., def. Anthony Rodriguez (144), College Station, Texas, 1-up.
Tiger Woods (142), Cypress, Calif., def. Christopher Stadler (143), Oswego, N.Y., 3 and 2.
Paul Page (143), England, def. Robert Stanger (145), Durham, N.C., 4 and 2.
Justin Leonard (140), Dallas, def. Michael Woodson (146), Rochester, N.Y., 3 and 2.
Dean Godek (144), Feeding Hills, Mass., def. Matt Robbins (144), Alpharetta, Ga., 3 and 1.
Jaxon Birgman (143), Abilene, Texas, def. Michael Kelley (146), Worthington, Ohio, 5 and 4.
Tim Herron (143), Wayzata, Minn., def. William Hadden (146), North Haven, Conn., 3 and 2.
John Harris (142), Edina, Minn., def.

John Lindholm (146), Flint, Mich., 4 and 2.
Danny Green (144), Jackson, Tenn., def. Brian Lefferts (145), Kent, Ohio, 6 and 4.

PGA du Maurier Classic

At London, Ontario
6,331-yard, par-36-36-72
London Hunt and Country Club
Dawn Coe-Jones 31-33-64
Betsy King 31-34-65
Michelle McGinn 34-33-67
Vicki Ferguson 34-33-67
Dotte Mochnre 34-34-68
Dana Lofland-Dormann 34-34-68
Mary Beth Zimmerman 35-33-69
Tracy Kerdyk 35-33-69
Rose Jones 35-34-69
Kathy Guadagnino 35-34-69
Tammie Green 34-35-69
Beth Daniel 34-35-69
Kim Williams 34-36-70
Colleen Walker 37-33-70
Jan Stephenson 34-36-70
Kate Peterson-Parker 36-34-70
Meg Mallon 36-34-70
Michael Cunniff 35-33-68
Tray Tyner 35-33-68
Emily Aubrey 34-34-68
Stanley 34-34-68
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World Series of Golf

At Akron, Ohio
7,149-yard, par-35-35-70
Firestone Country Club
David Edwards 33-33-66
Jim Gallagher 34-32-66
Masy Kuramoto 33-35-68
John Huston 35-33-68
Fulton Allem 35-33-68
David Frost 35-33-68
Glen Norman 37-33-70
Nick Price 35-35-70
Steve Elkington 36-34-69
John Cook 37-32-69
Brian Watts 35-35-70
Clinton Whitelaw 36-35-71
Tommy Nakajima 34-37-71
Peter Senior 36-35-71
Craig Stadler 34-37-71
Howard Twitty 36-35-71
Grant Waite 37-35-72
John Daly 38-34-72
John Kite 35-37-72

Nike Texarkana Open

At Texarkana, Ark.
6,588-yard, par-36-36-72
Texarkana Country Club
Eric Hoos 32-33-65
Doug Martin 33-33-66
Jeff Lee 32-34-66
Monte Schenabulo 34-32-66
Bob Balston 34-32-66
Bruce Vaughan 32-34-66
Steve Hart 32-34-66
Wes McNulty 32-34-66
Tommy Armour 32-35-67
Anoush Baker 34-33-67
Tracy Kerdyk 36-31-67
Angel Franco 33-34-67
Olin Brower 35-32-67
Hugh Royer III 33-33-66
Guy Boros 33-34-67
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BASEBALL

AL standings

East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	74	55	.571	—
Toronto	74	55	.571	—
Baltimore	68	60	.533	5 1/2
Detroit	68	61	.527	6
Boston	66	60	.524	6 1/2
Cleveland	60	68	.469	13 1/2
Milwaukee	54	74	.422	19 1/2

West Division

W	L	Pct.	GB	
Chicago	69	56	.552	—
Kansas City	67	61	.523	3 1/2
Texas	66	61	.520	4
Seattle	62	64	.492	7 1/2
California	57	69	.452	12 1/2
Minnesota	54	71	.432	15
Oakland	51	75	.405	18 1/2

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W	L	Pct.	GB	
Minnesota	73	55	.569	—
Toronto	72	56	.564	—
Los Angeles	68	58	.541	—
San Diego	67	58	.537	—
Colorado	63	60	.517	—
San Francisco	53	74	.417	—
New York	44	83	.346	—

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W	L	Pct.	GB	
Philadelphia	60	47	.630	—
St. Louis	69	58	.543	11
Montreal	60	60	.500	12 1/2
Chicago	62	65	.488	18
Pittsburgh	60	67	.472	20
Florida	53	74	.417	27
New York	44	83	.346	36

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