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inter, gets tangled up with teammate Charles Smith and the Houston of the NBA Finals yesterday in Houston. The Rockets beat the Knicks, 3-1. See Sports, D1.

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gress) until we get this thing done." Of the five committees debating health bills, the Finance Committee is pivotal because the compromises its 11 Democrats and 11 Republicans usually reflect the Senate's sentiment, and, on many uncommitted members have said follow its lead. The White House reacted to Clinton's comments on "Meet the Press" in the way it reacted to similar messages from five other Finance Committee members who met individually with President Clinton last week. "He is still not convinced (Moynihan's alternative) meets the test" of universal coverage, George Stephanopoulos, a top Clinton aide, said of the president. He said Clinton plans to continue to meet privately with members of Congress in the coming weeks. Moynihan also acknowledged that "we don't have the money" to provide prescription drugs and long-term care benefits, two provisions the White House included in its plan, in part, to win support from the politically vocal senior citizens lobby.

Simpson

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on years of sexual and psychological abuse. The Menendez brothers' first trials ended with hung juries.

Simpson met with his attorney, Robert Shapiro, in his cell at the Central Jail, but Shapiro declined to talk about his client's defense until after an arraignment scheduled for this morning. Simpson was charged Friday in the June 12 stabbing deaths of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Lyle Goldman.

After the Father's Day visit, Shapiro told reporters that Simpson "wished me a happy Father's Day, and told me to spend the morning with my children. And then he started to cry, and said, 'I wish I could spend Father's Day with my children.'"

When told of Shapiro's comments, Garcetti became agitated and said "there is no doubt that the heartstrings are being pulled.

"It annoys me that we are beginning to lose focus that the true victims in this case are Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman, their parents and the children of Nicole Simpson. Those are the people we should truly be feeling sorry for."

Some fear Makapuu deal opens a 'Pandora's box'

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Time will tell if the agreement that ended the occupation of Makapuu and Kaupo beach parks is a one-shot deal or whether it sets an inviting precedent for Hawaiians occupying public lands.

The state offered 69 acres of agricultural land in Waimanalo to the Hawaiians who occupied Kaupo and Makapuu park beaches for the past 15 months. The ceded lands once belonged to the Hawaiian crown.

"In hindsight, dealing with this potentially volatile situation in the manner that we did was worth the time and money

and effort," state Land Board Chairman Keith Ahue said.

But Waimanalo Hawaiian Homes Association President Tony Sang said, "It may have opened up a Pandora's box."

While the state ended the beach occupation "reasonably well, I don't know if they created another monster," said Sang, who led the only organized public opposition to the occupation, a modest rally on June 4.

"Another person might come up with a cause, 30 people, independent Hawaiians occupying public land."

State officials said the offer

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of the Waimanalo lands was not just an answer to a Hawaiian plea, but a response to homelessness.

While many of the leaders of the beach dwellers have homes, at least some families in the camps were homeless and have moved to Waimanalo.



Ahue

"We don't want to evict people who are homeless, to arrest them because they have nowhere to go," said Attorney General Robert Marks. "I think that would be inhumane and completely inappropriate... I think the appropriate response is to give them a place."

Ahue said the state would be more inclined to consider granting land to groups that "legitimately want to deal with broader social questions" — such as homelessness — than those that occupy land simply to secure another site.



Sang

As part of the Makapuu deal, the state will lease 35 acres of land at the foot of the Koolaus to the Ohana Council, which represents the largest bloc of beach people, to develop homes and a Hawaiian cultural village.

The original offer was a 55-year lease with rent based on appraised value, but final terms are still being ironed out.

In addition, the former beach dwellers will get to cultivate taro on about 34 ad-



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The entrance to the Makapuu encampment earlier this year.

jacent acres on a month-to-month permit, said state land administrator Mason Young.

All 69 acres are ceded lands, which many Hawaiians claim a special right to use.

When Hawaii was annexed in 1898, some 2 million acres of ceded lands were turned over to the federal government without compensation to native Hawaiians. Much of the land was returned to the state in 1959, and now a portion of the revenues from the land goes to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, to be used for native Hawaiians.

The Waimanalo land was first offered to the Ohana Council last fall, but bureaucratic delays frustrated the beach dwellers. Threatened with eviction, they worked out the final deal.

Ohana Council leader Dennis Puuhonua "Bumpy" Kanahele was asked whether the deal he struck sets a precedent for other Hawaiians to occupy public lands in hopes of getting land from the state.

"I don't see why not," he said.

The land "belongs to us," said Kanahele, head of state

of the "Independent Nation State of Hawaii" proclaimed by the Ohana Council in January.



Kanahele

the land belongs to them and that the state government is illegal because it stems from the 1893 overthrow of Queen Liliuokalani.

Kanahele said he hopes to convince state officials to make land on Neighbor Islands and perhaps elsewhere on Oahu available for homeless Hawaiians.

Francine Gora, a spokeswoman for the Hawaiian sovereignty organization Ka Lahui Hawai'i, said, "We like to see Hawaiians occupying land. But not at the expense of others, especially Hawaiians," although she couldn't say if others had applied to use the land the Ohana Council is getting.

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