

Attorney David Boies, left, testifies before the Florida Supreme Court on Monday on behalf of his client, Democrat Al Gore. Chief Justice Charles T. Wells, right, speaks during the midafternoon hearing on whether hand recounted votes should be admitted into the state's presidential tally.

# What it really costs to live in The City

Report: \$52,040  
for adult with 2 kids

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To make ends meet, a single parent in San Francisco with a preschooler and one child in school must earn more than \$52,040 a year, according to a report released Monday.

Housing and child care costs

have pushed that figure up an astounding 41 percent, from \$36,780, in five years, the new "Self-Sufficiency Standard for California" report says.

It is 3½ times the federal poverty standard of \$14,150 for a family of three.

And that annual income requires an hourly wage of \$24.64 — far more than the state minimum wage of \$5.75 an hour (rising to \$6.75 by 2002) or San Francisco's new living wage of \$9 an hour.

The report was issued by Cali-

fornians for Family Economic Self-Sufficiency, an anti-poverty coalition led by San Francisco's Equal Rights Advocates and the National Economic Development Law Center. The first such study of California came out in 1996.

"What the standard tells us is that lower-wage jobs — even though well above the minimum wage or the official poverty level — simply do not provide enough for meeting a family's needs, even at a minimally adequate level," said Diana Pearce, a University of Wash-

ington professor and the report's lead author.

The report studies the actual cost of living in each city or county studied — compared with the federal poverty guideline, which is based on food costs, assumes a standard ratio between food and other costs, and is the same everywhere in the country.

The "self-sufficiency standard" charts the actual regional and local costs of housing, food, transporta-

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**Leilani Luia** found it necessary recently to vacate her Oakland apartment and move back in with her parents in San Leandro with her children, Mauray King, 5, left, and Michaela Parker, 11.

lines for programs such as food stamps and Medicaid, the report's authors said.

And, as with past reports, the standards likely will be used to push for living wages in more cities.

While none of the living wage laws adopted by San Francisco, Oakland, Los Angeles and a handful of other California cities comes close to providing what's needed, Ng said, they help close the gap.

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## Peru's embattled Fujimori resigns

mori wrote in the two-page letter, a copy of which was made public by the Government Palace.

"I am the first to recognize that there is a new political scenario in the country," said Fujimori in the letter.

It was not clear when — or if — Fujimori would return to Peru.

Marquez said Sunday that he was ready to assume the presidency and lead Peru to special elections on April 8.

But the issue of succession was clouded by controversy.

Under the constitution, the first vice president takes over when the president resigns. But First Vice President Francisco Tudela resigned after Montesinos returned to Peru on Oct. 23 following a failed asylum bid in Panama.

Congress, however, had yet to