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## NEWS OF THE WEIRD

by Chuck Shepard

Americans continue to be divided over the wisdom of "zero tolerance" laws that require heavy punishment even for slight, technical violations, especially as applied to public school students. In December, for example, the Bossier Parish, La., school board voted to uphold the year-long expulsion of a 10th-grade girl for "drug" possession, specifically an Advil tablet. And in January, a Rio Rancho, N.M., middle school student was drug-suspended for five days for possession of a Gas-X tablet. (National media attention eventually caused both school districts to lessen the penalties.)



## QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there."

— Will Rogers

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## Man will stand trial 20 years after killing

*Defendant claims he acted in self-defense*

BY JOHN WOOD

Daily Press Staff Writer

**LAX COURTHOUSE** — A 20-year-old homicide case is now set for trial, after a judge on Thursday ruled there's enough evidence to prosecute a former Santa Monica bar owner for murder.

Prosecutors laid out their case against Antonio Pedraza in a preliminary trial Thursday, detailing how Javier Garcia, 26, was brutally gunned down on June 21, 1984, in front of Jalisco Cafe, a now-defunct bar on the eastside of Santa Monica. Pedraza, 57, maintains he acted in self-defense.

The fatal shooting occurred late at night, after an intoxicated Garcia was kicked out of the bar for reportedly breaking a beer bottle over the bar's pool table, witnesses and police said. On the street in front of the cafe, Pedraza, who owned the bar, demanded Garcia leave the premises. But Garcia responded by shooting at Pedraza, who avoided the bullets and then

**"He stopped shooting while he was walking (towards Javier), only to shoot him again when he was dead."**

— RAMON GARCIA  
Victim's brother

fired back, witnesses said.

Garcia was shot 14 times. The final three bullets were fired into the back Garcia's head at point-blank range, after he fell face-down on the sidewalk, according to court papers.

Pedraza was never questioned by police at the time of the shooting. He fled the scene and was on the lam for 19 years before being arrested in Los Angeles last July on drug charges. Shortly after the shooting, police found his car abandoned in Santa Monica. They believe he went to Mexico.

Ramon Garcia, the victim's brother, testified that he and his brother visited several bars before

## Fire in the hole



Del Pastrana/Daily Press

A Santa Monica firefighter responds to a small blaze on the Third Street Promenade Thursday. A vent tube between Santa Monica Boulevard and Broadway was ignited by an unknown source. Firefighters extinguished the flare-up within minutes.

going to Jalisco. Once there, he said he was dancing with some girls when someone in the bar approached him and said his brother

er had been kicked out. When he went out front, Ramon Garcia said he saw his brother get a handgun

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File photo

Motorists sit all revved up with nowhere to go during rush hour on the typically congested PCH.

## Why do we live here, again?

BY JAMIE WETHERBE

Special to the Daily Press

The quality of life in Southern California seems to be slipping every day.

It costs more than ever to live in the region, there are fewer jobs and educational opportunities, traffic is unbearable, smog is creating health issues for many and crime remains a major concern, according to a report released Thursday.

The annual "report card," conducted by the Southern California Association of Governments, rates performance in categories like transportation, employment, income, housing, air quality, safety and education.

In 2003, Southern California once again didn't make the grade, ranking as the nation's most congested metropolitan area — moving last year from a D to a D-. Traffic caused the average Southern Californian about 50 hours of delay — the highest among the nation's largest metropolitan areas, according to the association.

Air quality in Southern California had

**"Lower-income residents tend to have fewer education opportunities that will allow them to obtain better paying jobs."**

— PAM O'CONNER

City Councilwoman and member of Southern California Association of Governments

been steadily improving in recent years, but that changed in 2003, when more traffic and more people began taking a toll on the region. Air quality went from a B- to a C, the most dramatic one-year drop of any grade in the report, said association spokesman Jeff Lustgarten.

And the dearth of affordable, available homes kept Southern California's housing

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The stars show the kind of day you'll have:

★★★★★-Dynamic ★★★★★-Positive ★★★-Average  
★★-So-so ★-Difficult

### ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★★ Others push and pull to have what they want. You might feel like a rubber band about to snap. Slow down, and reorganize your to-do list accordingly. Schedule special time with a friend or loved one. Tonight: Play away.

### TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ You could toss your hands in the air with all the pressure you are feeling. One person in particular could go out of his or her way for you. Express your caring in a meaningful way. He or she can make all the difference. Tonight: At home.

### GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ Make phone calls. You need to get the facts for yourself and not work on hearsay. Others have a different slant that might be worth listening to. A loved one from a distance does something very special in the next few days. Tonight: Visit with friends.

### CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★★ You must deal with money, whether you want to or not. Pressure builds within an immediate relationship where the person might be dependent on you. Indulge this person now and for the next few weeks. Tonight: Fun doesn't need to cost.

### LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ Pressure builds to a new level, whether through popularity or others' demands. You can handle everything if you go with your ingenuity. Someone really appreciates what you are doing more than you realize. Tonight: Say "yes" to an invite.

### VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ Listen but don't feel the need to respond. It might be best to go with the flow right now, be it professionally or personally. Right now, others might be stressing out. Don't join in; pull back. A nurturing gesture makes all the difference to a special associate. Tonight: Get some extra sleep.

### LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ Friends and associates seem to need you more than ever. This unusual demand might be OK if someone in your personal life isn't needy as well. You might need to bend some and re-organize your schedule. Tonight: You are the party.

### SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ You might have your hands full and not be able to deal with others' needs. You also might not have a choice. Take care of your personal and family life. Do something special for a close loved one. Caring abounds. Tonight: A must appearance.

### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ You might need to adjust to those around you, whether you want to or not. News and information from a distance could force your hand. Be especially loving with someone close in your day-to-day life. Tonight: Take off ASAP.

### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★★ You easily could be dismayed by a partner you care about or someone you deal with financially. Don't get on your high horse, because that won't help. Be understanding, but take as much control as you can. Tonight: Be with your favorite person.

### AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ You might be challenged by those around you. Even friends could be unpredictable. Let go and relax, and demonstrate your caring side. You of all signs understand being spontaneous, as that is your specialty. Tonight: Flow.

### PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Once more, everyone dumps his or her work on you. But who lets this happen? You actually might enjoy yourself when you pitch in. Be honest with yourself. The overtime might make a big difference. A boss's attitude changes. Tonight: Clear your desk.

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# LOCAL



## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### Police on lookout for potential abductor

By Daily Press staff

Police are looking for a man who attempted to pick up a young student while walking home from school on Wednesday.

At about 3:15 p.m., Santa Monica Police received information regarding a child annoying call in the 2400 block of 16th Street. A preliminary investigation has revealed that the student was walking from a local school when a vehicle approached and the driver attempted to offer the student a ride. The student refused and the suspect drove southbound on 16th Street and then westbound on Ocean Park Boulevard.

The suspect is described as a white or Hispanic, 28 to 32 years old, having black hair, brown eyes, clean-shaven and wearing a tan long sleeve shirt. The suspect's vehicle is described as a small, black, older model, four-door.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the youth services division of the Santa Monica Police Department at (310) 458-8451 or the watch commander at (310) 458-8426.

### Chez Jay and an artful display

By Daily Press staff

Would you like some art with your steak?

Westside Eclectic Artisans Alliance will hold its first showcase on Feb. 8, from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Chez Jay, 1657 Ocean Ave.

The Alliance's goal is to expose a diverse variety of artistic talent in the community. The show features five female artists. Items for show and sale will range from Celtic/Tribal wood burning art, vibrant paintings and outsider art drawings to custom jewelry and children's art collectibles.

"WEAA is open to all artists, craft persons, musicians, actors and performers who are committed to enhancing the community through art," said WEAA founder and event coordinator Stacy Lee Seaver. With continued growth, we plan to offer classes in a wide assortment of arts and crafts to promote talent and self-expression to the community at large."

The showcase will be held in the "Red Room," the south side entrance of Chez Jay.

### A hunka, hunka burnin' love

By Daily Press staff

Just in time for Valentine's Day, 25 gorgeous, smart and successful men — including Evan Marriott from the TV show "Joe Millionaire" — will be auctioned off for charity.

Lula's Cocina Mexicana at 2720 Main St. will host the event Feb. 8 at 2 p.m. There is no cover charge, and the bids for bachelors start at \$50. The highest bidder will get taken out for a night on the town by her chosen bachelor. Funds will go to the Breast Cancer Research Foundation.

Andrea Mitchell, co-chair of the event, decided to organize this fundraiser after her mother was diagnosed with breast cancer last year.

### Theater presents a lot of 'Black Stuff'

By Daily Press staff

It's nothing but black stuff at the Highways Performance Space this month.

The theater, 1651 18th St., is celebrating Black History Month in February by presenting "Black Stuff," a trip through the minds of African-American performance artists LeVan D. Hawkins and Alexander Thomas as they examine the impact race has had on their lives.

Black Stuff runs Feb. 19 through Feb. 22, Thursday through Saturday, 8:30 p.m.; Sunday, 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$15.

Some of the subjects and characters examined include reparations and coupons; the dilemma of the "white black man" who has to learn to "walk black" out of fear of being called a traitor; an elderly black man who sees black serial killers as racial



Today will start off on the slow side but another steeply angled NW swell will be arriving with inconsistent sets throughout the day and is looking strongest on Saturday. Due to the steep angle, this isn't expected to be a very great swell.

Conditions are looking better for both days as winds go light and possibly even offshore for a few areas on Friday ... then stay on the light side.

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progress; the mother who demands her sons choose women from the color rainbow of "high yella to coal black," a black friend and white friend with extremely different views helping another black friend examine why he didn't get the job he was promised; the black male prototype who is the "true" representative of the black race; current events including Strom Thurmond, Michael Jackson, Kobe Bryant and Whitney Houston; and the black bodyguard at St. Peter's gate who sentences "white black men" to "limbo" to party with Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas, activist Ward Connerly and radio/television personality Larry Elder.

"Expect the unexpected," said writer/performance artist Hawkins whose work has appeared in the LA Times, LA Weekly and LA Frontiers. "During our development process, we've surprised each other and have even surprised ourselves. How could we not? As children we identified with different economic classes. I grew up in an all-black environment until I was 17 and in California, have lived in predominately white West Hollywood and Larchmont Village and Alex grew up in a predominately white environment in Albany, New York and now lives in south central LA he's straight; I'm a same-gender loving black man." (White translation: Gay.)

Both Hawkins and Thomas' last shows at Highways have gone on to be performed outside Los Angeles.



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## OPINION

## LETTERS

## Big Brother Bush and his budget scam

## Editor:

We need to look carefully at the graphs and charts that explain the 2005 federal budget just proposed by President Bush. They make it appear that far more is spent on "human resources" (65 percent) than on "defense" (19 percent).

This budget scam began when President Lyndon Johnson wanted to make the costs of the Vietnam War appear smaller in relation to total spending; combining Social Security-Medicare funds with regular outlays. By law, they are separate trust funds, however, as we see from our wage or salary check deductions.

When we exclude SS-Medicare spending from the 2005 budget (\$800 billion), and add up war and war-related items — \$429 billion for the Pentagon that does not include the Afghan and Iraq wars (perhaps \$100 billion), veterans affairs (\$220 billion), interest on the debt related to past wars (estimated to be 75 percent or \$133 billion), part of homeland security's \$62 billion (perhaps 50 percent or \$31 billion), hidden military funds in NASA/energy areas and Black Box CIA/NSA funds (at least \$50 billion) — the total and percentage are much higher than found in the figures coming from Washington.

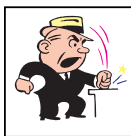
Minus Social Security and Medicare trust funds, actual spending for war and war-related areas is at least 60 percent of the total federal budget (or \$963 billion). The Bush budget for 2005 thus continues the massive national security state apparatus that emerged in 1947, when the "War Department" was renamed the "Defense Department" — a brilliant Orwellian use of language.

Those who understandably want to remove Bush and Cheney from office must face the fact that no Democratic president since 1947 has challenged the national security state. This sordid history will continue under Dean, Clark, Edwards or Kerry.

John Marciano  
Santa Monica



# Santa Monica's leaders say the darndest things



## MY WRITE

By Bill Bauer

Is it the full moon that makes our community leaders say outlandish things?

At a "Bring LA Home" community forum on homelessness organized by the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority and the LA Coalition to End Hunger and Homelessness last week, Ocean Park Community Center Executive Director John Maceri said "elected officials must have the political will to resist giving into opposition from residents and businesses near proposed projects."

This is the man who runs an organization that is funded annually with hundreds of thousands of dollars of taxpayer money to provide services to our homeless population. And OPCC received \$7.4 million in one-time city housing funds to buy and renovate a building at 1751 Cloverfield Blvd. for a homeless shelter — despite extensive opposition by neighboring residents and businesses.

Apparently, it looks as if our City Council is taking Maceri's advice. As a Northridge resident, Maceri has a lot of

chutzpah telling our politicians to ignore the will voters who elect them to office — especially when the bulk of salary is paid for by taxpayers. Of course, we'll see how well the generous funding of homeless services at the expense of resident's needs — such as schools — will play this fall when three council seats are up for reelection.

By the way, "Bring LA Home" co-sponsor, LACEH&H, is the co-plaintiff in a lawsuit filed in April 2002, against the city and three of our police officers. I always find it interesting when the city of Santa Monica feels so compelled to promote its social agenda that it willingly partners with entities who are suing it.

Most regular readers of the Daily Press are aware of problems between Councilman Michael Feinstein and the Green Party. The Greens allege that Feinstein misappropriated a \$10,000 donation.

After a criminal complaint against Feinstein went nowhere because of insufficient evidence of any criminal wrongdoing, the Green Party decided to sue him in Santa Monica Small Claims Court to recover some of the money. After three attempts to serve him failed, he was personally served in Council Chambers on Jan. 27 by local resident Chuck Allord. The case is scheduled to be heard Feb. 25.

The serving of the subpoena was post-

ed as a news item on the ocean-parkgazette.org Web site. Feinstein then told the OPG he'd not been served, which contradicted the news coverage, process server and numerous witnesses.

It's unfortunate that Feinstein is denying the obvious. His spin on this does nothing to improve what many now look at as an increasingly flaky image.

Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Superintendent John Deasy is another community leader who has come up with some inexplicable comments of late. A Daily Press reader e-mailed me a sound bite by Deasy from a recent Public Broadcasting System television documentary, "First to Worst," about California's school funding crisis.

"At one school, I was stuck behind a series of limousines as parents were arriving at the open house," Deasy said. "And when I finished welcoming those parents back, I scooted as fast as I could across town to another school. And there I saw parents walking to school and one of their children did not have shoes on their feet."

Surely, Deasy exaggerates. But isn't he promoting a controversial "Robin Hood" plan that mandates a 15 percent "tax" on all school donations go into a pot to be shared by "shoeless children" at poorer schools? This is just one more reason why

it looks to me as if he was hired because of his political agenda, not his public relations skills.

Speaking of schools, new Pico Neighborhood Association director, local elementary teacher and teachers union vice-president, Marc Sanschagrin, was quoted in Monday's Daily Press as saying the previous PNA leadership was "out of touch with its constituents" and "were swept out because of their vocal and outspoken attempts to defeat various school bond measures."

Could Sanschagrin be rewriting history? Wasn't the former PNA leadership voted out in a well organized coup-d'etat by 80-plus individuals with their own "social justice" agenda who joined the PNA literally within hours of the annual meeting and election of officers?

When asked about neighborhood concerns, Sanschagrin answered, "Oh the same litany — traffic flow, green space ... and graffiti." Strange. Weren't those the issues the former "out of touch" leadership was working on when they were deposed? What happened to education?

Keep reading. More quotable quotes are sure to come.

(Bill Bauer is a longtime Santa Monica resident and a freelance writer).

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# LOCAL



## Former bar owner's trial scheduled to begin Feb. 19

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from their car and point it at Pedraza. Pedraza then demanded Javier Garcia leave, he said.

"That's when (Pedraza) said to him, 'Huero, leave. I don't want to kill you,'" Ramon Garcia testified through a translator. "Huero" is a Spanish slang word meaning "light-skinned" or "white boy," Javier Garcia was Hispanic.

Ramon Garcia said that's when his brother started shooting at Pedraza, who avoided the bullets by hiding around the corner, out of view. He then emerged and returned fire with an automatic handgun. Pedraza didn't stop shooting, even after Javier Garcia fell, face-first into the sidewalk, Ramon Garcia testified.

"He stopped shooting while he was walking (towards Javier), only to shoot him again when he was dead," Ramon Garcia said.

Prosecutors admit Pedraza acted in self-defense at first, but claim there is a possibility Javier Garcia could have survived the first 11 shots. Pedraza eliminated that possibility when he deliberately fired into Javier Garcia's head, prosecutors argued. But defense attorney Scott Furstman said he plans to show that at least seven of the first 11 shots could potentially have killed Javier Garcia.

However, the issue may become moot. Lawyers for both sides said they were

hoping to resolve the case before it goes to trial. If convicted of murder, as charged, Pedraza could face anywhere from 16 years to life in state prison. Lawyers said there is currently no formal plea offer on the table, but added they have discussed reducing the charges.

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The dark-haired, grey-mustached Pedraza was dressed for the trial in a jail-issued blue jumpsuit and pink rubber slippers. He sat quietly during the proceedings, flanked by Furstman and a Spanish-English translator. Furstman later identified three people watching from the courtroom as Pedraza's wife, young daughter and brother.

## Misery loves company: SoCal population to swell by 6 million

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grade holding steady with a D+ for 2003.

Southern California scored mixed grades on other areas of the report: Employment (B), income (C-), education (D) and safety (B).

"Lower-income residents tend to have fewer education opportunities that will allow them to obtain better paying jobs," said Santa Monica Councilwoman and SCAG Benchmarks Task Force member Pam O'Connor.

"Without higher wages, they cannot afford a home," she added. "To find a home they can afford they have to move farther and farther away from their job, which means they're spending more time on the roads and adding to our congestion and air quality problems."

To get Southern California back on track, people first need "a menu of options to get out of their cars," Lustgarten said. But Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's plans to cut state transportation funding by \$4 billion could make matters worse for Southern California.

If the state fails this summer to meet federal air quality standards, California could lose \$8 billion in government funds,

which means cuts to car-pool lanes, highway improvements and public transit, Lustgarten said.

The association predicts that Southern California's population during the next 20 years will increase by 6 million.

"That's like adding two Chicagos to Southern California," Lustgarten said.

The association will lobby for the completion of the car pool lane system, better promotion of public transit and lanes designated for trucks along key freeways.

And a high-speed, electric rail system — reminiscent to Disney's monorail — could be built on freeway medians to ease traffic and use of public land, Lustgarten said.

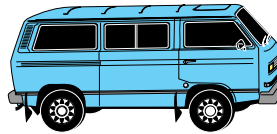
Southern Californians "need to start thinking as one cohesive unit," Lustgarten said. "What happens in Santa Monica could effect someone 100 miles away."

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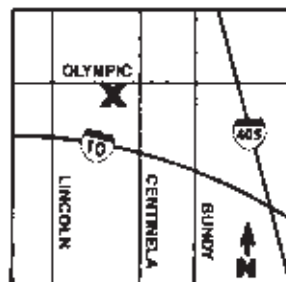


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## What's Playing

BY DAN DUNN

Special to the Daily Press

### THE BIG BOUNCE

Owen Wilson does what he can to drag this crap-py comedy along, but he's held back by an inert narrative and a stagnant supporting cast.

### THE PERFECT SCORE

A morality play that doesn't play very well at all, due to bad pacing, lame dialogue and a half-baked plot held loosely together by a series of preposterously opportune circumstances.

### WIN A DATE WITH TAD HAMILTON!

Forty years ago, this film would have been a hit. Today, it misses.

### THE BUTTERFLY EFFECT

A no-thrills thriller that gets sillier as it lists toward a wholly preposterous finale.

### ALONG CAME POLLY

Ultimately sags due to an absence of chemistry between the leads and a surprising shortage of crisp comedy.

### TORQUE

An eye-popping, all-out assault on the senses that makes very little sense. A big-budget shill for designer motorcycles, Budweiser and Mountain Dew, set to a kinetic soundtrack.

### CHASING LIBERTY

Despite an arrant disregard for verisimilitude, this is an undeniably pleasant fairy tale about an 18-year-old girl coming of age under highly unusual circumstances.

### MONSTER

Serves as a grim reminder of humanity's very real and limitless capacity for evil. Charlize Theron delivers a career-defining performance.

### BIG FISH

If you're willing to lose yourself for a few hours in a surrealist fish story, well, it's hard to imagine anything better than what Burton has conceived here.

### HOUSE OF SAND AND FOG

Manages to be compelling despite a host of implausibilities thanks to the lead actors, both of whom bring such conviction to their roles that what transpires almost seems feasible.

### CHEAPER BY THE DOZEN

An insipid flick about a dopey dad who can't control a pack of wild kids that seems to have been put together solely for the purpose of separating parents from their hard-earned dough.

### CALENDAR GIRLS

Boasts an appealing British sensibility and echoes the uplifting themes that made "Billy Elliott" a surprise hit stateside a few years back.

### THE COOLER

Wayne Kramer's lowdown on the desperate lives of lost souls in Las Vegas is easily one of the best bets this year.

### THE BARBARIAN INVASIONS

An emotionally charged, and often hilarious tale about a dying man who reconnects with old friends and his estranged son.

### THE RETURN OF THE KING

This film, the best of the year, seals the deal: Director Peter Jackson has delivered the most spectacular film trilogy of all-time.

### SOMETHING'S GOTTA GIVE

If you enjoy lots of jokes about May-December romances and erectile dysfunction, this is the film for you.

### IN AMERICA

An inescapably moving elegy about pain and loss and hope and renewal that unabashedly wears its broken heart on its tattered sleeve.

### THE LAST SAMURAI

An entertaining film, but highly derivative of superior antecedents such as "Dances With Wolves" and "Unforgiven."

### THE MISSING

Ron Howard had the key elements of an extraordinary film at his disposal — great premise, cast — yet, frustratingly, it never quite realizes its potential.

### MASTER AND COMMANDER: THE FAR SIDE OF THE WORLD

Russell Crowe makes a strong case for a fourth consecutive Oscar nomination in a thinking person's action-adventure movie.

# Entertainment

## 'Miracle' has much more than frenzied flag-waving

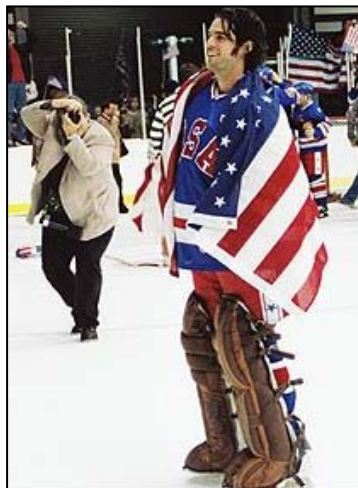
### Review

BY DAN DUNN

Special to the Daily Press

Patriotic pride abounds in director Gavin O'Connor's drama about the U.S. national hockey team's astonishing victory over a seemingly invincible Soviet squad at the 1980 Olympic Games in Lake Placid, but there's more to "Miracle" than guts, glory and frenzied flag-waving. Sure, O'Connor and his production team play up the can't-miss elements of this true story about America's triumphant underdogs, but the thrilling on-ice trailer moments support, rather than overshadow, this intimate profile of the unlikely heroes and their arduous journey toward what many consider to be the most hallowed achievement in modern sports history. The so-called "Miracle On Ice" is an historic event that belongs to all of us, but this film is a nod to the ordinary guys who made it happen.

America was in a bad way in 1979-80, and not just because people like U.S. coach Herb Brooks were venturing out in public wearing hideous plaid slacks and blazers. The gold medal glory that inspired the film is set up marvelously by O'Connor's portrait of a nation mired in an energy crisis, threatened by the Cold War and frightened over the Iranian



Eddie Cahill as U.S. Olympic hockey team goalie Jim Craig in "Miracle."

hostage situation. The sense that the country desperately needed something to rally behind is palpable throughout "Miracle," and serves to increasingly amp-up our anticipation to goosebump-bursting levels. And even though the outcome is a foregone conclusion, the film manages to bring us to the edges of our

seats, fingers crossed, imploring goalie Jim Craig to make another big save, and praying Mike Eruzione notches that eventual game-winner.

Kurt Russell's spot-on portrayal of hard-nosed hockey lifer Brooks is the stuff career revivals are made of. While other recent screen depictions of notoriously dictatorial coaches have been cartoonish at best — Brian Dennehey as Bobby Knight and Tom Berenger's Paul "Bear" Bryant come to mind — Russell manages to unearth a genuine humanity beneath Brooks's obsessive drive. Give an assist to Patricia Clarkson, wonderful as always, as the workaholic coach's better half Patti. The young cast of hockey players-cum-thespians comprising the 20-player U.S. team are thoroughly convincing both on and off the ice. The breakout stars here are film froshes Michael Mantenuto as Jack O'Callahan and Eddie Cahill ("Glory Days," "Felicity") as goalie Jim Craig.

Twenty-four years after broadcaster Al Michaels famously posed the question, this film elicits another emphatic answer from a nation that finds itself in crisis once again: Yes, we still believe in miracles ... and it feels good.

(Rated PG for language and some rough sports action.)

## Does Kurt Russell believe in career revivals? Yes!

BY DAN DUNN

Special to the Daily Press

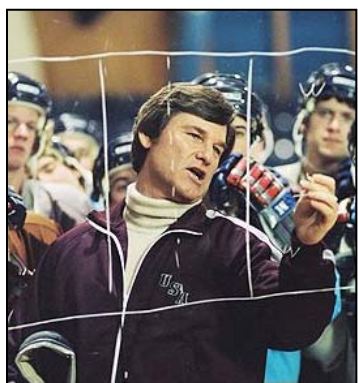
It is, perhaps, the most famous line in sports broadcasting history: "Do you believe in miracles?" The goosebumps still come, nearly a quarter century after Al Michaels posed the question to millions of viewers in the waning seconds of the U.S. hockey team's incredible upset of the Soviets at the 1980 Olympic Games in Lake Placid. In "Miracle," Kurt Russell stars as Herb Brooks, the legendary coach who took a ragtag group of college kids and transformed them into national heroes. Russell sat down recently with a group of reporters to discuss the film.

**Question:** Herb Brooks told his players at the outset of training for the Olympics, "I'll be your coach, but I won't be your friend." Did you employ a similar technique in dealing with the young cast of "Miracle," many of whom were hockey players with no acting experience?

**Kurt Russell:** I maintained a good distance throughout from the rest of the cast. I got to thinking that a lot of these guys have never acted before, and if I got close to them and we had fun, they were liable to have a difficult time separating that relationship they have with me from the relationship the players had with Herb.

**Q:** It must have been a lonely shoot for you.

**KR:** It was. They'd ask me to go skating with them, and I found myself making excuses not to. And finally I realized, I didn't want to be out there on the ice with them. I knew the best thing to do was to just stay away from them. It wasn't going



Kurt Russell as Herb Brooks.

to be that much fun, that's for sure, but I knew it would be bad if they started having a difficult time relating to me (as Herb).

**Q:** So, in essence, you stayed in character when the cameras weren't rolling?

**KR:** There's an old saying which is really true, that you can't act a king, you have to be treated as a king. Well, these guys were going to have to treat me like Herb. I couldn't act Herb — I was just going to be Herb, and they were going to treat me like him. For the film to work, I had to have that respect.

**Q:** Besides isolating yourself from the players, what sort of things did you do on set to establish the hierarchy?

**KR:** Early on, we did some improv to get things rolling and kind of see where things were going. On some of the imprints, they started to feel their oats,

and it would go south and I felt I was losing control of the scene. So it was good to do those imprints, because when it started to go south, I'd slam it shut. I'd get personal and scary, and they didn't know whether it was real, and they were getting fired off the movie. What it did was establish who was who in the room, and made it real simple for them to stay focused.

**Q:** Many of the guys in the film weren't even born when the Miracle On Ice occurred. How did you help familiarize them with the spirit of the times?

**KR:** As an actor, you take on the habits of the times you're living in. One of the habits of our time now is that we can communicate with anyone anytime we want, so we carry that demeanor with us. It's a different demeanor than someone who wants to get in touch with somebody, but there's no way to do that. The more you're aware of that, and the more you can infuse the movie with (the attitude of the times), the more fun the audience is going to have. So I tried to let them know what the world was like before cell phones and the Internet.

**Q:** What do you enjoy most about this film?

**KR:** What's fun about watching the movie is that, for people my age or anywhere near it, we really do tend to forget how different things were back then. It was a really different atmosphere. This movie has a good feel for the way it really was. Gavin (O'Connor, the director) did a terrific job of getting the young players to feel comfortable with that. It's really something to see.

## ENTERTAINMENT



Cedric The Entertainer, Queen Latifah and Ice Cube on the set of "Barbershop 2 - Back in Business."

## Cut above: 'Barbershop' keeps viewers in a lather

### Review

BY DAN DUNN

Special to the Daily Press

The gang from Calvin's Barbershop is back for more in a sequel that in many ways outshines the original. The considerable heart and witty banter of "Barbershop" suffered some slapstick nonsense — inept crooks, the not-very-ominous loan shark — that has wisely been omitted from "Back In Business." This time, Calvin's shop on the South Side of Chicago is under siege from a predatory development company intent on gentrifying the neighborhood by installing spiritless chain operations like Nappy Cutz — a slick haircuttery going up directly across the street. Where the first film was all about Calvin discovering the importance to the community of the shop he inherited from his father, the second deals with broader issues such as the intangible costs of unchecked development and the soul that disappears along with displaced mom and pop shops.

The strength of "Back In Business" is the endearing cast of characters, led once again by Calvin (Ice Cube, the film's

anchor) and Eddie (a gut-bustingly funny Cedric The Entertainer). Ever the contrarian, Eddie dispenses caustic one-liners disguised as opinions on a host of topics and almost always induces big laughs. He's also come full circle as Calvin's moral touchstone — not too shabby for a former small-time crook. Eve is back as Terri, the shop's only female barber, and this time she's tempered her temper in an effort to secure inner peace. This drastic change in one of the original movie's most interesting characters is the sequel's most obvious, and perhaps only, misstep. Pacifist Terri is no match for the rabble-rousing version. Director Kevin Rodney Sullivan atones for the slip with the addition of SNL's Kenan Thompson as a shifty rookie barber and Queen Latifah as a stylin' stylist at an adjacent salon. Both deliver every time they're on screen. Academy Award-nominee Latifah has already committed to a spin-off flick called "Beauty Shop," due in 2005. Clearly, she's betting she has a winner on her hands. Says here that's a safe bet.

(Rated PG-13 for language, sexual material and brief drug references.)

## Beauty in motion: Campbell hits all marks in 'Company'

### Review

BY DAN DUNN

Special to the Daily Press

Before she caught the acting bug, Neve Campbell had designs on becoming a world-class ballerina. She trained with National Ballet School in her native Canada for years before injuries forced her to hang up her ballet slippers and head to Hollywood. The acting thing has worked out well for the 30-year-old Campbell. So well, in fact, she was able to co-write and produce "The Company," her own cinematic love letter to ballet. Even more impressively, she landed the venerable Robert Altman to direct this no-frills look at the daily life of a high profile ballet company — the famed Joffrey. Altman, of course, is the regnant maestro of the ensemble film, and he orchestrates this rhythmic stunner with delicate precision. But the ensemble here isn't stocked with famous actors, rather actual members of the Joffrey company. Altman plays the role of detached documentarian instead of hands-on skipper, letting the elements of professional dance — rehearsal, performance, blood, sweat and tears — be the nar-

rative. If it weren't for the presence of a breezy Malcolm McDowell as the company's multiloquent director, the film would be devoid of any Altmanisms (whenever Altman needs to verbalize something, he does so via McDowell). The complete and refreshing lack of the usual dance troupe drama requires audiences to pay attention to the myriad little things going on. The little things are what make "The Company" so special. Well, those and a stirring pas de deux between Campbell (as a rising star named Ryan) and the Joffrey's Domingo Rubio that takes place outdoors as a storm rolls in. It is simply the most beautiful onscreen dance number this scribe's ever seen. Campbell is better in "The Company" than she's ever been, holding her own with the pros from the Joffrey. When she isn't dancing, she's carrying on with a laconic young chef (James Franco). It's much better when she and her troupe are dancing, though. When they're dancing, this is a beautiful movie.

(Rated PG-13 on appeal for brief strong language, some nudity and sexual content. Running time: 112 minutes)

Neve Campbell in "The Company."



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## STATE

# California wildfires took emotional toll on firefighters

BY ELLIOT SPAGAT

Associated Press Writer

**SAN DIEGO** — Fire Chief Bill Clayton described to a crowd of firefighters his anguish as he doused water on the burning body of the only firefighter to die during last year's wildfires in southern California.

The fire killed Steven Rucker as he was trying to save a house on Oct. 29 near the town of Wynola. The blaze, called the Cedar fire, killed 14 people, destroyed 2,232 homes and charred more than 280,000 acres, making it the worst fire in California history.

"I hope nobody in this room has to go through what I had to, but you may have to," Clayton said Wednesday while speaking at the Firehouse World Exposition & Conference. "You have to prepare yourself for the worst."

Clayton, 63, had been battling a fire at Camp Pendleton Marine base in north San Diego County when he was ordered Oct. 25 to lead the charge against another blaze, called the Paradise fire, which eventually claimed two lives, 366 homes and 56,700 acres.

Clayton recalled finding Nancy Morphew, 51, burned to death near her pickup truck. Her house was only 100 feet away, untouched.

"Her husband was standing there and making a sound I had never heard before," said Clayton, a division chief of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. "It was something like a wounded animal in the forest."

He also went to Valley View Casino, where about 50 were trapped.

"The first thing I saw was a burning horse running around inside the casino," Clayton said. The horse knocked down a man who was sitting at a slot machine. No one died at the casino.

Clayton was later sent to assist John Hawkins, 56, at the Cedar fire. Hawkins, who recently joined the Riverside County Fire Department, said he walked to a curb when he learned the 38-year-old Rucker had died,

feeling "pretty screwed up." A colleague urged him to regain his composure.

Hawkins drove about 40 miles to the UCSD Medical Center in San Diego, where Rucker's colleagues were taken for treatment. He tried to be the first to notify Rucker's boss at the Novato Fire Protection District, but a television news crew beat him by 10 minutes.

At the hospital, he spoke for about three hours with two of Rucker's colleagues who escaped with minor injuries. "We sat there and we cried our eyes out together," he said.

Clayton and Hawkins drew a standing ovation at the conference.

"It just opens your eyes to what can happen," said Vince Pena, a battalion chief for the Los Angeles County Fire Department.

## San Francisco reserves right to fight

By The Associated Press

**SAN FRANCISCO** — President Bush's budget plan proposes to drastically raise the rent San Francisco pays for its Hetch Hetchy reservoir inside Yosemite National Park, from \$30,000 a year to \$8 million annually.

San Francisco's congressional representatives have pledged to fight the proposed increase, which comes as the city faces a budget deficit that could reach \$300 million.

"We will not allow San Francisco's hardworking taxpayers to pay for the administration's failed budget and skyrocketing deficit," House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-San Francisco, said in a statement. "This is just

another example of the Bush administration putting a bigger burden on local governments that are already stretched thin to pay for tax cuts for the rich."

The vast Hetch Hetchy water system supplies water to 2.4 million customers in the city, the peninsula south of the city and parts of Alameda County.

The Bush administration, which released the \$2.3 trillion budget Monday, defended the proposal as an outgrowth of tough times and a projected federal deficit of \$521 billion this year.

Peter Ragone, a spokesman for San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom, said neither the city nor its delegates in Washington were consulted about the proposed increase, which is 267 times higher than the current rent.

But it couldn't come at a worse time for San Francisco, where city departments already are considering across-the-board budget cuts of 15 percent for the next fiscal year, he said.

Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., a former San Francisco mayor, said she will look into whether the Bush administration is proposing similar rent increases for other western cities or irrigation districts that use federal land.

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## NATIONAL

# Teen wants to ban circus in Denver

BY CINDY BROVSKY  
Associated Press Writer

**DENVER** — When Heather Herman put an issue on the ballot asking Denver voters whether they wanted to ban wild animal performances, the 15-year-old took on everyone from Ringling Bros. to Blinky the Clown.

The high school freshman said she attended circuses as a child but recently became concerned about the treatment of animals. She created a group, Youth Opposed to Animal Acts, started a petition and collected enough signatures to put the question on the Aug. 10 ballot.

"In the wild, bears are not riding bicycles and tigers are not jumping through hoops on fire," Herman said. "I believe strongly that wild animals do not belong in the circus."

More than 15 communities around the nation, including nearby Boulder, bar performances involving exotic animals, industry officials say. But similar attempts have failed in larger cities and Herman is taking on a long circus pedigree.

The Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus has been performing in Denver since 1919, and the city's Barnum neighborhood is named after circus founder P.T. Barnum, who bought 760 acres here in 1882 as a

winter respite for his show.

Perhaps Herman's biggest opponent is money. City officials estimate the circus' annual two-week stint pumps \$8 million into the local economy.

Feld Entertainment, which owns Ringling Bros., was caught off guard by the proposal until it came before the City Council late last year. The company protested the plan and even recruited a local television icon, Blinky the Clown, to testify on its behalf.

"We take it serious any time our industry and profession is attacked," said Tom Albert, vice president of government relations for Feld. "Heather is clearly well-intentioned and sincere, but she is misinformed and has bad information."

The council put the question on the ballot because Herman had collected more than 6,000 valid signatures. The proposal would not include exotic animals at the Denver Zoo, the National Western Stock Show & Rodeo or a local aquarium. It is targeted at circuses such as Ringling Bros. and the Shriners.

City Councilman Charlie Brown said he opposes the ban and wondered if Herman is being misled by information from People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals. The organization posts circus protests on

its Web site.

But a group that helped collect petition signatures said the proposal was Herman's and no one else's.

"I think it shows a lack of faith in our youth to question she's being influenced by a larger organization," said David Crawford, executive director of the Rocky Mountain Animal Defense.

John Kirtland, executive director of animal stewardship for Feld Entertainment, disputes claims that Ringling Bros.'s more than 200 animals are mistreated. Its Asian elephants live up to 20 years longer than zoo elephants because they get more exercise, he said.

The circus animals are trained to perform by reinforcing positive behavior with food and praise, he said. Federal inspectors visit the training facility weekly.

"Where does she think these animals would go?" Kirtland asked. "They were all born in captivity and if they went back to the wild it would be a certain death sentence."

Herman's response is that more than 25 large circuses operate without performing animals. Feld Entertainment invited Herman to visit its animal training facility in Florida, but she declined.

## Sea otters swim towards endangered list

BY JOHN HEILPRIN  
Associated Press Writer

**WASHINGTON** — The Interior Department said Thursday the survival of sea otters in southwest Alaska is threatened and proposed adding them to the government's endangered species list.

If the proposal were adopted, it would lead to a recovery plan requiring conservation efforts for the northern sea otter. It inhabits waters in the western Gulf of Alaska stretching toward the Bering Sea, including the Alaska Peninsula, Aleutian Islands and Kodiak Island.

"No one is certain yet what is causing this, but listing this population as 'threatened' under the Endangered Species Act will be an important step in discovering the reasons and reversing the decline," Interior Secretary Gale Norton said.

In December, two animal welfare groups sued the department's Fish and Wildlife Service in U.S. District Court in San Francisco to have sea otters added to the endangered species list. The Arizona-based Center for Biological Diversity petitioned for such a listing in 2000.

The Fish and Wildlife Service shares responsibility for protecting endangered species with the Commerce Department's National Marine Fisheries Service. Threatened species are considered likely to become endangered; endangered species are thought to be in jeopardy of extinction.

Commercial hunting from the mid-1700s to the early 1900s drove sea otters to near-extinction in southwest Alaska. They began recovering after commercial harvests were banned under a 1911 international treaty.

By the mid-1980s, about 55,000 to 74,000 sea otters inhabited south-

west Alaska — almost half the world's total. Since then, aerial surveys suggest the population has fallen again by at least 55 percent, and possibly as much as 67 percent, and that the trend is continuing.

Scientists say some evidence points to killer whales preying on sea otters as a cause. They also have found that sea otters ingested hydrocarbons and suffered liver and tissue damage from crude oil still buried under shoreline where the tanker Exxon Valdez ran aground in 1989. So far, they have not found evidence of harm from other potential factors like declining reproductivity, starvation, disease, contaminants or commercial fishing.

In the first two years of the Bush administration, the Fish and Wildlife Service added 21 species to the endangered species list, Fish and Wildlife officials said.

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## NATIONAL

# CIA head defends perceived lack of intelligence

BY KATHERINE PFLEGER

Associated Press Writer

**WASHINGTON** — In his first public defense of prewar intelligence, CIA Director George Tenet said Thursday that U.S. analysts had never claimed Iraq was an imminent threat, the main argument used by President Bush for going to war.

Tenet said analysts had varying opinions on the state of Iraq's chemical, biological and nuclear weapons programs

and those differences were spelled out in the October 2002 National Intelligence Estimate given to the White House. That report summarized intelligence on Iraq's weapons programs.

Analysts "painted an objective assessment for our policy makers of a brutal dictator who was continuing his efforts to deceive and build programs that might constantly surprise us and threaten our interests," he said in a speech at Georgetown University.

"No one told us what to say or how to say it," Tenet said.

In the months before the war, Bush and his top aides repeatedly stressed the urgency of stopping Saddam Hussein. In a Sept. 12 speech to the United Nations, he called Saddam's regime "a grave and gathering danger." The next day, he told reporters that Saddam was "a threat that we must deal with as quickly as possible."

In an Oct. 7, 2002, speech in Ohio, Bush said "the danger is already significant and it only grows worse with time."

Tenet said U.S. intelligence accurately reported that Saddam's regime posed a danger. Though no weapons of mass destruction have been uncovered in Iraq, he said the search isn't over.

"We are nowhere near 85 percent finished," he said, in a direct rebuttal to statements made by his former chief adviser on Iraq's weapons, David Kay.

Since Kay resigned two weeks ago, his statements that Saddam's purported weapons didn't exist at the time of the U.S. invasion have sparked an intense debate over the prewar intelligence the Bush administration used to justify the war.

On Thursday, Bush repeated that "America confronted a gathering threat in Iraq. The dictatorship of Saddam Hussein was one of the most brutal, corrupt and dangerous regimes in the world. For years the dictator funded terrorists, and gave reward money for suicide bombings."

Speaking in Charleston, S.C., Bush said Saddam is today "sitting in a prison cell, and he will be sitting in a courtroom to answer for his crimes." He conceded, "As the chief weapons inspector has said, we have not yet found the weapons we thought were there." Bush added that inspectors have found possible evidence of weapons programs.

"Knowing what I knew then and knowing what I know today, America did the right thing in Iraq," he said, in a line that drew long applause from Bush's audience of military personnel and cadets.

Tenet spoke hours before the Senate Intelligence Committee was to begin a closed-door review of a draft report critical of prewar intelligence. It also came a day before Bush was expected to name a commission to examine intelligence problems.

Tenet outlined the sources of the CIA's prewar estimates, saying they were based on years of U.N. weapons inspections.

Once the inspectors left in the late 1990s, it was based mostly on informants and on technical intelligence.

He acknowledged that many of the agency's weapons of mass destruction prewar estimates have not been borne out so far. For example, U.S. analysts believed that Saddam's regime was trying to reconstitute its nuclear weapons program but have found no evidence of that, he said.

On chemical and biological weapons, Tenet said analysts believed that Saddam had ongoing programs and perhaps stockpiles and have found no evidence of such ongoing programs. He asserted, however, that the weapons searching teams needed more time.

Two sources with high-level access to Saddam's regime told the CIA in the fall of 2002, shortly before the war, that production of biological and chemical weapons was ongoing, Tenet said.

Those sources "solidified and reinforced ... my own view of the danger posed by Saddam's regime," Tenet said, taking direct responsibility for what was passed on to Bush.

On one key point that is befuddling weapons inspectors, Tenet said he did not know at this point whether it was possible Saddam's own officials had lied to the Iraqi leader about what his regime had in the way of weapons.

The failure to find weapons of mass destruction is turning into a major political issue ahead of the presidential election, calling into question the justification for the war as U.S. casualties mount. Republicans in Congress have increasingly been blaming poor intelligence and Tenet, who was appointed by President Clinton.

Democrats have said intelligence agencies deserved only part of the blame and have accused the White House of showcasing intelligence that bolstered the case for war, while ignoring dissenting opinions.

Even as Tenet acknowledged some intelligence shortcomings in Iraq, he listed other work that he said represented great successes. He credited U.S. intelligence on Iran and Libya's nuclear programs with recent decisions by those countries to cooperate with international arms inspectors.

Tenet credited CIA spies with the arrests of Khalid Shaikh Mohammed, purported mastermind behind the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks and Asia's leading terror suspect, Hambali.



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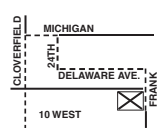
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### Militants take credit for bombings

By The Associated Press

**TIKRIT, Iraq** — An Iraqi militant group claimed responsibility for the suicide bombings in Irbil, and a senior U.S. commander blamed recent attacks on insurgents seeking to sabotage a future independent Iraqi government.

Meanwhile, the United States said it is sticking to its timetable for Iraq self-rule by July 1 even though U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan said Wednesday the deadline might have to be reconsidered to forge an agreement on a provisional government.

The United States says it is impossible to arrange elections in such a short time because of the ongoing insurgency.

In their latest violence, two suicide bombers blew themselves up at the offices of two Kurdish parties in the northern city of Irbil on Sunday, killing a total of 109 people.

On Wednesday, an Iraqi insurgent group, the "Jaish Ansar al-Sunna," claimed responsibility for the bombings. It said it targeted the "dens of the devils" because of the parties' ties to the United States. The claim could not be independently confirmed.

### Sharon faces the music

By The Associated Press

**JERUSALEM** — Prime Minister Ariel Sharon faced police interrogation in a bribery case that could force his resignation amid criticism that his plan to remove Jewish settlements from the Gaza Strip was an effort to deflect attention from the scandal.

Sharon accepted a challenge from opponents in his own party on Wednesday and agreed to put his plan before the people in a referendum. Removal of authorized settlements in the West Bank and Gaza, as well as such a referendum, would be firsts in Israel.

It also would be a first if a prime minister is indicted — a distinct possibility after a close colleague, real

estate developer David Appel, was formally charged with bribing Sharon.

Appel was accused of paying Sharon \$690,000 in 1999 to use his influence to help win approval for a land deal in Greece. Sharon was foreign minister at the time.

Police were to arrive at Sharon's official Jerusalem residence Thursday morning for what media reports said would be a short, final interrogation before the state attorney begins examining the material toward a decision about an indictment.

### Drowning Dean looks to stay afloat

By The Associated Press

**TACOMA, Wash.** — In a state that prefers its coffee strong and its politicians feisty, Howard Dean's sputtering presidential campaign may find the life raft it needs since his fall from the front-runner's mantle.

The land of Microsoft and anti-war protesters seems tailor made for Dean, a former Vermont governor whose Internet-driven campaign and opposition to the Iraq war vaulted him to the front of the Democratic pack.

He also has drawn some of his biggest crowds and fastest campaign contributions from the region.

Winless after contests in nine states, Dean predicted a breakthrough win in Saturday's caucuses. But rival and front-runner John Kerry is looking for wins, too, and hopes to make Washington one of them.

### 'Fallen Angel' linked to ricin scare

By The Associated Press

**WASHINGTON** — The investigation into the appearance of the deadly poison ricin on Capitol Hill this week and earlier in two ominous letters is focusing on a mysterious "Fallen Angel" who threatens to use ricin as a weapon unless new trucking regulations are rolled back.

Three senior federal law enforcement officials, speaking on condition of anonymity Wednesday, said

the FBI and Capitol Police Department were investigating the possibility that the same person or persons who made those earlier threats sent ricin-laced mail to Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn.

The typewritten letters, addressed to the White House and Transportation Department and signed by "Fallen Angel," warned that more ricin would be used unless some trucking regulations that went into effect Jan. 4 were scrapped.

Hazardous materials teams from the FBI and Capitol police continued the search Wednesday night for a letter or parcel that might have carried the ricin powder found Monday in a mail-sorting room in Frist's personal office suite. No such parcel was immediately found.

Three Senate buildings were closed for a second day, but Frist announced two of them would begin opening on Thursday and the Dirksen building on Monday.

### Kerry's money trail seems shady

By The Associated Press

**WASHINGTON** — John Kerry intervened in the Senate to keep open a loophole that had allowed a major insurer to divert millions of federal dollars from the nation's most expensive construction project, then received tens of thousands of dollars in donations from the company during the next two years, documents show.

American International Group paid Kerry's way on a trip to Vermont and donated at least \$30,000 to a tax-exempt group Kerry used to set up his presidential campaign. Company executives also donated \$18,000 to his Senate and presidential campaigns, according to records obtained by The Associated Press.

But Kerry, the current leader of the Democratic presidential race, says there was no connection between his actions in 2000 and the donations that followed in 2001 and 2002.

"John Kerry has long supported getting special interest money out of the political system," campaign spokeswoman Stephanie Cutter said. "If anybody believes that a political contribution influences John Kerry then they are wasting their money."

But some government watchdogs said Kerry's story is a textbook case of Washington special interest politicking that he rails against on the presidential trail.

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