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Delaware drive-by shooting injures one

Man shot in torso is latest incident in gang turf war plaguing Pico neighborhood

BY ANDREW H. FIXMER
Daily Press Staff Writer

Four Hispanic men driving a dark-colored sport utility vehicle shot a black male bicycling in the Pico neighborhood Sunday, police said.

After he was shot in the lower torso, the victim rode his bike south half a block to the 1900 block of 19th Street where police found him. The victim, whose

identity and age has not been released by the police department, was then taken to an area hospital by paramedics where he was listed in stable condition, according to police officials.

The shooting occurred on the 1900 block of Delaware Avenue at 1:10 p.m., according to a police department press release.

The neighborhood surrounding Delaware Avenue has been engulfed in a turf war between two gangs — the Graveyard Crips and the Santa Monica 17th Street gang — for years. And the tension appears to be not only racially motivated between the two groups — one black, the other Latino — but also drug-related.

Drug dealing on street corners along Delaware Avenue has been a problem for years, according to residents. Most of it is cocaine dealt out of homes and

apartments on 17th Street and Delaware, residents said.

One 19th Street resident named Nancy, who refused to give her last name, was walking back from church when she saw the man laying down across the street from where she lives.

"After he got shot he rode his bike up here, I guess about as far as he could, and asked somebody to take him to the hospital," she said. "But by that time I guess somebody had already called the police because they were there before they could take him."

Nancy said the residents of the neighborhood aren't the ones doing the shooting.

"When these things happen, it's not folks from this block," she said. "We're all seniors living here, or peo-

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On your marks...



Andrew H. Fixmer/Daily Press

Members of the Santa Monica College track team practice at the school's campus on Pico Boulevard on Monday.

Hollywood mogul Geffen balks at coastal access

BY MICHELLE LOCKE
Associated Press Writer

From its bathing beaches and surfing spots to its rugged bluffs and mellow coves, California is practically defined by its 1,100 miles of coastline. Along some stretches, trying to get past the seaside homes to reach the water is no day at the beach.

The latest clash between homeowners and beachgoers is being played out in Malibu, where Hollywood mogul David Geffen is less than enthusiastic about the state's plan to have a nonprofit group open a pathway across his land.

Geffen's beachfront home sits on a stretch of coast accessible to the public by only two path-

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Playboy guard says he's not gay, sues for sexual harassment

Man claims boss accused him of wearing thongs and kissing men

BY ANDREW H. FIXMER
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A sexual harassment lawsuit filed against Playboy magazine by a former employee who claims a supervisor mistakenly labeled him a homosexual will move forward in federal court.

Charles Martinez, who worked as a security guard, filed suit against the men's magazine late last year because his supervisor, Jack Gonzalez — one of the company's highest ranking security managers — wouldn't stop accusing him of being gay.

Gonzalez told co-workers that Martinez, "likes to wear thongs with his dress on the weekends," and instructed Martinez "to buy a thong bikini and wear it to work," according to the complaint filed by Martinez's attorney Clay Robbins III.

Martinez alleges Gonzalez continually asked him if he liked kissing men. "I told him that the only man I have ever kissed was my brother," Martinez said in the lawsuit.

Martinez, who is married, insists he is heterosexual and he said can't understand why his former boss decided otherwise.

But the ridiculing continued for over a year until Martinez was forced to quit his job after his authority had been completely eroded and his co-workers no longer respected him, Robbins said.

"Basically it's a case based on claims that the supervisor of my client made his life a living hell. It got so bad that my client was forced out."

— CLAY ROBBINS III
Attorney

Martinez refused to be interviewed for this story. Martinez now works as a deputy for the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Robbins said.

"Basically it's a case based on claims that the supervisor of my client made his life a living hell,"

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♉ TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Someone has an odd way of letting you know it's OK. He or she agrees with you. Opportunities come from behind the scenes. Be smart; don't let the cat out of the bag. A meeting brings good news. Use your high energy. Tonight: Curb your spending.

♊ GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Understand another's perspective of your performance and how you manage a situation. Your instincts drive a hard bargain with a boss. Remember to soften your words, because you might have a harsh tone in your voice. Fatigue could also impact your reactions. Tonight: Lie low.

♋ CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ You do what you need to do to make waves. Others listen and demonstrate unusual caring and fortitude toward a common good. Be sure about what it is that you want. Carefully discuss a situation that might make you feel ill at ease. Tonight: Move in a new direction.

♌ LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Follow your instincts about an emotional investment. You might want to do something a bit differently when they're dealing with a boss or someone in charge. Discussions go well when on a one-on-one level. Slow down when dealing with a friend. Tonight: Togetherness works.

♍ VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ You might not have as much control as you would like. Talk about your long-term needs with someone. Certainly don't compromise yourself unnecessarily. Consider your options carefully. In fact, explore other options. Tonight: Respond to another's overture.

♎ LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Think about what someone says, particularly as to how it reflects on your work. Consider different options with care. Your personal feelings or those of a loved one will color your reactions. Don't push your view on someone. Tonight: Work late.

♏ SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ Your imagination leads you astray and, once more, you don't really care. Don't push yourself beyond your limits. Carefully consider another's alternatives. This person could be a bit negative at times. Think through your decisions. Tonight: Play away.

♐ SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Deal with someone more directly. You find this person an unusual source of information. Come from a basic point of view. Highlight your ability to contribute to your family and a loved one. Someone drags you down with his or her negativity. Tonight: Head on home.

♑ CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★★ Take the initiative in discussions. Don't hesitate to put your two cents in, even if a child or someone else grumbles. Allow creativity to flow in general through sharing and discussions. Your fatigue drags you down later in the day. Tonight: Do errands and then nap.

♒ AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Deal with security matters. Someone might have a different idea about what might work. Plug your energy into your work, and you'll get a lot accomplished. A child or loved one could disappoint you. Consider different options right now. Tonight: Treat someone to dinner.

♓ PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★★ Your imagination takes you in many different directions. Allow your imagination to mix with your playfulness. Make the most of the moment. Pressure builds at home. You need to focus on what is going on right now. Tonight: Ask for what you want.

QUOTE of the DAY

"For three days after death hair and fingernails continue to grow but phone calls taper off."
— Johnny Carson

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LOCAL



Pico is the only neighborhood with a police substation

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ple that are ill. So we're not the ones out here causing all this trouble."

Residents on 19th Street said they would like to see more police patrols in their neighborhood. They said that would act as a deterrent to drug and gang related crimes.

Oscar de la Torre, director of the newly opened Pico Youth and Family Center, said a stronger police presence is not necessarily the answer to the neighborhood's crime problems.

He said Pico is already the only neighborhood with a police substation to bring the police department and officers assigned to the area closer to the community.

"A lot of it is related to gangs but I attribute this youth violence that we have been experiencing to hopelessness and despair and the lack of stable income for our young people," de la Torre said. "They feel a lot of social advancement opportunities are being closed to them."

Sunday's shooting is only the latest in

a string of shootings this year in the Pico neighborhood — an area that covers about eight square blocks just north of the Santa Monica Freeway to Pico Boulevard, and east to the city limits.

A teenager was shot twice in the head Feb. 11 on Virginia Avenue, near the Edison Elementary School in the Pico neighborhood. The boy — who's identity is being withheld — remains in stable condition at an area hospital, police and residents said.

On Jan. 25 police locked down a portion of the neighborhood after a driver

tried to evade police when officers tried to pull the vehicle over for a traffic violation. Officers stationed at 18th Street and Delaware reported being fired upon — the bullet hit a patrol car.

Police do not consider any of the recent Pico neighborhood shootings gang-related, officials said.

"What we need is more security," said Nancy, as she watered her rose bushes in front of her tidy-looking one-story home on Monday. "Not just when things are happening but all the time."

Pathways-for-permits ruled extortion by high court

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ways more than three miles apart. The path cutting through his property is currently blocked by locked gates along the Pacific Coast Highway.

In theory, California beaches are public up to the mean high tide line, though few can pinpoint exactly where that is. But in some areas, big homes and fences shut out the public.

In 1972, California voters passed a measure guaranteeing coastal access and creating a system under which people who wanted to build or buy on the coast had to promise to let the public cross their land on trails that would be operated by public agencies.

The Geffen walkway, promised in 1983 in exchange for a remodeling permit, is one of about 1,300 of those promised walkways, many of which were never opened because property owners

have raised concerns about parking, trash and security and because cities and other agencies have been reluctant to take on the liability.

A 1987 U.S. Supreme Court ruling effectively shut down the pathways-for-permits scheme, saying it amounted to extortion. Courts have upheld trails promised before then, but pathway agreements expire in 21 years if not adopted, which means pretty soon in many cases.

Because of the resistance from local governments, the California Coastal Commission came up with an idea that would relieve them of the burden: give responsibility for the pathways to non-profit organizations. In the case of Geffen's property, the commission has turned to the group Access for All.

Geffen is willing to talk about opening the pathway, but "there are a great num-

ber of public safety issues to be addressed," said spokesman Andy Spahn. Geffen, whose low-slung house stretches across four oceanfront lots on Carbon Beach, has had an intruder in his living room.

Steve Hoyer, leader of Access for All, said he will try to address Geffen's safety concerns. Hoyer said he is considering installing a time-locking mechanism to close the Geffen gates at sunset.

The beach behind Geffen's home is "very white sand, beautiful crystal water. It's a great piece of simple beach," Hoyer said. "You can see Malibu pier to the west, down coast, on a clear day you can see great views."

Hoyer and other access advocates say homeowners' fears are overblown and do not justify cutting off the coast. "Our public lands in the United States, they really are the last chunk of wilderness left," Hoyer said.

Six years ago, the same issues played

out 500 miles to the north, where the Mendocino Land Trust became the first nonprofit to fight for and maintain a public pathway across private land. The trust operates a spot overlooking the restless Mendocino Bay.

The spot had been offered to the public in 1977 by the owner at the time in exchange for building permits. But the property later changed hands and the new owner, John Brittingham, sued after the trust opened the path in 1996. A judge ruled against Brittingham.

The trust now operates the viewpoint as well as another, more remote trail, leading to a nick in the coast known as Cantus Cove. Volunteers police the trails for trash and maintain signs marking where public property stops and private property begins.

Brittingham, who now spends most of his time in Florida and is trying to sell the Mendocino property, remains unrecconciled to the pathway.

LETTERS

Story too subjective?

Editor:

I greatly appreciate your efforts and accomplishments to give Santa Monica a daily paper.

However, I was astonished to see such subjective adjectives used by Ms. Sackariason in her article (Friday, March 8) on two candidates for Santa Monica City Council.

"Self-proclaimed" sounds rather megaminiacal, when Jerry Rubin has been a peace activist for over 20 years, as a leading mover in bonafide, accepted and respected organizations, such as Alliance for Survival.

"Gadfly" connotes: Whimsical and flighty, automatically discrediting Pro Se as a candidate unworthy of consideration, when much of his criticism of local government has been as constructive as the dictionary's definition of the word. Otherwise, it was a reasonable, factual article, and I appreciate it.

Flo Ginsburg
Santa Monica

Pilot loses control, crashes into two other airplanes

By Daily Press staff

A pilot lost control of her plane Monday and crashed into two other planes parked at Santa Monica Airport, but no injuries were reported, police said.

The pilot, who was not identified by police, was taxiing along the eastside of the runway near Bundy Drive when the plane headed south, crashed into another plane that was parked in the tie down area and pushed it 101 feet, said Santa Monica Police Lt. Frank Fabrega.

A third plane parked near the one that was pushed was struck and sustained some damage to its tail, he said. The other planes were heavily damaged, Fabrega said.

Preliminary investigation of the accident, which occurred about 12:20 p.m., reveals that the airplane experienced mechanical problems. Several calls to police were made by passersby on Bundy Drive who witnessed the incident.

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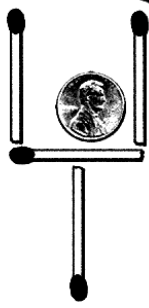
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Oscar nominees luncheon was a communal affair

BY BOB THOMAS
Associated Press Writer

BEVERLY HILLS — They came to accept their diplomas and posed for the class photo Monday. Not the senior class of Beverly Hills High School, but the Academy Awards nominees, class of 2001.

The 21st annual nominees luncheon at the Beverly Hills Hilton Hotel drew 150 contenders who left their tables to stand on ramps and smiled for the photo.

Each was called to a stage and presented certificates of nomination from Academy President Frank Pierson. Honorary sweat shirts were handed out offstage.

Sidney Poitier, nominated for an honorary Oscar, was greeted with an unprecedented standing ovation.

Pierson addressed the nominees with the Academy credo that nominees are winners automatically. He cited the experience of Peter O'Toole and Richard Burton, who were both nominated seven times as best actor, but never received the Oscar.

Pierson added, "Who here would not like to have seven nominations?"

The Academy tradition of the luncheon has two apparent purposes: to honor the nominees; and to create more publicity

for the March 24 awards telecast. Nominees gave brief interviews to reporters before the luncheon.

Sissy Spacek, nominated as best actress for "In the Bedroom," followed the tradition of commenting about her co-nominees: "It would be an honor to loose to any of them ... a nomination makes you feel like a winner."

Russell Crowe, nominated for best actor for "A Beautiful Mind," arrived with two bodyguards but was at his usual down-to-Earth self with the reporters. Despite his iconoclastic image, he said he took the nominations seriously and he appreciated the compliment of being nominated.

Helen Mirren, nominated for best supporting actress in "Gosford Park," remarked that she was surprised that she received a mention: "I didn't think I had a chance in hell."

Halle Berry, nominated as best actress in "Monster's Ball," and a winner Sunday night at the Screen Actors Guild awards, commented "I never think I'm going to win."

The luncheon attracted a record attendance of the acting and directing awards. All five of the directing nominees were present as well as 15 of the nominated actors.

Security guard says he was harassed by boss

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Robbins said. "It got so bad that my client was forced out."

Repeated calls to Gonzalez, who reportedly is in Los Angeles on Playboy business this week, were not returned.

Playboy's attorney on the case, Barbara A. Fitzgerald, refused to comment.

According to Robbins, his client worked as a security officer for Playboy for more than ten years and thought he would retire with the company. In that time, Martinez never received a bad work review, he said.

Gonzalez, who is based at the company's headquarters in Chicago, coordinated with Martinez on day-to-day security operations at the magazine's West Coast facilities. The two also worked together on assignments at conventions and special engagements.

Several Playboy employees, including security officers Enrique Cruz and Michael Morrow, overheard Gonzalez making the slanderous accusations, Robbins said.

Martinez alerted his boss' supervisors of the harassment he was facing in the workplace, but instead of trying to fix the situation, Martinez said the company officials told him to improve his attitude.

And after Martinez complained,

Gonzalez began writing poor performance reports for him and making claims that he couldn't perform his workplace responsibilities.

"He had a number of supervisors with no problems," Robbins said. "Then all of a sudden Jack Gonzalez gets appointed and a reign of terror ensued."

The suit accuses Playboy of sexual harassment and unfair labor practices. Martinez filed a complaint with the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing, but the department recommended he pursue legal recourse.

Martinez hasn't asked for a specific amount in damages.

"He has already had to go through the turmoil and embarrassment in his life from this, so we are very at ease leaving that up to a jury to decide," Robbins said.

The lawsuit, which was filed in Santa Monica Superior Court and alleges company officials condoned sexual harassment of Martinez, was moved to the Third Circuit Federal Court in downtown Los Angeles last month.

Attorneys for Playboy successfully removed Martinez's case to federal court because the parties involved live in different states, officials said. Currently, the case is in the early stages and won't be heard for a few months before a federal judge and jury.

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ENTERTAINMENT



Letterman spurns ABC offer, stays with CBS

BY DAVID BAUDER

AP Television Writer

NEW YORK — David Letterman decided to stick with CBS on Monday, spurning a multimillion-dollar offer to jump to ABC.

The talk show host made the announcement directly to his fans at the taping of his first show back from a week's vacation in St. Bart's. While he was away, the television world was buzzing about his future.

After an opening monologue where he joked about the network courtship, Letterman sat down at his desk, told a story about when he came to CBS in 1993, and announced he was staying put.

The "Late Show" host's contract with CBS was due to expire this summer.

It was a bitter disappointment for ABC, now left to salve the wounds that the Letterman flirtation created within its news division. ABC let it be known that it would replace Ted Koppel's "Nightline" with Letterman if it had succeeded in luring him.

Letterman was flattered by all of the attention from ABC, said Rob Burnett, president of Letterman's production company, Worldwide Pants.

Burnett said that the fact Letterman "has been here nine years and built a franchise was too much for Dave to walk away from."

Before his announcement, the 54-year-old Letterman joked about the attention.

"This is how strange my life has been the last week," he said. "Earlier today, I

got a call from NBC offering me the 'Tonight' show."

That joke had a certain edge to it: NBC's decision to name Jay Leno host of the "Tonight" show in 1993 led to Letterman jumping to CBS.

Letterman also said that at CBS, "all of a sudden they can't suck up to me enough. I finally got a get-well card from my bypass surgery two years ago."

He may have used humor to barely disguise a truth: the negotiations with CBS were said to be contentious, giving ABC more of a chance to land him than many thought possible.

ABC and CBS were reportedly dangling similar financial offers, deals that would pay Letterman about \$31 million a year. The networks were touting the pro-

motional muscle of their parent companies, Viacom for CBS and the Walt Disney Co. for ABC.

There were no details immediately released about the terms or length of the contract.

Letterman promos were highly visible last weekend on CBS, particularly during the network's college basketball coverage.

CBS has reportedly promised Letterman greater promotion on other Viacom-owned networks, including MTV and VH1.

There was no immediate comment from ABC entertainment executives, but ABC News President David Westin said: "I've always strongly believed in 'Nightline' and I'm gratified that it will remain in its time period."

Security guards advised to watch Washington movie

By The Associated Press

DENVER — The Colorado Hospital Association has advised security workers to watch the Denzel Washington movie "John Q," in which a desperate father takes over an emergency room at gunpoint, to prevent copycat crimes.

In the movie, Washington plays a father who holds the emergency room hostage to force doctors to give his dying son a heart transplant.

The hospital association sent alerts after the movie was released last month, asking hospitals statewide to watch for copycats. About 1,400 people in Colorado are awaiting organ transplants.

"In (the movie's) case, it's not particularly realistic because there are ways in which funding can be found for organ donations," Larry Wall, president of the Colorado Hospital Association, said Friday. "There are a whole lot of alternatives out there."

In 2001, Denver Health Medical Center had 16 reported assaults on hospital grounds. Most were not serious, said John Thompson, director of support services.

Hospital workers, especially those working in emergency rooms, are told to watch for tense situations that could go out of control. Many front-line workers, such as paramedics and intake personnel, took a class to deal with despondent customers, Thompson said.

RADNOR, Pa. — "Malcolm in the Middle" mom

Jane Kaczmarek has been out since Feb. 12 with migraine headaches.

Sources close to the popular Fox series said in the March 16 issue of TV Guide that Kaczmarek's representatives have contacted the show about her salary.

Kaczmarek, 46, who plays manic mother Lois, declined to be interviewed by the magazine, but her publicist said "there is no connection between her health issues and any contractual matters."

The Emmy-nominated actress will appear in the season finale in May, thanks to existing footage and editing.

FILLMORE, Calif. — The lead singer of the rock group Puddle of Mudd was arrested for allegedly fighting with his fiancée.

Wes Scantlin, 29, of Kansas City, Mo., and Michelle Rubin, 31, of Los Angeles, both were arrested Sunday for investigation of domestic violence and booked at the Ventura County jail. They were released after posting \$20,000 bond each.

Scantlin apparently was en route to shoot a music video when he began fighting with Rubin around 8:30 a.m. on the shoulder of Highway 126 in nearby Piru, authorities said.

Several people called authorities by cell phone to report seeing a man forcing a woman into a Jeep Cherokee. The vehicle, driven by a third person, sped off and a witness who followed it said the struggle continued.

Sheriff's deputies and California Highway Patrol officers later stopped the vehicle and arrested the couple.

The reason for the argument was not disclosed.

Puddle of Mudd was scheduled to begin a tour of the United States and Canada on Tuesday in Austin, Texas. It was unclear whether the arrests would interfere with the tour.

The band's debut album, "Come Clean," has gone platinum since coming out last summer.

NEW YORK — Like other high school seniors across the nation, Lauren Bush is anxiously waiting to hear back from the colleges to which she's applied.

Unlike other high school seniors, Bush is also the president's niece, and a model — juggling her college plans with Tommy Hilfiger photo shoots.

"I go away for a weekend. I do a shoot. I come back, which is the best part of my life, like, the normal everydayness," she told W magazine for its April issue.

Bush declined to say which college is her first choice, but said most of the schools she applied to are on the East Coast. She hasn't decided on a major, but said she's interested in art, photography, theater, languages and business.

After three years as a model, the 17-year-old daughter of President Bush's brother, Neil, said she doesn't yearn for the party-girl life that lures some young models.

"I've seen the evils without actually experiencing the evils," she said. "My mother has come with me, so it's not like I've been thrown to the world."

Digital song distribution concern at music convention

BY RON HARRIS

Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — The record labels blame online song swapping from services such as Napster for taking away valuable customers. In reaction, the labels have created their own legitimate online services for monthly subscribers.

That move has left music retailers and distributors sitting on the sidelines, as the five major labels launched Musicnet and pressplay and made a beeline past store shelves, straight to consumer pocket-books.

Those music retailers gathered at the annual convention of the National Association of Recording Merchandisers on Monday to share their concerns over the digital distribution of music and how they might become more involved.

Scott Young, who coordinates entertainment sales for BestBuy.com, sees digital music distribution as a promotional tool for CD sales. So do smaller retailers such as Joe Nardone Jr., who operates the 11-store Gallery of Sound chain in Pennsylvania.

Nardone Jr. has partnered with Liquid

Audio, a technology company that provides audio snippets to foster sales at his stores.

"I think there's a future there to market to our customers," Nardone said of digital music downloads. But Nardone and another east coast retailer, Record Archive's Alayna Hill-Alderman, expressed some reticence in expanding their online market presence as the labels appear to have gone forward without them.

"I think people have become completely intoxicated," with digital downloads, Hill-Alderman told fellow retailers during a panel discussion on online music.

It's uncertain if file-sharing networks have cost music retailers sales or lured even more customers into stores seeking CDs of music they discovered on the Internet. Statistics vary on the financial impact of Napster, Gnutella, Morpheus and the like, but one thing is certain — the sales potential of digital music distribution has everyone's attention.

The Recording Industry Association of America commissioned a survey of 2,225

music consumers and found that 23 percent of them bought less music in 2001 than the previous year because they found what they were looking for online — for free.

With about \$15 billion in annual U.S. music sales at stake, retailers are concerned about their position in the marketplace. Pam Horovitz, NARM's president, says the major record labels are going in the right direction online, but retailers should be able to travel with them.

"I think both Musicnet and pressplay are encouraging," Horovitz said. "We would be happier if those first marketplace offerings from the record labels had involved more input from retailers."

In agreement with Horovitz was Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, who addressed the convention Monday, warning that change was on the horizon and promising Congress would do its part to make the process somewhat orderly.

Hatch, as chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, recently held hearings on the music industry's fight against Napster and similar services. While he does not support compulsory music licensing, Hatch said he is keeping a close eye

on Musicnet and pressplay and their willingness to license music to competing services that retailers might want to launch.

The entire music industry is shifting, Hatch said.

"This is in many ways a vastly different environment in which to deal than many of you are accustomed," Hatch told music retailers. "Change is inevitable."

Jupiter Media Metrix analyst Aram Sinnreich said the Musicnet and pressplay services need improvement. Those services limit the number of downloads and streams available to the subscriber, don't offer a permanent music collection and have only limited CD burning capabilities.

Sinnreich predicts the online market for music sales, both downloads and CDs, will reach \$5.5 billion by 2006. He told retailers they should insist to labels that they be included in the mix.

"I really think the record labels are getting away with bloody murder here," Sinnreich said of their direct-to-consumer approach. "I think retailers absolutely need to rebel against these things."



NATIONAL

Television networks bring back images of Sept. 11

BY DAVID BAUDER

AP Television Writer

NEW YORK — Television networks marking the six-month anniversary of Sept. 11 brought back horrifying images on Monday, one day after CBS' "9/11" documentary drew a large TV audience of 39 million people.

The CBS special with exclusive footage from inside the World Trade Center was watched in nearly half the homes that had their TV sets on Sunday night in New York City, and about one-third of those nationally.

"We felt that it was important that people experience this," CBS President Leslie Moonves said Monday, "and it was good that America felt the same way."

It was the most-watched non-sports program in prime-time this television season. The Super Bowl (87 million), the opening ceremonies for the Winter Olympics (45.5 million) and the women's figure skating finals (43 million) drew bigger crowds, according to Nielsen Media Research.

Broadcast and cable news networks set aside regular programming Monday morning to show memorial services. The news networks, particularly CNN, aired frequent video clips of the planes striking the World Trade Center, the buildings burning and the towers' subsequent collapse.

Networks had used those images sparingly since the days after the attacks out of concern that the repetition was disturbing.

It's still a sensitive issue: Although CBS' "9-11" documentary showed the planes' impact and the towers' collapse, a handful of repeated images of those moments were cut out by producers between the time the film was screened for journalists last week and airtime Sunday.



Robert Spencer/Associated Press

New York Police Officer Caroline Fernandez, right, stands at attention outside the 76th Precinct station house in the Brooklyn borough of New York, at 8:46 a.m. EST Monday. Police throughout the city marked the moment of the six month anniversary of the terrorist attacks by reading the names of police officers lost at the World Trade Center, followed by a moment of silence.

One expert, psychiatry professor Norman Sussman of New York University, said the repeated images on news networks were a form of exploitation.

"What they're doing is terrible," Sussman said.

CNN concentrated on the healing process, spokeswoman Kyra Frank said. As part of the coverage, the network used footage from that day "on a limited basis," she said.

Some families of attack victims had urged CBS not to air "9-11," worried that the material and emotions would

be too raw. The special was based on footage captured by Jules and Gedeon Naudet, French filmmakers who were working on a documentary about firefighters and caught gripping scenes of the World Trade Center collapse.

While "9-11" contained an unusual amount of profanity and the horrifying sound of bodies hitting the ground, it was relatively gore-free.

"It was television at its very best," said Paul Levinson, a Fordham University communications professor. "It showed us things that we could not see in any other way. Certainly no written description of the events could convey what those images showed us."

Preliminary Nielsen ratings indicated that the audience peaked at about 43 million people shortly after 10 p.m.

CBS has the contractual right to show the documentary once more, and it will likely be rebroadcast around the first anniversary of the attacks.

Meanwhile, NBC's "Today" show raised eyebrows Monday with its limited coverage of the trade center memorial service, compared to other networks.

While rivals were showing Mayor Michael Bloomberg speaking, "Today" aired a performance by country singer Alan Jackson. "Today" aired an interview with Bloomberg earlier in the program, show spokeswoman Allison Gollust said.

NBC, like other networks, showed the first moment of silence, timed to mark the anniversary of the first plane's impact. But while its rivals showed the second moment of silence, NBC was on a newscast and weather report.

"We were certainly conscious of the significance of the event and it in no way meant we were trying to offend anyone," Gollust said.

Arctic oil will create 700,000 jobs, secretary says

BY H. JOSEF HEBERT

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Pitching the president's energy agenda, Interior Secretary Gale Norton told a farm group in Arkansas last week that oil drilling in an Arctic wildlife refuge would produce more than 700,000 jobs.

She also cited the number at stops in Missouri and Indiana — and has used it in recent months on talk shows, in speeches and in newspaper op-ed articles.

But some independent economists call the figure highly suspect, based on a 12-year-old study using assumptions that may or may not be valid. A separate study for the Energy Department estimates about a third as many jobs. Environmentalists say a more accurate number — though disputed as well — would be about 50,000.

Even some drilling supporters say the Norton number is at best a "high water mark" guess.

As the Senate prepares in the coming weeks to debate whether to allow oil companies to drill in Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, the spin from both sides of the issue has contained distortions ranging from the amount of oil the refuge contains to the likely environmental impact.

But it is the issue of jobs that has resonated most clearly in Congress where the future of ANWR, as the refuge is called, will be decided. Last summer the Teamsters Union dangled a 735,000 jobs number before lawmakers, helping win House passage of an energy bill that includes drilling in the refuge.

Last week, Norton cited the likelihood of "more than 700,000 jobs" across the country as she urged approval of ANWR drilling to a business group in South Bend, Ind., in St. Louis and during a stop at the Arkansas Farm Bureau in Little Rock.

The last stop was no coincidence. Sen. Blanche Lincoln of Arkansas is among a handful of Democrats still undecided on the drilling issue.

Norton's spokesman, Mark Pfeifle, said Norton is not alone in using the 700,000 number. Indeed, it has been cited frequently by pro-drilling union leaders and by members of Congress, primarily Republicans, who want the drilling ban lifted.

So where does it come from? And is it reliable?

Norton is relying on "her discussions with labor leaders," said Pfeifle, adding, "It could possibly be a little bit more or a little bit less."

The Teamsters cite a 1990 report written by WEFA Group, an economic consulting firm, for the American Petroleum Institute, the oil industry trade group.

But Teamsters lobbyist Jerry Hood said in an interview he now prefers to talk of "a range" of anticipated jobs from ANWR development of from 250,000 to 735,000. "Jobs creation is an art. it's not a science," he said.

Hood's lower figure comes from a 1992 study done for the Energy Department by DRI-McGraw Hill, another consulting firm, that projected 222,480 jobs from ANWR drilling.

Pfeifle said he does not know whether Norton has seen the 60-page WEFA report, a copy of which was obtained by The Associated Press. He said he had never heard of the 1992 study for the Energy Department.

The authors of the 1990 WEFA study no longer work at the company, according to a spokesman who acknowledged it was "a bit out of date."

"We would not come up with the same numbers today," said Mary Novak, an economist and managing director of WEFA's energy programs. Not involved in the 1990 study, she declined to discuss the report in detail.

Some other economists have questioned whether the

analysis from 12 years ago — and the assumptions its authors used — can provide an accurate forecast of jobs today. The study assumes ANWR development would begin in the late 1990s and peak in 2005.

"The numbers don't make sense. ... They're not even in the ballpark," maintains Dean Baker, an economist whose analysis has been cited frequently by environmentalists.

Baker contends that if WEFA's assumptions were changed to reflect current oil markets and more likely ANWR production levels, the job forecast would be no more than 50,000 — a number dismissed by pro-drilling advocates as unrealistic.

Baker says WEFA used a package of assumptions that deliberately exaggerated the impact of ANWR oil on world markets.

For example, the study assumes ANWR will produce 1.9 million barrels of oil a day and that world production will be no more than 55 million barrels when ANWR production reaches peak levels. The Energy Department says that level of ANWR production is given a 5 percent chance of probability and critics note world production today already is 77 million barrels a day and will be much higher by the time ANWR begins to produce.

Man charged with storing deadly cyanide in Chicago subway system

BY MIKE ROBINSON

Associated Press Writer

CHICAGO — A man was charged Monday with storing deadly powdered cyanide in an underground passage that is part of the city's mass transit system.

Joseph Konopka allegedly took over a Chicago Transit Authority storage room under the downtown district and stored sodium cyanide and potassium cyanide there.

University of Illinois-Chicago police arrested Konopka and a juvenile Saturday night for allegedly trespassing, according to an FBI affidavit filed in federal court. They were found in a steam tunnel under the university's education building, according to the FBI.

The FBI said Konopka was wanted on charges of fleeing to avoid prosecution in Wisconsin after failing to appear on charges in Door County alleging vandalism against utility systems.

When he was arrested, Konopka was carrying a vial containing a powder that was determined to be sodium cyanide-sodium carbonate, the FBI said.

The juvenile told FBI agents that Konopka had taken over an area within a CTA underground passageway to store chemicals, the FBI said.

Konopka was interviewed Saturday night and admitted that he had keys to various CTA substations, the FBI said. It quoted Konopka as saying he had been taking photos of various CTA underground tunnels and posting them on the Internet.

NATIONAL



Tobacco industry may be hit with further restrictions

BY NANCY ZUCKERBROD
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — The Justice Department wants to impose broad new restrictions on cigarette manufacturers as part of its lawsuit against the industry.

Tobacco companies are dismissive, saying the government can't seek such changes through the courts.

The government's proposal, contained in documents sent to tobacco companies, includes banning the terms "low-tar" and "light," requiring that health warnings cover 50 percent of cigarette packs and advertisements, and eliminating cigarette vending machines.

All cigarette advertising and packaging would have to be black-and-white and the companies would be forbidden from using in-store promotions, such as giveaways and rebates.

Mark Smith, a spokesman for Brown & Williamson Corp., said the suggestions are preposterous.

"It's as if a group of lower-level bureaucrats got together in a back room and tried to dream up the most outrageous things they could ask for," he said.

William Ohlemeyer, vice president and associate general counsel of Philip Morris Cos. Inc., said some of the restrictions would place unconstitutional limits on free speech. He said only Congress can call for the kind of sweeping changes the Justice Department is seeking.

"It's fairly absurd for the government to suggest they can use a lawsuit of this type to make these kind of requests," Ohlemeyer said. "If there's going to be regulation of Philip Morris or any other tobacco company, it ought to come from Congress."

The Bush administration inherited the 3-year-old lawsuit from the Clinton administration. The suit seeks to collect damages from tobacco companies for profits allegedly earned through fraudulent practices and to bar the companies from similar future behavior.

It is separate from the lawsuit brought against the industry by the states, which was settled in 1998 for a total of \$246 bil-

lion. The settlement included restrictions on advertising that might attract teenagers, including billboards and cartoon characters such as R.J. Reynolds' Joe Camel.

Last summer, the Justice Department said it wanted to enter into settlement talks with the tobacco companies. Anti-smoking groups feared the administration was bowing to tobacco interests, but the talks went nowhere.

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— WILLIAM OHLEMEYER
Philip Morris attorney

William Corr, executive vice president of the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids, was somewhat encouraged by the Justice Department's latest proposal.

"While the remedies appear to be strong, the devil will be in the details," he said. "Any remedy must be comprehensive and free of the loopholes that the tobacco industry has always been so adept at exploiting in order to continue business as usual."

Cheryl Heaton, president and CEO of the American Legacy Foundation, an anti-smoking group, said she would prefer the Food and Drug Administration regulate tobacco rather than have standards imposed by a judge. "But absent that, this will do," she said.

The FDA asserted its jurisdiction over tobacco and sought to crack down on cigarette sales to minors in 1996, but the Supreme Court later ruled the agency had overstepped its authority.

Global sales of cell phones decline in 2001

BY PETER SVENSSON
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK — For the first time, worldwide sales of new cell phones dipped last year.

The drop came as wireless companies reduced their discounts for new phones and many users held off upgrading to new models.

The decline was 3.2 percent, from 412.7 million phones in 2000 to 399.6 million in 2001, technology consultants Gartner Dataquest reported Monday. That is a sharp break from the growth rates between 1996 and 2000, when each year saw a sales increase of 60 percent, Gartner said.

Most of the decline was in Western Europe, where cell phones are already

ubiquitous. Sales were up in North America despite recession in the United States.

Gartner analyst Bryan Prohm said consumers are looking for "real improvements over older models" before they will upgrade.

Gartner's numbers showed:

—Finland's Nokia Corp. extending its lead among cell phone makers with a 35 percent market share in 2001, up from 30.6 percent in 2000.

—Motorola Inc. of Schaumburg, Ill., second with a market share nearly unchanged at 14.8 percent.

—LM Ericsson of Sweden selling 35 percent fewer phones in 2001 compared to 2000, falling from third to fifth place and being overtaken by Siemens of Germany and South Korea's Samsung Corp.

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BUSINESS

Arthur Andersen board unveils reforms

BY SETH SUTEL

AP Business Writer

NEW YORK — An independent oversight board on Monday ordered Arthur Andersen LLP to split its auditing and consulting services amid reports that the beleaguered company might be in talks to sell its operations to another Big Five accounting firm.

The three-member board, led by former Federal Reserve chairman Paul Volcker, ordered the split to eliminate any potential conflict of interest between the company's accounting and consulting arms. The board also imposed several internal measures to ensure more discipline among Andersen's auditors.

The changes are also aimed at stemming a potentially crippling series of client defections at the accounting giant, which in January acknowledged massive shredding by its employees of documents related to bankrupt energy giant Enron Corp.

In the past two weeks, a series of blue chip companies have dumped the firm. On Monday FedEx Corp. abandoned Andersen, joining Delta Air Lines, Freddie Mac, Merck & Co. and SunTrust Banks.

Volcker acknowledged Monday's reforms may not come in time to save Andersen if the defections continue.

"What we have here is a run on the bank because everyone else is running," Volcker said. "If everybody leaves, there's no firm left."

Volcker said the board — charged with overhauling Andersen's business practices — was to finalize its first set of reforms in weeks, but acted quickly after reports that Andersen could face a federal indictment for its Enron audits and that it was in talks to sell all or part of its operations to rival Deloitte & Touche Tohmatsu.

Last week, negotiations began between New York-

based Deloitte and Chicago-based Andersen, said a source familiar with the talks, speaking on condition of anonymity. The talks were first reported Monday in The New York Times and The Wall Street Journal.

Deloitte spokesman Matthew Batters wouldn't comment specifically on the talks but said, "we are involved in scenario planning exercises to address the current and future issues facing the profession."

Andersen spokesman Patrick Dorton said the firm "is considering many options to enable us to continue to successfully serve our clients and promote the career opportunities of our people."

Even if Andersen's best option is to merge some of its assets with another accounting firm, it could be hard to insulate a potential merger partner from legal liabilities Andersen faces over Enron, some experts say.

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"The issue for an acquirer is 'I want those assets but I don't want the liability,'" said Steven Kaplan, a University of Chicago finance professor specializing in mergers and acquisitions.

Itzhak Sharav, an accounting professor at Columbia University's business school, said Andersen's other main value — the intellectual capital of its 4,700 partners and 85,000 employees — is also at risk as more workers contemplate their future elsewhere.

"They are losing talent and they have to do something," Sharav said. "By now, with all the bad publicity and the defections they have suffered, they are really a sinking ship."

Oracle CEO's jet moved to Stockton

By The Associated Press

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Oracle chief executive Larry Ellison has moved his private jet to Stockton, after fighting four years for the right to fly and land as he pleases in San Jose.

Ellison is moving the \$38 million Gulfstream V aircraft to Stockton Metropolitan Airport, after the San Jose Airport's Jet Center ran out of hangar room and asked Ellison's plane to move.

"We didn't relish kicking anybody out," said Dan Ryan, president of the Jet Center, who noted that some smaller planes left as well.

The software billionaire won a court ruling last year that forced the San Jose airport to let him violate a 11:30

p.m. to 6:30 a.m. curfew. City officials had earlier complained about his plane flying after hours on a dozen occasions.

The airport's Jet Center decided in recent months that the luxury jet was too bulky for their limited private hangars, which house 60 planes. The Jet Center has a waiting list of 45 planes and plans to build more hangars.

"We're happy about it — we'd be foolish not to be," said Barry Rondinella, director of the Stockton Airport. "It's just good for the economy here. And an airplane like Mr. Ellison's ain't too shabby."

The company that owns and operates Ellison's jet, Wing and a Prayer, will keep the curfew exemption at the San Jose airport, so it can come and go at odd hours.

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INTERNATIONAL



At least 23 killed as Israel launches major Gaza raid

BY GREG MYRE

Associated Press Writer

JERUSALEM — Israeli tanks and troops stormed into a Gaza Strip refugee camp and waged a fierce gunbattle late Monday and early Tuesday that killed at least 17 Palestinians, raising the death toll in a day of fighting to 23, officials and witnesses said.

The Gaza raid was one of several major Israeli army operations Monday and overshadowed Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's announcement that he was lifting Yasser Arafat's three-month confinement in the West Bank town of Ramallah.

The Israeli army used the raids to round up more than 1,000 Palestinian men for interrogation as it searched for militants in the West Bank.

Most of the casualties came as 20 Israeli tanks supported by helicopter gunships, roared into northern Gaza late Monday, exchanging heavy fire with Palestinian security forces and gunmen on the edge of the Jebaliya refugee camp.

The Israeli army said the raid came shortly after Palestinian militants fired mortar rounds at a Jewish settlement. It said nobody was injured by the shells.

The tanks and helicopters fired heavy machine guns, while troops seized several buildings on the edge of Jebaliya and took up positions on the rooftops, witnesses said.

Elderly people living on the edge of the

camp fled from the front line while young gunmen ran toward it. Amid the nonstop sound of gunfire, mosque loudspeakers called on Palestinians to resist.

Ambulances rushed toward the camp but rescue workers could not reach all of the wounded and some lay bleeding in the streets, witnesses said.

At least 17 Palestinians were killed and more than 75 were injured, according to doctors at two Palestinian hospitals. Palestinian officials said many of the casualties were members of the Palestinian security forces.

In the West Bank, Israel's army carried out sweeps of the Palestinian town of Qalqilya and a Bethlehem refugee camp, handcuffing and blindfolding Palestinian men as it searched for militants in the wake of attacks against Israelis.

With the United States leading an international effort to reduce Mideast tensions, Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said Arafat could now move around the Palestinian territories, though he will still need Israeli permission to go abroad.

Palestinians have described Sharon's recent concessions as cosmetic, saying they are intended to deflect criticism from the tough Israeli military actions.

"There are no positive intentions behind this decision," Palestinian Information Minister Yasser Abed Rabbo said of the announcement about Arafat. "What is needed from the Israeli government is to imme-

diately stop its crimes and massacres."

Arafat's virtual house arrest was lifted after Palestinian security forces complied with an Israeli demand and arrested five suspects in the October killing of Israeli Tourism Minister Rehavam Zeevi.

As in the past, Arafat will have to get Israeli approval to travel outside the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Previously it was routinely granted to the globe-trotting Arafat, but will no longer be automatic, said Sharon spokesman Raanan Gissin.

"A lot will depend on the situation at the time. If there are puddles of blood everywhere, it will make a difference," Gissin said.

A big test will come this month. Arafat wants to attend an Arab summit March 26-28 in Beirut, Lebanon, where the Mideast conflict will dominate the agenda.

Saudi Arabia plans to present its much-discussed proposal that calls for Arab countries to make peace with Israel in exchange for its withdrawal from Arab lands captured in the 1967 Mideast war.

Arafat remained in his Ramallah compound all day Monday, and Palestinian officials said they didn't know when he might venture out. He played host to Ron Schlicher, the U.S. consul-general in Jerusalem, and spoke by telephone with Secretary of State Colin Powell, Arafat aides said.

The Palestinian leader called on the United States to pressure Israel to halt its

military offensive, said Arafat spokesman Nabil Abu Rdeneh.

When he begins moving around the Palestinian territories, Arafat will have to look for new office space.

Israeli helicopters destroyed his sea-side headquarters in Gaza City on Sunday in retaliation for a Palestinian suicide bombing in Jerusalem. The Israelis have also pummeled Arafat offices in the West Bank towns of Nablus and Jenin.

During Arafat's extended stay at his compound in Ramallah, where he worked and slept, Israeli tanks were deployed right outside his headquarters and several buildings were hit by Israeli missiles, though not Arafat's offices. The armored vehicles pulled back to long-standing Israeli checkpoints at the edge of Ramallah about two weeks ago.

Sharon has softened some positions ahead of Thursday's arrival of U.S. envoy Anthony Zinni, who is trying to end 17 months of fighting. More than 130 Palestinians and 50 Israelis have been killed in the first 11 days of March, the bloodiest period since the fighting erupted in September 2000.

The Israeli leader said he is no longer insisting on a week of complete calm before moving ahead with a U.S. truce plan. Also, Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres met senior Palestinian negotiator Ahmed Qureia on Monday, though no breakthroughs were reported.

Zimbabwe presidential vote ends after three days with bullets, gas

BY RAVI NESSMAN

Associated Press Writer

HARARE, Zimbabwe — Police closed down voting booths and used clubs and tear gas to disperse prospective voters Monday, as a chaotic, court-ordered, third day of presidential voting ended with allegations of government rigging and anger over confusion at polling stations.

Police also shot into the air at a polling station in the Harare neighborhood of Glen Norah to disperse 600 people waiting to vote Monday night. When told to go home, they began chanting "Change, change, we want to vote!"

Also during the chaos Monday, four U.S. diplomats were detained for four hours by police, and U.S. officials said they would protest.

Sunday's election was the fiercest fought in Zimbabwe since President Robert Mugabe led the nation to independence in 1980. Mugabe faced a strong challenge from Morgan Tsvangirai, a labor organizer turned opposition candidate from the Movement for Democratic Change. In recent years, Zimbabwe's economy has collapsed and political violence — blamed mostly on the ruling party — has become rampant.

Independent election observers have expressed concern over the number of people turned away by polling officials,

reportedly because they tried to vote in the wrong districts or did not have proper identification.

Government officials denied any voting irregularities.

On Monday night, a judge rejected an opposition appeal to order a fourth day of voting. The voting had been scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, and was held Monday by court order.

Tsvangirai accused Mugabe and his ruling party of trying to steal the election by driving opposition observers from 43 percent of the rural polling stations, some of the rural counting stations and discouraging voting in Harare.

At another polling station in the capital, the presiding officer, escorted by police, marked a distance 100 yards from the entrance and announced the voting line ended there. Voters refused to budge and began arguing with police and officials.

"Since independence I've never seen such a thing and I wonder why they've done so," said F. Ncube, a 50-year-old factory worker.

Even before the Harare polls closed, authorities announced figures that showed voter turnout was high in strongholds of Mugabe, with far fewer voters casting ballots in opposition areas.

However, opposition officials said the reported turnouts in pro-Mugabe areas did not match the reports from their polling agents.

Battle weary



Mikhail Metzel/Associated Press

American soldiers step off Chinook transport helicopters at Bagram Air Base after battling al-Qaida and Taliban forces in the mountains of eastern Afghanistan.

Prince Charles tells editors to beware of cynicism and 'corrosive' criticism

BY AUDREY WOODS

Associated Press Writer

LONDON — Prince Charles, so often a target of the press, got his chance to return fire Monday at what he called a sometimes "deeply unfair and harmful" news industry.

He had praise for the higher goals of journalism when he spoke to scores of editors, publishers and other media executives gathered at St. Bride's Church on Fleet Street to celebrate the 300th anniversary of London's first daily newspaper,

the Daily Courant.

Prince Charles did not dwell on his own considerable problems with tabloids and telephoto lenses, but defended public servants against "the corrosive drip of constant criticism" in the press.

Teachers, doctors, nurses, police and civil servants are often unfairly criticized, he said.

For many months, Britain's public services have come under heavy criticism. The National Health Service is struggling, the rail network is faltering, street crime is rising and criticism of

the civil service has followed highly publicized infighting in the Transport Department.

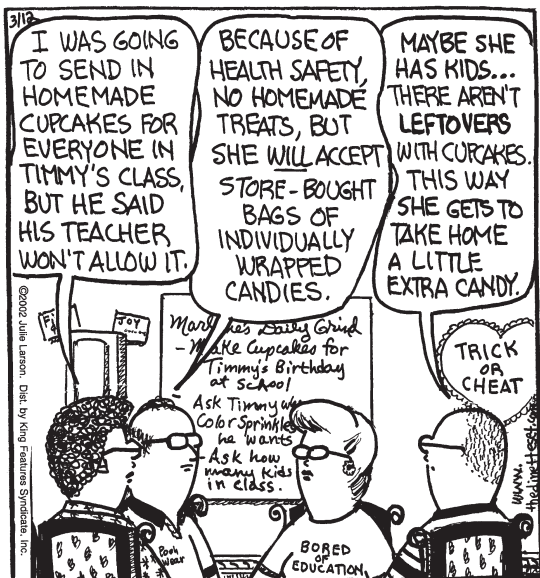
Over the centuries, Charles said, the press had been "awkward, cantankerous, cynical, bloody-minded, at times intrusive, at times inaccurate and at times deeply unfair and harmful to individuals and to institutions."

Most of the time, he said, newspapers sought to keep the public informed, to scrutinize those in power, to uncover wrongdoing and "to prick the pomposity of the overbearing."

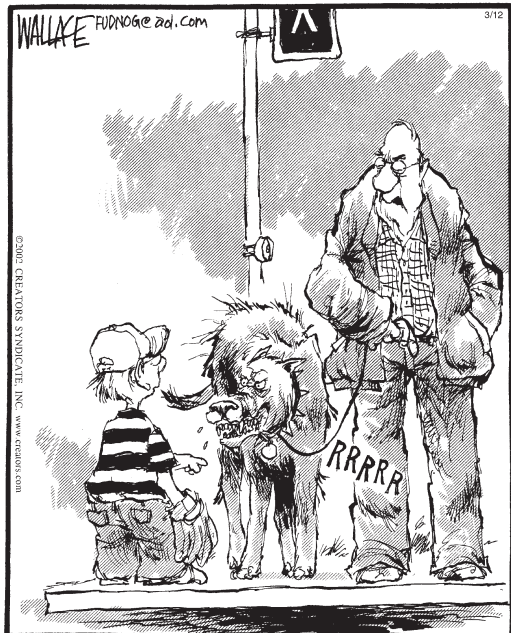


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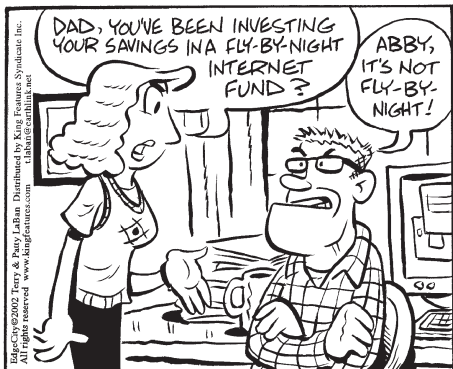
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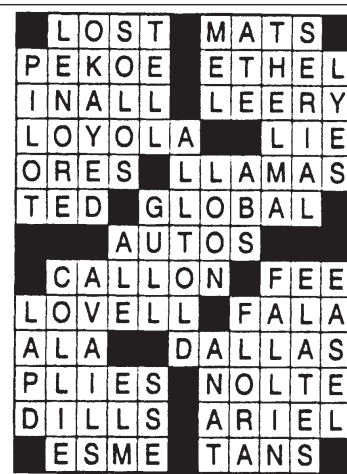
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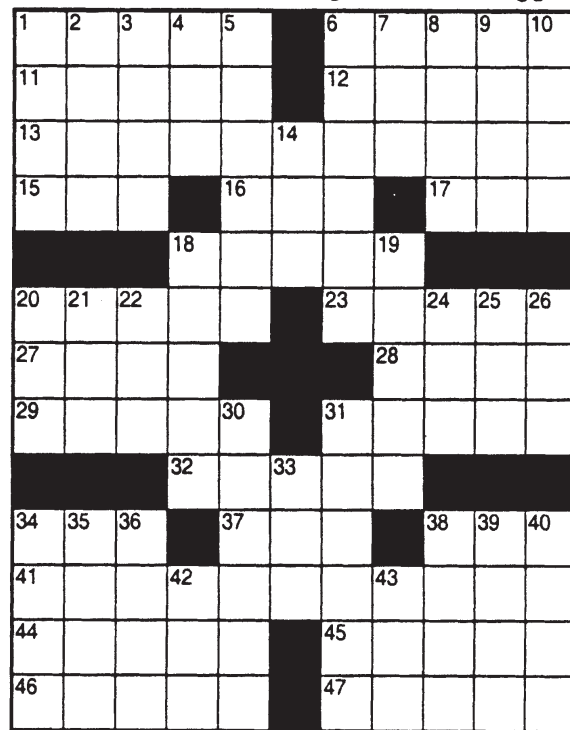


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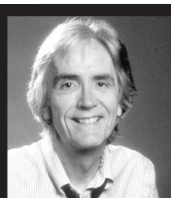
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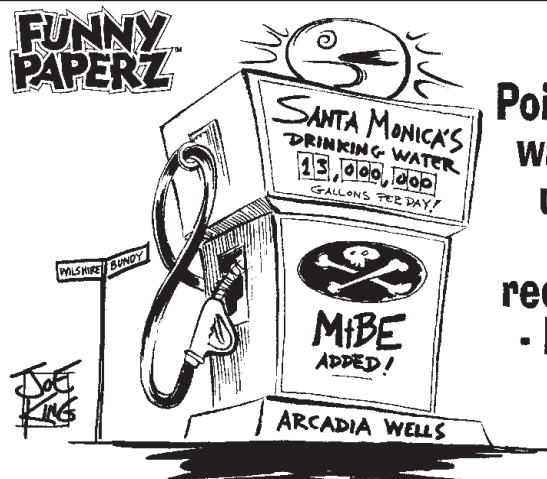


NEWS OF THE WEIRD

by Chuck Shepard

Dead dogs and cats become a city's problem

A December report by St. Louis's KMOV-TV caused an uproar when it revealed that the city's 3,500 euthanized dogs and cats a year are disposed of at a local rendering plant that sells some of its product (recycled fat and protein) to pet food manufacturers. The rendering plant subsequently stopped accepting dogs and cats (which it had been taking for free, as a public service), but the city's crisis continues, in that cremation and other alternate forms of disposal are very expensive.



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ODDS & ENDS

Supreme Court to hear license plate whining

By The Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — Wine maker Michael Paul Higgins is whining about his license plate.

Oregon's Driver and Motor Vehicle Services Division has rejected his request to have WINE, VINO or IN VINO as a vanity plate, a move Higgins says violates his constitutional right to free speech.

"Why shouldn't people be able to put anything on a vanity plate that they can put on a bumper sticker?" he asks.

The state Supreme Court will hear oral arguments in his case Thursday.

Experts say a victory by Higgins would eliminate virtually any restrictions on vanity plates, forcing Oregon officials to choose between allowing nasty words and scrapping a program that raises about \$1.5 million a year for litter patrol.

Higgins' request for the plates was first denied in 1996 and an appeal lost the next year.

In 2000, a divided Oregon Court of Appeals sided with the DMV, saying vanity plates were not the speech of the

motorist who requested them, but of the government, which owns the plates.

Higgins, 65, said the reasoning is ludicrous.

"If someone walks down the street and swears up a blue streak, it doesn't make us think that the state approves it because it's a public street," he said last week.

Historic Scottish massacre still a sore point

By The Associated Press

EDINBURGH, Scotland — More than 300 years since members of the Campbell clan slaughtered 38 of their rival MacDonalds at Glencoe in the Scottish Highlands — on the pretext that the MacDonalds had failed to swear allegiance to the English crown — passions still run high.

On Monday, the MacDonalds took up the metaphorical cudgels again after hearing that the man appointed to run the new visitor center on the site of the massacre carries the dread name of their historic foes.

The National Trust for Scotland said Roddy Campbell is the best choice to head the center, which opens to the pub-

lic in May. "His name did not come into it," said spokesman Simon Walton.

But Hector MacDonald, a specialist in Highland history, called the appointment a farce. "Perhaps this government-led quango thinks it can build bridges with the Glencoe community," he said in an interview with The Daily Telegraph newspaper.

"Don't get me wrong, I have nothing against the Campbells, but I would not stay a night in the company of one," he said.

The massacre came after the Campbells had accepted shelter from the MacDonalds, historians say. Altogether, 38 men, women and children were shot, bayoneted or burned to death at Glencoe on Feb. 13, 1692. Soldiers looted and burned MacDonald hamlets and drove off the livestock. About 160 MacDonalds escaped, but unknown numbers perished of hunger and exposure.

Rhode Island's Confederate History Month scrapped

By The Associated Press

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — Rhode Island is well north of the Mason-Dixon line.

But that didn't stop Gov. Lincoln Almond's office from issuing a proclamation declaring April "Confederate History and Heritage Month."

Thomas G. Kogut, a spokesman for the governor, told The Providence Journal that it was "processed in error" at the request last month from a southerner named Calvin Johnson, who then posted it on his Web site.

Johnson's Web site — called "Proud Son of a Confederate Soldier" — featured Rhode Island's proclamation, as well as links to the song "Dixie," and information about those who fought in the so-called "War of Southern Independence."

The proclamation's language was supplied by Johnson. It declared April the month in which "the Confederate States of America began and ended its four-year struggle for states' rights, individual freedom and local control" just like America's "Revolutionary forefathers."

Johnson pulled the proclamation from his Web site when the governor's office realized what it had done and asked him to remove it.

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