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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

by Chuck Shepard

Police, having knocked on a door in Woodlawn, Ky., in June, pursuant to a neighbor's noise complaint, inadvertently stumbled across an apparent family-run retail drug business when three teenagers eagerly answered questions about the marijuana plant viewable from the front door. According to police, the kids invited them in and proudly showed them the entire elaborate hydroponic operation. The mother, Bernadette Dusing, 42, was at home at the time, but according to police, remained silent.



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I believe in the institute of marriage and I intend to keep trying until I get it right."

— Richard Pryor



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Local mediator stays in recall race

Santa Monica woman says 'California needs a mediator, not a terminator' for governor

BY JOHN WOOD

Daily Press Staff Writer

Heather Peters admits the run for California's top job is a long shot, but the Santa Monica mediator said she's in the race to win the governor's seat anyway.

Peters, who has never held any political office before, describes herself as a centrist and says the effort to recall Gov. Gray Davis has the ability to reverse California's faltering voter turnout because it gives voters a broad range of choices on the ballot. There are 135 names on the state's historic recall ballot.

"It's the first time in my lifetime that a centrist platform has made it out to the public," said Peters, pointing to the intense media attention given to recall candidates. "We'll see if the voters have their hearts and minds in the center, as I think they do."

Had former gubernatorial-hopeful Richard Riordan joined the race, Peters, the second LA-area resident to qualify for the ballot, said she would have abandoned her campaign. Instead, Peters, 37, has stepped up her campaign and plans to make a swing through San Francisco next month.

Asked if she thinks she can beat movie star and fellow Republican Arnold Schwarzenegger, Peters replied, "I don't know. Well, I haven't booked the movers yet. I'm pretty much a realist."

A resident of Santa Monica's mid-city

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California governor candidate Heather Peters gives an interview with radio station KUCI 88.9 FM over the phone at a friend's Santa Monica home on Friday.

Extra cops deployed this holiday weekend

By Daily Press staff

Santa Monica police are out in full force this holiday weekend.

Called a "saturation patrol," the SMPD had an additional nine motorcycle officers patrolling downtown Santa Monica and Main Street on Friday night as part of an ongoing educational effort to curb drunk driving.

SMPD is participating in the "Avoid the 50" program, which is comprised of 50 law enforcement agencies in Los Angeles County who have deployed extra patrol this weekend.

SMPD will continue to have beefed up enforcement throughout the weekend, stopping vehicles for moving traffic violations, said SMPD Sgt. Jay Trisler.

State's recall election prompts the review of Proposition 13

BY GARY GENTILE

AP Business Writer

LOS ANGELES — Like sunny weather and clogged freeways, tax-cutting Proposition 13 has become a fact of life in California — and as sacrosanct as the automobile and the patio grill.

For the past 25 years, the tax rollback has been politically untouchable. A generation of politicians felt compelled to declare they would not mess with it.

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Del Pastrana/Daily Press

Maria Shriver, wife of California governor candidate Arnold Schwarzenegger, helps set up campaign offices on Fourth Street with volunteers on Friday.

Arnold Schwarzenegger sets up shop downtown

By Daily Press staff

Arnold Schwarzenegger has brought the circus to downtown Santa Monica.

It was announced Friday that Schwarzenegger, who is running as the main Republican challenger to Gov. Gray Davis in the Oct. 7 recall election, is setting up a campaign headquarters at 1338

Fourth St., in addition to his operation at 310 Main St.

On Friday afternoon, Schwarzenegger's wife, Maria Shriver and the couple's children, were at the space helping set up.

"Californians for Schwarzenegger" has leased a 4,700-square-foot retail space

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Finances, especially adding to your income, star as a major preoccupation this year. Working with a partner will help you build your financial coffers. Your ability to move through problems and get ahead marks your creativity and ingenuity, whether at home or at work. You start a new life cycle this year and are quite likely to head in a new direction, if you want. Extremes mark your moods — as high as you get and as low as you can become. If you are single, you will meet someone significant this year. Be sure you want this relationship, because ending it could be difficult. If you are attached, your relationship will grow, especially if you share more private time together. You two will flourish together. LIBRA helps you make money.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ Get into the mood of Labor Day weekend and join your pals. Make plans that suit you as well as others. You might opt for a mini-trip. Consider inviting others to join in. The only mistake you can make is being alone right now. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Visualize with a partner or friend what might add to the quality of your life. The Bull is a sign that loves the good life. Do your best to provide just that for yourself. Remember, you don't need to break the bank to accomplish it. Tonight: Barbecue in the back yard.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ You're more than likely to flirt the last unofficial weekend of summer away. Use your wit and charm to draw others to you, specifically a child. Take another's wishes seriously. He or she cannot be pushed much more, even with all your smiles. Tonight: Romp away.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ You might want to try something different right now. A home project could take priority over celebrating Labor Day weekend. Still, you seem to enjoy yourself wherever you are and no matter what you are doing. Tonight: Your home is your castle.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Invite others over for a spontaneous get-together, or join friends nearby. You might not want to wander far from home. A relationship could heat up if you just let go and relax. Carefully weigh the pros and cons of an expenditure. Tonight: Enjoy the person you're with.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Your special touch makes a difference to an older friend or loved one, though he or she might have difficulty expressing his or her appreciation. Adjust plans to your mood and give up any rigidity right now. Remember, this is your weekend, too. Tonight: Indulge a little.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ The Moon in your sign makes you the lead player today. Others respond to your ideas, charisma and desires. A conversation could completely change your mind about plans and/or a person. Tonight: Others flock around you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Step back and be careful how you deal with others. You could be more emotional than you realize. Watch a tendency to react right now. If you need some time off, simply take it. You often do way too much for others. Tonight: Do your thing.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ You hit the bull's-eye, as you naturally seem to make the right move at the right time. Bring friends and loved ones together for the last unofficial weekend of summer. You have a knack for throwing parties and drawing others together. Tonight: Where the gang is.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Responsibilities drop on you. On some level, realize that although you might consider them a burden, they also make you feel important. Revise your thinking about an older friend or relative. A partner might need some cheering up. Tonight: Leader of the gang.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Your adventuresome side emerges with others. Invite a friend to join you in exploring. What you discover together might be quite memorable. Plans change. Demonstrate your ability to flow with the moment. Tonight: Away you go.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ How you see a situation could change because of a relationship that makes a big difference in your life. Renew a bond, especially when you see that this person is more willing to express what is on his or her mind. Tonight: Make it exclusively for two, if possible.

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LOCAL



Photo exhibit puts faces with LA's many cultures



Photo courtesy of the Anti Defamation League

This photo is just one of 75 on display at MTV Networks in Santa Monica and is part of a traveling exhibit that depicts the diversity of Los Angeles.

BY LAUREN WOLMAN
Special to the Daily Press

A display of photographs at MTV Networks in Santa Monica aims to show how diverse Los Angeles really is.

"Faces of LA," an exhibit of photographic works by high school students was launched this past Thursday and is part of the Anti Defamation League's "Dream Dialogue Program."

The exhibit documents Los Angeles' cultural diversity and multiplicity of social identities as captured through the camera lens. The program is designed to show the different social and cultural groups in Los Angeles including age, socio-economic class, gender, sexual orientation, race, religion, ethnicity and nationality, as well as physical and mental ability.

"This is really a student empowerment project. The students are the ones with the power and vision; it is their project," said Melissa Morgan, assistant project director of the Southern California chapter of the ADL.

ADL's "Dream Dialogue" brings together a diverse group of young people to bond across ethnic groups, develop teen leader-

ship skills, train to become facilitators, lead discussions in valuing diversity and initiate a community social action project.

**"I never knew
there were so many
different cultures outside
of where I live."**

— NEDA FARZAN
Student photographer

"It is hoped that the exhibit will promote dialogue about the issues of bias," said Tessa Hicks, project director for ADL's "A World of Difference Institute."

The 75 photos run the gamut of cultures throughout LA, including war protesters, a Jewish family celebrating Shabbat, an African American man wearing a "I Have A Dream" shirt, an Hispanic girl wearing a dress and a Caucasian boy eating an ice cream cone. Also included are pictures of

surf report

While the surf outlook isn't too great for the weekend, there are still a few waves to catch. Malibu is showing one- to two-foot waves, ankle- to waist-high with fair conditions. A lot of rock is showing at low tide and the best waves are on the inside. However, size and consistency have a lot to be desired. Topanga has poor to fair conditions and Venice has some rideable waves around the sandbag and jetties. Waves are two to three feet with poor to fair conditions. At Venice, it's mostly stacked windswell surf.

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SUNDAY	6:06	0.9	6:59	1.1	N/A	N/A	12:30	5.5
MONDAY	6:41	1.5	8:15	1.0	12:58	4.3	1:14	5.5
TUESDAY	7:22	2.2	9:50	0.9	2:22	3.6	2:10	5.5
WEDNESDAY	8:22	2.8	11:26	0.5	4:33	3.2	3:24	5.5
THURSDAY	10:09	3.1	N/A	N/A	6:40	3.5	4:47	5.6
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the students behind their lenses.

The project gave participating students an opportunity to see how the rest of Los Angeles lives.

"I never knew there were so many different cultures outside of where I live," said Neda Farzan, a student photographer.

High School Junior Sophie Bibas came to the exhibit because she wanted to see how the photographs illustrate the diversity in her city.

"The pictures showed great insight into Los Angeles' vibrant and multi-faceted culture," she said.

ADL has a national partnership with MTV, called "Fight For Your Rights

Campaign," which encourages people to take a stand against discrimination.

"MTV welcomed us and they had the building available," said Alison Mayersohn, ADL associate director of the Pacific Southwest Region.

The traveling show will be exhibited at the Beverly Hills Municipal Gallery at City Hall from Sept. 15 through Oct. 15 and the YWCA of Greater Los Angeles from Oct. 17 to Oct. 31, as well as other Southern California venues throughout the 2003-04 school year.

For further information about the exhibit, call the ADL at (310) 446-8000, ext. 241.

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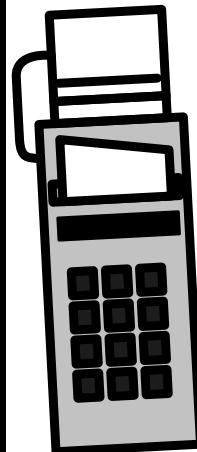
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OPINION

Trying to relax through meditation can be exhausting

MODERN
TIMES

By Lloyd Garver

Meditation is back. I don't know if it ever really left, but more Americans are meditating today than ever before. People who meditate these days come from all walks of life and aren't necessarily weird New Agers or pretentious actors. Students, lawyers, West Point cadets, athletes, prisoners and government officials all meditate. There are even yoga classes for children and for dogs. So why not me?

The main reason I wanted to try meditation is because there are all kinds of claims about its medical benefits. More and more doctors recommend it. It's supposed to help depression, control pain, increase longevity, slow down cancers, invigorate the immune system and significantly reduce blood pressure. Time Magazine

recently reported that "meditation can sometimes be used to replace Viagra." And you don't have to be embarrassed at the pharmacy when you pick it up.

The whole idea of meditation is to try not to think of anything. I figured I'd be pretty good at that. Whenever I want to think of a great idea, or where we should go to dinner, or what the name of that familiar-looking guy who is approaching me is, I don't have a problem drawing a blank at all. I seemed like the perfect candidate for meditation.

So, last night I tried it. I turned off the lights in my office and sat in a comfortable chair. After you close your eyes, you're supposed to say a word or phrase to yourself over and over again. That's your mantra. I decided that my mantra would simply be the word, "One." After a few minutes, I wasn't sure if it was working, so I switched to "Peace." I hope it's OK to switch mantras in the middle of meditation. I wouldn't want to have a bunch of yogis mad at me.

Then I started thinking, "Hey, this isn't so hard. I'm not thinking of anything ...

Oops!"

Then other thoughts started intruding into my meditation. "Why do kids need meditation to reduce stress? Whatever happened to playing on the playground?" "Yoga classes for dogs? Rascal already sleeps 23 hours a day. How much more relaxed could he be?" I took some deep breaths and I returned to trying to relax.

Pretty soon, the thoughts started again: "Am I meditating yet?" "Do I look stupid sitting here like this?" "I wonder if my blood pressure has gone down." Then the killer popped into my head: "I'd better start relaxing soon. I can't sit here all night."

It's like when you haven't fallen asleep yet, it's three in the morning and you have to get up early for an important meeting. Right when you tell yourself, "I'd better fall asleep soon, or I'm going to be in bad shape in the morning," you might as well get up, get dressed and wait for your newspaper to be thrown into a puddle. You're not going to fall asleep that night.

As I sat there, I could feel myself getting more and more anxious. My heart was beating faster and I assumed my

blood pressure was rising. I got panicky when I thought about what this was probably doing to my immune system. Trying to relax was really making me nervous.

So I gave up. But since the benefits are so great, I'm going to keep trying. I'm sure those people who can meditate all day, lower their pulse at will, walk on hot coals and not be annoyed by call waiting didn't learn all the tricks in one night.

The main thing I've got to learn is how to clear my mind, how to stop thoughts from intruding. I think the key is finding the right mantra. I'm going to give up on "One" and "Peace." Instead, if I just keep saying to myself, "I've got to come up with a great idea," I'm guaranteed to think of nothing.

(Lloyd Garver has written for many television shows, ranging from "Sesame Street" to "Family Ties" to "Frasier." He has also read many books, some of them in hardcover. He writes the "Modern Times" column for CBSnews.com's opinion page and can be reached at smdp@lloydgarvermoderntimes.com).

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LOCAL

Local mediator going for the governor position

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neighborhood, Peters said her campaign has consistently gained momentum since it began.

She describes herself as a pro-choice, anti-tax moderate who is only running as a Republican as a matter of law. According to the recall guidelines, candidates must register under the party in which they last voted.

Peters added that she's a Republican fiscally, but takes a liberal stand on many social issues.

She entered the race not only because she believes that Gov. Davis lacks the interpersonal skills to effectively deal with the Legislature and is "bought and paid for" by special interest groups, but also because the campaign is short enough that she may have a chance of winning.

"In a traditional election, I would have to shelve my business for 18 months," she said. "I've always thought about running for office but I would never make it in a primary as a Republican and I don't have a lot of money."

Peters doesn't belong to any political groups or special clubs, other than the Manhattan Beach Tennis Club and the State Bar of California. Because of that, she doesn't answer to any lobbying interests, she said.

The top items on Peters' would-be agenda are reforming worker's compensation claims, setting guidelines for medical expenses, rooting out fraud and giving tax breaks to businesses that offer health benefits and childcare to employees, as well as for environmental incentives.

"There really is no quick fix," she said. "One of the first things that needs to be done is this Legislature needs to get off the dime and break this deadlock. But you can't fire the Legislature, you have to deal with them."

Peters, a native of Greenwich Village in New York, said her background as a mediator puts her in a good position to do exactly that.

"I tried cases and I won cases but I never felt like any one was better for it at the end of the day," said Peters, who moved to California in 1987 to attend Southwestern School of Law on a full scholarship. "So I started a mediation practice where people settle their disputes out of court. It is greatly rewarding to me."

Peters, whose favorite book and movie is "To Kill a Mockingbird," said she loves Santa Monica and the beach. She declined to comment on her position in local politics, saying it would be a conflict of interest because she has been hired by City Hall in the past.

Asked what her criminal record looks like, Peters laughed and said she has never been cited with so much as a moving violation.

Her campaign so far has personally cost her the \$3,500 filing fee and \$1,030 for a candidate statement to be printed on the ballot.

She has raised a couple thousand dollars but is mostly using the media to get

her message out.

"Given the short time frame (of the campaign), I'm not doing any traditional campaigning," Peters said. "I need to get my message out to as broad an audience as I can and quickly as possible."

She has been interviewed by nearly every local television news outlet, as well as on CBS's Early Morning Show. Peters also has been featured in the LA Times, various cable networks, radio programs and local newspapers.

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— HEATHER PETERS
Candidate for governor
and Santa Monica resident

Peters said because she qualified so early — the beginning of August — she was able to garner the attention of the media early on in the race.

"I had to convince people that I was the go-to reasonable, not crazy person," she said. "I was accessible and I was national less than a week from when I launched my campaign."

A dozen closely coordinated volunteers arranged a kick-off event and are managing Peters' Web site, which offers more information about Peters and links to other politicians.

John Urdan, one of her volunteers, said a lot of the people he talks to have a positive reaction to Peters.

"It seems to be going really well," he said. "We're getting a lot of hits on the Web site, we're getting a lot of media attention. It's hard to say whether that can translate into votes."

Peters, who has no children and is married to Jeff Bonhach — an owner of a local business consulting firm — is running her campaign out of her office in the Water Gardens complex on the eastside of Santa Monica.

Across town, on Main Street and now on Fourth Street in downtown Santa Monica, Schwarzenegger is spearheading a campaign to oust Gov. Davis.

Asked what she thinks of Schwarzenegger's campaign and positions, Peters responded, "It's too soon to tell. I haven't seen enough one way or the other. They've been marshaling their resources and I think we'll start seeing more in the next week or so."



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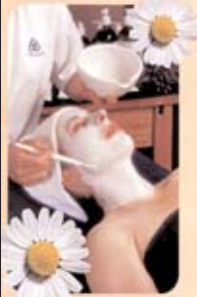
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Prop 13 doesn't help small business owners selling property

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But now, in this strangest of political seasons in the Golden State, there is talk of changing Proposition 13, and it has generated both wrath and praise.

Billionaire investor Warren Buffett, recruited to advise Republican Arnold Schwarzenegger's campaign to unseat Gov. Gray Davis in the recall election in October, stirred a fierce backlash when he

told The Wall Street Journal that Proposition 13 might need to be revised.

Why, he asked, should he pay some \$12,000 more in property taxes on his Omaha, Neb., home than he does on his \$4 million home in Laguna Beach?

Schwarzenegger quickly backed away from Buffett's remarks, joking that he would make the investment guru perform 500 sit-ups if he mentioned Proposition 13 again.

"It's not simply a proposition. It's

embedded in the culture of the state," said Sherry Behitch Jeffe, a political analyst at the University of Southern California.

The 1978 initiative was prompted by an inflationary cycle that sent home prices and property taxes soaring. Approved by 4.2 million voters, it rolled back tax rates to 1975 levels, capped them at 1 percent of a property's value and guaranteed that assessed values would rise no more than 2 percent a year. It was copied, at least in part, by 22 states.

Even today, most political observers agree that the provisions relating to homeowners are untouchable. But now, with the state struggling to dig out from a deficit hole that was once \$38 billion deep, support is growing in some quarters for reforming Proposition 13's commercial property provisions.

In June, a poll by the California Public Policy Institute found that 57 percent of those surveyed were in favor of lifting limits on commercial property taxes.

Lt. Gov. Cruz Bustamante, the only major Democrat on the ballot to succeed Davis if voters oust him, has offered a state budget plan that recommends voters amend Proposition 13 to make owners of commercial real estate pay a bigger share of property taxes. He said such a change could generate up to \$2.9 billion a year.

Because of what critics say are loopholes that allow businesses to escape higher taxation, homeowners are now shouldering a larger share of the property tax burden than they did in 1978.

"The voters didn't intend for homeowners under Proposition 13 to pay an increasing share of the property tax bill while the owners of skyscrapers pay less," Bustamante said recently.

Independent candidate Arianna Huffington has also proposed revising Proposition 13 to increase taxes on corporations and wealthy homeowners, while retaining protections for middle-class and senior citizen homeowners.

Business owners are torn over reforms. While Proposition 13 perpetuates inequities between one piece of commercial property and another, it also guarantees a predictable property tax bill year after year.

"Businesses understand that with Proposition 13, they have the protection of property taxes not going up astronomically," said Fred Main, senior vice president of the California Chamber of Commerce.

Some smaller business owners, especially developers of office or retail build-

ings, have a different perspective.

Last year, Gene Buchanan had to shave \$250,000 off his asking price for a 60,000-square-foot office building in Pasadena because of Proposition 13.

Because the building would be reassessed when sold, taxes for the new owner of Buchanan's building would rise from \$30,000 to about \$75,000 a year, a fact the buyer insisted be factored into the price.

"It gets you one way or the other," Buchanan said.

Under Proposition 13, the taxes on a piece of property are based primarily on the property's most recent sale price. In making no distinction between homes and commercial property, Proposition 13 overlooked a key factor: Homes change hands more frequently than factories or office buildings, leading to faster tax increases for homes than for businesses.

The situation has contributed to a shifting of the tax burden in the state, critics say.

In the 1978-79 tax year, homeowners accounted for 32 percent of assessed property. In the 2001-02 year, that share had increased to 38 percent, according to a University of California, Davis study.

In Anaheim, for example, the Walt Disney Co. pays on average 5 cents a square foot for some of the Disneyland property it has owned since the 1950s. By contrast, a person who just bought a home at the median Orange County price of \$428,000 pays \$1.71 a square foot in property taxes.

A proposed constitutional amendment before the Legislature, supported by Bustamante, would require commercial property to be reassessed annually instead of waiting until a property is sold.

Supporters of reform say it would create a level playing field. In some cases, neighboring businesses pay vastly different taxes.

In downtown Sacramento, for example, the Holiday Inn pays 22 cents a square foot, while the nearby Sheraton Grand pays \$1.45 a square foot, according to data collected by the California Tax Reform Association, an advocate of Proposition 13 reform.

Critics also say the law is so riddled with loopholes that businesses can mask changes in ownership and avoid higher taxes.

Another measure, sponsored by state Sen. Martha Escutia, D-Norwalk, would strengthen reporting requirements for businesses and tighten the definition of ownership change.



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Arnold Schwarzenegger's campaign comes to downtown

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between Arizona Avenue and Santa Monica Boulevard, that will serve as the ground operation for the campaign, said campaign spokesman Sean Walsh.

Because of the enormous response of volunteers that have showed up for the campaign, the Schwarzenegger camp realized that the office on Main Street wasn't enough.

The Main Street headquarters is located in an office building above Shatzi on Main — a property that Schwarzenegger owns — and isn't conducive to high volumes of traffic.

"We were being deluged with people who want to help with the campaign," Walsh said. "The new location will let

us set up a ground game."

He added that the downtown location will serve as the communications center and will allow campaigners to organize volunteers more effectively.

Californians for Schwarzenegger was represented by Craig Berrett, senior vice president of Muselli Commercial Realtors and the landlord, Wells Fargo Private Banking, was represented by Vince Muselli, president of Muselli Commercial Realtors, as well as Berrett.

"This space is a lot more amenable to the public," Berrett said, adding the space, which used to be Shiva Imports, will be leased through the end of the election. "It's good publicity for downtown Santa Monica."

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CALIFORNIA BRIEFS

A piece of WTC comes to LA

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — A chunk of World Trade Center debris has been enshrined at the Fire Department's Frank Hotchkin Training Facility to honor rescue workers who died in the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorists attacks.

The 23-ton beam, which was part of the lobby in one of the New York twin towers, was brought by truck Thursday from the harbor to the training facility near Dodger Stadium.

"It went really, really smooth today. It was a team effort," said Tom Larsen, superintendent for Walnut-based United Riggers & Erectors Inc., one of more than a half-dozen contractors that donated services to the project.

A crane lifted the beam onto a concrete base at the training facility. It will be dedicated during a ceremony on Sept. 11.

Schwarzenegger attempts to broaden appeal

By The Associated Press

FRESNO — Actor Arnold Schwarzenegger swept through the hometown of leading rival Cruz Bustamante in an attempt to broaden his appeal in the state's Republican heartland, while both recall replacement candidates fended off criticism for ties to controversial groups.

Schwarzenegger was called on by the League of United Latin American Citizens, the nation's oldest Hispanic civil rights group, to resign from the advisory board of U.S. English, which seeks to make English the official language of the United States. The Austrian-born actor refused.

Meanwhile Bustamante, the state's Democratic lieutenant governor, shrugged off criticism of his affiliation in the 1970s with Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlan, or MeCHA, a Chicano student activist group. The state's highest ranking Hispanic, instead, pounced on an issue dear to his constituents — gasoline prices.

Schwarzenegger was stumping Thursday in Hispanic-heavy Central Valley, Bustamante's home territory, when the league challenged him to step down from U.S. English.

Bustamante devoted much of his energy Thursday reminding voters they will be paying the highest gasoline prices over the Labor Day weekend. He accused the oil companies of price and vowed to bring the industry under state regulatory control.

DA: 'Show no mercy' in death sentence

By The Associated Press

VENTURA — A prosecutor asked jurors to show no mercy during penalty phase deliberations on the fate of convicted killer and serial rapist Vincent Sanchez.

"With the harm this defendant has caused, he is not worthy of your mercy," Senior Deputy District Attorney Dee Corona said Thursday during a two-hour closing argument in the penalty phase of Sanchez's trial.

Corona detailed a decade of crime committed by Sanchez, 32, who was convicted by the same jury of kidnapping, killing and attempting to rape Megan Barroso, a 20-year-old Moorpark College student, in July 2001.

Sanchez admitted killing Barroso but denied raping her. He also pleaded guilty earlier to raping nearly a dozen women in Simi Valley between 1996 and 2001.

Chief Deputy Public Defender Neil Quinn told jurors earlier that psychiatric disorders left Sanchez unable to control his violent tendencies and he should be spared the death penalty.

On Thursday, the prosecutor scoffed at defense attempts to portray Sanchez as a victim of an alcoholic and abusive father and that he suffered from mental disorders.

LA attorney wants to restrict street gang movement

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — City Attorney Rocky Delgadillo wants a court injunction restricting the movements of a street gang preying on areas in an around the Nickerson Gardens housing project.

"For 30 years, the Bounty Hunters have plagued this neighborhood with assaults, gunfire and robberies," Delgadillo said Thursday. "They display a blatant disregard for innocent residents."

Sixteen members of the gang would be targeted by the special nuisance-abatement orders if a judge approves Delgadillo's request.

Gang members would be barred from standing, sitting, walking or driving with others named in the complaint, or with other members of the Bounty Hunters, and from possessing guns, selling drugs, acting as lookouts by whistling or yelling, blocking parking spaces and gambling.

Police said the gang injunction would be useful in preventing gang members from taking over the parking spaces of residents at the housing project to sell drugs.

If the injunction is approved, police could force gang members to leave without involving the affected residents, who might otherwise fear retaliation, officials said.

Gang injunctions to control street gangs have been used by police and prosecutors for a decade. There are some 16 such court orders in force around the city.

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MTV celebrates 20 years in its awards ceremony

BY NEKESA MUMBI MOODY

AP Music Writer

NEW YORK — Twenty years after the first MTV Video Music Awards, and not much has changed — Madonna still makes jaws drop and cheeks blush.

Just like her first time, the superstar upstaged everyone at the 20th annual MTV Video Music Awards, only she had help Thursday night from the latest generation of video divas, Britney Spears and Christina Aguilera.

Proving they've come a long way from their Mouseketeer days, the young pop tarts gave a gyrating, writhing tribute to Madonna to open the show. Dressed in the same kind of white bustier wedding dress Madonna wore while performing "Like a Virgin" during MTV's inaugural awards broadcast in 1984, Spears and Aguilera sang a cover of the not-so-innocent tune.

Then, while Madonna sang her new "Hollywood" in a masculine, all-black groom's outfit, she shared an open-mouthed kiss with both Aguilera and Spears. The two smooches rivaled the Michael Jackson-Lisa Marie Presley kiss at the awards in 1994 on the shock meter.

It was all in a night's work for MTV's annual extravaganza, where mere music takes a back seat to wacky antics, barely there outfits and eye-popping performances.

There were no big winners — Missy Elliott's "Work It" won two awards, including video of the year, while Justin Timberlake, Coldplay and Beyonce had three apiece. The 71-year-old Johnny Cash, nominated seven times for "Hurt," won once.

As usual, the most memorable moments had nothing to do with the moonmen trophies.

Besides the bump-and-grind number by Madonna, Spears and Aguilera, there was 50 Cent's performance of "P.I.M.P.," during which he was joined onstage by Snoop Dogg, the ubiquitous Bishop Don Magic Juan, members of his G-Unit posse — and a bevy of half-naked women.

"Today is the anniversary of Martin Luther King's 'I Have a Dream' speech — isn't it nice to see that his dream has finally come true?" cracked host Chris Rock after 50 and company left the stage.

Eminem, who won one moonman for best video from a film for "Lose Yourself," poked fun at himself and his verbal tussle with a smart-mouthed puppet at last year's awards show.

"I got into this little anger management program ... and today I stand before you a changed man," said Eminem, onstage with the puppet "Special Ed" from the Comedy Central series "Crank Yankers."

"Working with Ed has taught me that puppets, just like people, have feelings too," Eminem said gently — before attacking the puppet for repeatedly talking over him.

Kelly Osbourne and Avril Lavigne surprised Duran

Duran — who had never won an MTV award — with a lifetime trophy.

At least one member of the group, which recently reunited, was in disbelief.

"I think we've been 'Punk'd' actually. I think they're going back," said Nick Rhodes.

"Today is the anniversary of Martin Luther King's 'I Have a Dream' speech — isn't it nice to see that his dream has finally come true?"

— CHRIS ROCK
VMA host

And Fred Durst and Jack Black poked fun at last year's embarrassing moment, when Michael Jackson thought a birthday trophy presented to him was an "Artist of the Millennium" award.

"If someone had told me, when I was a kid, that I was going to win the super-genius of the century award, I would have never believed it," gushed Black, wearing a Jack-o'-esque outfit complete with metallic shin guards.

The evening had a potential to be poignant. Cash's haunting "Hurt" threatened to upstage all the craziness at the Radio City Music Hall extravaganza, but The Man in

Black's hopes to attend were dashed when he was hospitalized with a stomach ailment.

Cash's video, nominated for video of the year, best male video and best direction, among others, was hardly a staple on MTV over the past year. His cover of the Nine Inch Nails song wasn't played very much, and most die-hard MTV watchers may not recall even seeing it. But it resonated with those who vote on the nominations, including music executives, video directors and journalists. It won for best cinematography.

More people were familiar with Missy Elliott's "Work It," the most-nominated video, which had eight nods. The music clip was loaded with special effects, dancing and surreal images. It won the evening's first award, for best hip-hop video, which Elliott picked up after participating in the Madonna tribute.

Beyonce's sexy video "Crazy in Love," featuring her boyfriend Jay-Z, won three awards. She gave a show-stopping, hip-shaking performance with dozens of dancers, garnering a standing ovation from the crowd.

Nominated for seven awards was Justin Timberlake's "Cry Me a River" video, which takes a not-so-subtle dig at ex-girlfriend Spears; the video features Timberlake exacting revenge on a cheating Spears look-alike.

Timberlake won best pop video for "Cry Me a River," and best male video, beating out Cash.

"This is a travesty! I demand a recount," he said, before paying tribute to Cash.

"My grandfather raised me on Johnny Cash," he said, "and I think he deserves this more than any of us in here tonight."

Sharks put chill in big beach weekend

BY CHELSEA J. CARTER

Associated Press Writer

SAN ONOFRE — The sign warning of great white sharks lurking in the waves off this famed surfing beach was message enough for Todd Wester.

"We're not going to be going in the water," said Wester, 38, of Ontario as he unpacked towels this week during an outing with his family at San Onofre State Beach, 60 miles north of San Diego.

A lot of Californians will face the same choice over the Labor Day holiday, the last big beach weekend of a summer in which a swimmer was killed by a great white on the central coast and the predators have been repeatedly spotted close to shore, sometimes bumping surfers' boards.

At San Onofre, made famous by The Beach Boys, the signs posted on gates and lifeguard towers are simply warnings. At Avila Beach, about 200 miles north of Los Angeles, authorities have made the decision for beachgoers. Signs there read "Shark Advisory, Water Closed."

Deborah Franzman, 50, of Nipomo was killed by a great white while swimming at Avila Beach on Aug. 19. It was California's first fatal shark attack since 1994, and only the 10th recorded death in the state since 1952, according to state Fish and Game records.

Her death has had drastic effects on businesses in the tiny hamlet.

"On a busy midweek day we get about 400 people," Danielle Evans,

manager of the Custom House Restaurant, said Thursday. "Yesterday, no one hardly looked at the water."

Biologists say once a great white has been spotted, it's prudent to be cautious.

"It's probably best for people to stay out of the water."

— MIKE SHANE
Research biologist,
Hubbs-Sea World Research Institute

"It's probably best for people to stay out of the water. White sharks are known to stay in areas for periods of time, and return to areas year after year," said Mike Shane, a research biologist at the Hubbs-Sea World Research Institute.

Three young sharks, about 6 to 7 feet long and weighing up to 350 pounds each, have been spotted almost daily at San Onofre since last week.

Although great white sharks can be found in coastal waters from Alaska to Baja California, officials say it is unusual to find sharks so close to the surface and the shoreline for an extended period of time.

"We've seen sharks out here for years. It's a little peculiar that they have been this close to shore for this long," said Michael Tope, the state Department of Parks and Recreation district superintendent who oversees

northern San Diego and southern Orange County beaches, including San Onofre.

The sharks were believed to be feeding along a nearby reef, he said.

"We're not advising people to stay away from the beach. We're advising that they use extreme caution when they are in the water," Tope said.

Local surfers have named the sharks Sparky, Fluffy and Archie. But state officials say there is little to consider playful about one of the largest marine predators.

The sharks rely on stealth to stalk their prey, which include seals, and typically attack from below. The sharks can mistake paddling surfers or swimmers silhouetted against the surface for seals.

Surfer Mike Richer 42, of LaVerne said he wasn't afraid of the sharks but was taking precautions.

"I'm keeping my feet up on the board. I don't dig as deep when I'm paddling," he said. "I recognize I'm playing in their backyard."

Richer opted to get out of the water after a friend, Dustin Zeits, wiped out on rocks, cut his knee and began to bleed.

"It was time to get out. Why take a chance? I know they are great sniffers," said Zeits, 33, of Upland.

Lynee Miller, 34, of Capo Beach said she was taking no chances at San Onofre.

"I'm not Zen with the sharks. I will stay clear of their house for now," she said as she walked her dog along the beach.

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WORLD BRIEFLY

British communications chief resigns

By The Associated Press

LONDON — Prime Minister Tony Blair's powerful communications chief Alastair Campbell, a central figure in the controversy over whether Britain exaggerated the Iraqi weapon threat to justify war, announced Friday that he will resign.

In a statement issued by Blair's office, Campbell said he intended to step down in "a few weeks" for family reasons. He said a replacement would be announced "shortly."

A former tabloid journalist who has worked for Blair since 1994, Campbell is often referred to as "the real deputy prime minister" and depicted as a shadowy and Machiavellian power behind the government.

In a statement, Blair said "the picture of Alastair Campbell painted by parts of the media has always been a caricature."

He praised Campbell as "an immensely able, fearless, loyal servant of the cause he believes in who was dedicated not only to that cause but to his country."

Campbell was at the center of media allegations that Blair's office exaggerated the threat posed by Iraqi weapons in an intelligence dossier used to win support for military action against Iraq.

Soldiers wage fierce battle

By The Associated Press

QALAT, Afghanistan — Afghan soldiers were waging a fierce battle with entrenched Taliban fighters in southern Afghanistan after a night of heavy U.S. bombing that left many Taliban dead, an Afghan intelligence chief said Friday.

U.S. warplanes began bombing two suspected Taliban positions in the Chinaran and Larzab mountains of Dai Chupan district in southern Zabul province late Thursday, provincial intelligence chief Khalil Hotak told The Associated Press.

The bombing ended at about 4 a.m., and some 500

local Afghan soldiers moved in on the Taliban fighters. The Taliban had taken up fortified positions in a deep mountain gorge and along a stream that runs through the area, Hotak said in a command center set up in Qalat, about 45 miles south of the fighting.

It was impossible to know the exact number of Taliban killed in the bombing and subsequent fighting, but Hotak said the number of fighters killed could be as high as 35. The U.S. military could not immediately be reached for comment.

U.S. soldier dies in convoy attack

By The Associated Press

BAQOUBA, Iraq — A U.S. soldier was killed in an attack on a convoy Friday morning and four others were wounded, the military said.

Attackers fired three rocket-propelled grenades at the support convoy on a main road northeast of Baqouba, 40 miles northeast of Baghdad, said Capt. Jay Miller of the 67th Armor Regiment's 3rd Battalion.

Small arms fire also hit the group. One of the wounded soldiers would have to have a leg amputated, said Capt. David Nelson from the 4th Infantry Division's 2nd Brigade.

The soldiers belonged to the 8th Infantry Regiment's 2nd Battalion and were traveling from the town of Muqadadiyah to 2nd Brigade headquarters in Baqouba, he said.

The soldier's death raises to number of American soldiers killed in Iraq to 282. Of those, 67 have died in combat since May 1, when President Bush declared an end to major combat operations in Iraq.

Teenager ID'd as worm virus writer

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — U.S. cyber investigators have identified a teenager as one author of a damaging virus-like infection unleashed weeks ago on the Internet and plan to arrest him early Friday, a U.S. official confirmed.

The 18-year-old was accused of writing a version of

the damaging "Blaster" computer infection that spread quickly across the Internet, the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity. The official asked that further identifying information about the teenager not be disclosed until the arrest.

Further details were expected to be disclosed Friday by the FBI and U.S. attorney's office in Seattle, which has been leading the investigation.

A spokesman for the U.S. attorney's office there, John Harting, said there had been "no arrest made in this matter yet." He declined to comment further.

A witness reportedly saw the teen testing the infection and called authorities, the official said.

Collectively, different versions of the virus-like worm, alternately called "LovSan" or "Blaster," snarled corporate networks worldwide, forcing Maryland's motor vehicle agency to close for one day. The infection inundated networks and frustrated home users.

Bush becoming less popular

By The Associated Press

ALBANY, N.Y. — A drop in President Bush's poll numbers has increased speculation about New York Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton jumping into the 2004 Democratic presidential race — a notion the former first lady rejected Friday.

"I am absolutely ruling it out," Clinton said during a visit to the New York State Fair in Syracuse, N.Y. She had insisted in recent months that she will not consider entering the race for president this year even if that is what some Democrats want.

Fueling the speculation has been talk of a fall visit to Iowa, site of the nomination's kickoff caucuses Jan. 19, but no confirmation yet from her staff on whether Clinton will go.

A meeting of her fund-raising team next month is expected to include at least some discussion of presidential politics — more likely the 2008 race, according to some familiar with planning for the session.

And, there is her own campaign Web site, which includes a section called "Hill Notes" — a sampling of supportive e-mail messages assembled by her staff. On a recent day, seven of the first 10 messages urged a presidential run, or alluded to the possibility.

Summit nations agree to meet again with North Korea

BY AUDRA ANG

Associated Press Writer

BEIJING — With days of delicate diplomacy shaken by North Korea's threat to test an atomic bomb, a six-country summit ended Friday with the only success anyone expected — a commitment for more talks to resolve the ominous dispute over Pyongyang's nuclear program.

Tension persisted between the United States and North Korea as the three-day conference ended. Pyongyang brought out the brinkmanship and bluster that has characterized its diplomacy in recent years, but also, more obliquely, signaled it wouldn't be averse to a compromise. And China said all six countries had agreed not to "escalate the situation" as long as dialogue continued.

"The DPRK and the U.S. should make clear their will to clear up bilateral concerns," the North's official news agency, KCNA, said Friday, using the abbreviation for the country's full name, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

"The DPRK will clarify its will to dismantle its nuclear program if the U.S. makes clear its will to give up its hostile policy."

The head of the U.N. nuclear agency said in an interview televised Friday that he believed North Korea was using its nuclear program to bully the international community.

"I don't think they can be trusted," Mohamed ElBaradei, director-general of the Vienna-based International Atomic Energy Agency, told the British Broadcasting Corp.

"North Korea has to understand that they cannot use blackmail and they have to come back to nonproliferation."

According to a U.S. government official who spoke on condition of anonymity, North Korean Deputy Foreign Minister Kim Yong Il said at the talks Thursday that his country has the means to deliver nuclear weapons. He also said the North would prove it had nuclear devices by testing them.

In Washington, State Department press officer Jo-Anne Prokopowicz, in the first official U.S. response since the talks began, acknowledged Friday that North Korea issued "threats" but she refused to be specific.

"The North's threats are not a surprise ... These threats only serve to further isolate North Korea from the international community," she said.

Alluding to North Korea's statement confirming possession of nuclear weapons, Prokopowicz said, "The United States will not respond to threats or give in to blackmail."

North Korea's strident rhetoric is well-known and it has made such intimidating statements before, leading some to caution against a rush to judgment based on its comments.

"We've seen these tantrum tactics before, usually in response to a U.S. refusal to acquiesce to the North's demands," Molly Pickett, director of the Nonproliferation Project at the Center for Arms Control and Nonproliferation in Washington, said in a statement.

According to South Korea and China, the countries agreed they want to solve the problem peacefully. Where and when the next talks will take place haven't been decided.

"I believe these issues can be resolved," Wang Yi, China's vice foreign minister, said in a statement on behalf of all six participants. "What is important is to maintain this momentum of dialogue that has not come easily."

He acknowledged, "the differences between the two sides are comprehensive."

U.S. Assistant Secretary of State James Kelly did not comment to reporters as he left his Beijing hotel for the final talks Friday.

A pact to meet again was about the best anyone had predicted out of the six-country conference, which convened Wednesday and brought together the United States, the two Koreas, Japan, China and Russia.

"No one expected this first round of talks would produce agreement on all issues," said Deputy Foreign Minister Lee Soo-hyuck, the head of South Korea's delegation.

Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Alexander Losyukov agreed.

"There was no failure. But there was no breakthrough either," Losyukov said, according to Russia's Interfax news agency. "It is not surprising."

Mitoji Yabunaka, head of the Japanese delegation, said there were differences but "what's important from now is how we overcome these differences. For that, I think continuing the process of these six-member talks is important."

The United States says North Korea

must end its nuclear program immediately. The North says it won't rule that out.

As the talks ended, KCNA released what it said was the speech that Kim delivered to the conference Wednesday. Its contents signaled a willingness by the North to continue negotiations by saying both sides should take "simultaneous actions" to resolve the issue.

Kim demanded the United States resume oil shipments, expand humanitarian aid and sign a nonaggression treaty.

"In return," KCNA quoted him as saying, "North Korea does not make nuclear weapons and allows inspections and ultimately dismantles nuclear facilities and suspends missile test-firing and halts missile exports."

North Korea confirmed privately to U.S. officials during April talks in China that it possessed nuclear weapons. But Kim's statement Thursday is believed to be its first formal acknowledgment.

All the governments represented in Beijing expressed varying degrees of opposition to the North's nuclear programs. China, a longtime ally, has said repeatedly that it wants a nuclear-free Korean Peninsula.

Its delegation leader, Wang, said American officials pledged they were not trying to do in North Korea what they did in Iraq.

"The U.S. said that the U.S. had no intention to threaten North Korea, no intention to invade North Korea, no intention to work for regime change in North Korea," Wang said.

SPORTS

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By The Associated Press

OLYMPICS

■ **SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico** — The U.S. team beat Puerto Rico 91-65 in its final game of the second round at the Tournament of the Americas. Tim Duncan led Team USA with 16 points.

The Americans are 8-0 in the Olympic qualifying tournament and will face Puerto Rico again in the semifinals on Saturday. The winner advances to the 2004 Olympics while the loser will get another chance at qualifying for Athens on Sunday in the third-place game against either Canada or Argentina.

FOOTBALL

■ **GREEN BAY, Wis.** — The Tennessee Titans beat the Green Bay Packers 27-3 in a game that included a 2-hour, 33-minute lightning delay and didn't end until after midnight.

Both teams left the field when thunder rumbled nearby with 2:05 left in the second quarter and Green Bay trailing 14-0.

Packers president Bob Harlan said the NFL wanted to wait out the weather and complete the game.

Jerry Seeman, former NFL director of officials who now serves as the league observer at Lambeau Field, was in contact with Roger Goodell, executive vice president of the NFL, who wanted the game to be completed.

The fourth quarter didn't start until after midnight and the game ended at 12:46 a.m.

■ **ORCHARD PARK, N.Y.** — Detroit's starting running back James Stewart is out indefinitely after separating his right shoulder six minutes into the Lions final preseason game, a 22-16 loss to the Buffalo Bills.

Lions coach Steve Mariucci said Stewart will be examined immediately when the team returns home.

■ **MINNEAPOLIS** — Problems with the Metrodome's turf prompted the Arizona Cardinals to ask the NFL to consider postponing their preseason game against the Minnesota Vikings.

The game went on as scheduled after minor repairs, and Arizona won 31-27.

Workers were on the field before the game fixing at least three gaps between sections of the turf around the south end zone, which sits over the infield when the stadium is used for baseball.

On the first play from scrimmage, Arizona quarterback Jeff Blake sustained a mild concussion after being sacked by Vikings tackle Chris Hovan.

TENNIS

■ **NEW YORK** — Men's No. 1 seed Andre Agassi defeated Andreas Vinciguerra 7-6 (1), 6-1, 6-4 to advance to the third round of the U.S. Open. Also winning second round matches were No. 3 Juan Carlos Ferrero, No. 5 Guillermo Coria, No. 6 Lleyton Hewitt, and No. 28 Yevgeny Kafelnikov, who will next face Agassi. No. 16 Martin Verkerk, No. 23 Wayne Ferreira, No. 24 Mardy Fish and No. 31 Arnaud Clement were eliminated.

On the women's side, No. 2 Justine Henin-Hardenne, No. 6 Jennifer Capriati, No. 7 Anastasia Myskina advanced to the third round. Seeded losers included No. 20 Silvia Farina Elia, and No. 22 Jelena Dokic, who was defeated by Mary Pierce.

TRACK & FIELD

■ **SAINT-DENIS, France** — U.S. sprinter Kelli White won the gold at the World Championships in the women's 200 meters, finishing in a time of 22.05 seconds. Anastasiya Kapachinskaya of Russia was second, and American Torri Edwards took the bronze.

Australia's Jana Pittman won the women's 400-meter hurdles, while Sandra Glover of the United States finished second.

Cuba's Yipsi Moreno won the women's hammer throw and Italy's Giuseppe Gibilisco upset the field to win in men's pole vault.

SOCCER

■ **SUNDERLAND, England** — Manchester City agreed to a tentative deal to acquire U.S. soccer captain Claudio Reyna from Sunderland for \$4 million.

The 30-year-old midfielder is scheduled to undergo a physical Saturday at Manchester City, Sunderland said on its Web site.

■ **MONTE CARLO, Monaco** — Defending champion AC Milan and Ajax Amsterdam were drawn into the same group in the first round of the European Champions League, joined by Spain's Celta de Vigo and Belgium's Brugge.

Manchester United, in its first season with American goalkeeper Tim Howard, got a relatively easy draw, joined by Greece's Panathinaikos, Scotland's Glasgow Rangers and Germany's VfB Stuttgart.

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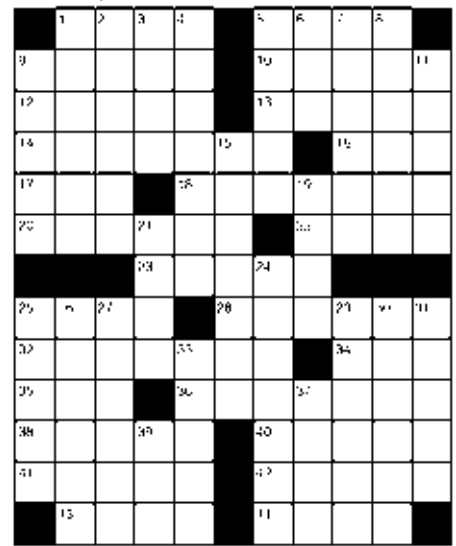
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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Jack Osbourne on the party circuit for Britain television

By The Associated Press

■ **LONDON** — Jack Osbourne will give a "Brit's eye view" of Los Angeles in a new television series, Britain's Channel 4 announced.

The 17-year-old son of heavy-metal star Ozzy Osbourne will host "Union Jack," which is scheduled to air in November. The program will follow Osbourne to parties, premieres and celebrity haunts and feature his opinions on the latest movies and music.

The show would "give a fresh take on all things cool and strange in Hollywood," Channel 4 said Friday.

Osbourne — along with sister Kelly; mother, Sharon; and father, Ozzy — became a star through the MTV reality series "The Osbournes," which follows the profanity-filled proceedings at the British-born rocker's Los Angeles home.

■ **THOUSAND OAKS** — Swing jazz bandleader Artie Shaw traded two of his clarinets with the Smithsonian Institution for a lifetime achievement award.

Shaw's clarinets, including one he used to play the Cole Porter hit "Begin the Beguine," will be on display in April at the Museum of American History in Washington, alongside other jazz treasures including Dizzy Gillespie's angled trumpet and Ella Fitzgerald's red dress.

In a ceremony on Thursday, the 93-year-old Shaw handed over the instruments and accepted the James Smithson Bicentennial Medal for lifelong "contributions to American culture and music."

The medal inscription praises Shaw's "superb technical ability and keen musical intelligence" and calls him "a vigorous spokesman for racial equality in jazz."

John Hasse, the Smithsonian museum's American music curator, called Shaw "one of the giants of jazz, a singular man of extraordinary intellect and a legendary and great American."

Shaw, who had resisted parting with the clarinets, called the award a "significant honor."

"But this is kind of the crowning thing because I don't know how much longer I'm going to be around," he said.

Born in New York City and raised in New Haven, Conn., Shaw took up alto saxophone at 13 and began playing music professionally two years later. He switched to clarinet later, arranging and performing on popular tunes including "Frenesi," "Concerto for Clarinet" and Hoagy Carmichael's "Stardust."

Shaw, who retired from music in 1954 to write books, said it wasn't easy to donate the clarinets.

"They were a big part of my life for years," he said. "It's like parting with an old and valued friend. But I can't think of anything else that's better to do with them."

■ **NEW YORK** — Bonnie Fuller made her latest move to make over Star magazine, hiring Jared Paul Stern, a gossip reporter and columnist at the New York Post, to be Star's executive editor.

Fuller is still looking for a top editor to take over Star, which she is remaking from a supermarket tabloid into a mainstream glossy magazine to compete with People and Us Weekly, where she was the top editor until she left in June.

Stern, who had been approached about working at Star before Fuller arrived, said the goal is to raise Star's profile among readers and to differentiate it more from other tabloids.

At the Post, Stern contributed to the newspaper's widely read Page Six column of celebrity gossip. He also wrote several columns for the paper, including "Night Crawler" and "Fashion Buzz."

His appointment was announced Thursday.

Remaking Star is one of Fuller's top priorities in her new role as editorial director at American Media Inc., the Florida-based publisher of several major tabloids including The National Enquirer and Globe. She has editorial oversight of 14 magazines there.

During her nearly 18-month stint at Us Weekly, which is jointly owned by Walt Disney Co. and Rolling Stone publisher Jann Wenner, Fuller revamped the magazine and turned it into a newsstand hit, boosting single-copy sales by more than 50 percent.

■ **BOSTON** — Ted Williams is still helping the Jimmy Fund.

So is actor Ben Affleck.

A Red Sox-themed Massachusetts license plate bearing Williams' uniform No. 9 has been sold at auction for \$140,000, with the proceeds going to the children's cancer charity the Red Sox Hall of Famer favored during and after his career. Phil Morse, one of the team's minority owners, was the high bidder.

Affleck bid \$50,000 for plate No. 1, which is Hall of Famer Bobby Doerr's retired number.

Other numbers in the auction were 406, Williams' batting average in 1941, and Nos. 5, 8 and 27 worn by Nomar Garciaparra, Carl Yastrzemski and Carlton Fisk, respectively. The license plate auction raised \$240,000 as part of a recent all-day radiothon that brought in \$1.1 million.

The Red Sox Foundation made a \$25,000 contribution. Other big-name contributors included New York Yankees owner George Steinbrenner, who gave \$10,000, and Boston Celtics owner Wyc Grousbeck, who gave \$50,000.

■ **VENICE, Italy** — A security guard protecting Sylvester Stallone roughed up an Italian journalist covering the Venice Film Festival Friday after the reporter tried to interview the muscular star.

A representative of Stallone, who was in Venice to promote "Spy Kids 3-D: Game Over," said the bodyguard had been unnecessarily rough and added that the actor had apologized to journalist Tonino Pinto of RAI state television.

Pinto, meanwhile, complained angrily about the matter.

"While I was trying to have a few words with the actor along with my colleagues, there was a bodyguard who was pushing at me with a finger in my ribs. At the end of the interview, I asked for an explanation from the man and he responded by beating me up," the ANSA news agency reported Pinto as saying.

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