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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

In August in a camping area of Baker Lake, Wash., Fish and Wildlife agents found a black bear passed out amidst three dozen empty (clawed- and bitten-open) cans of locally brewed Rainier Beer. "And (the bear) definitely had a preference," said an officer, noting that only one can of Busch beer had been drunk, though many unopened ones were nearby.

CAMPAIGN 2004

Campaign season in Santa Monica is heating up. The chamber of commerce's political action committee has spent the week interviewing City Council candidates, in anticipation of making their first-ever endorsements. It's also the first time the public will see where these candidates stand on the most pressing issues facing the city. The Daily Press will begin a multi-part series next week on where 11 people vying for four open seats on the City Council want to take Santa Monica in the future.

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Local responders reflect on Ground Zero cleanup

Third anniversary of terrorist attacks dredge up memories for Santa Monica's rescue workers

BY GENEVA WHITMARSH

Daily Press Staff Writer

When the World Trade Center's towers toppled, Jim Hone was in Santa Monica. Forty-eight hours later, he was helping lead the biggest rescue operation in national history.

"There was more debris than I've ever seen," said Hone, chief of the Santa Monica Fire Department. "There were fires, dust everywhere — it looked like a nuclear winter with all the pulverized concrete."

Hone's perception of that day has been echoed by thousands of people who experienced the trauma of Sept. 11 firsthand. And on the third anniversary of the attacks, the lingering effects have dominated everything from politics to the way many Americans live their lives.

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School split inches along

After more than a year, policy on cash donations to schools finalized

BY GENEVA WHITMARSH

Daily Press Staff Writer

DISTRICT HDQTRS — A movement to split the Malibu and Santa Monica portions of the local school district gained slight momentum this week as a controversial gift policy received a long-awaited stamp of approval.

The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School Board members voted 5 to 1 in favor of affixing their signatures to a petition that would examine separating the school districts, but stipulated that 25 percent of the registered voters in Malibu must sign the paperwork first. The petition will then be forwarded to the Los Angeles County Office of Education.

The creation of a new district for Malibu's five schools and 2,400 students would require county and state approval, and can only be initiated by the signatures or the school board's unanimous vote.

Although Superintendent John Deasy has refrained from

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Carolyn Sackariason/Daily Press

Twelve quilts depicting the events of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks are on display at Beth Shir Sholom this weekend. They include: 'Ground Zero' by Lois Jarvis (top left), '9.11.2001' by Claire Koelzer Gardner (top right), 'And Our Flag Was Still There' by Linda Greenberg Loper (bottom left) and 'Celestial Send Off' by Martha Green (bottom right).

Quilters piece together events

BY SUSAN TAM

Special to the Daily Press

NORTH OF WILSHIRE — A patchwork of expressions born from the tragedy of the terrorist attacks three years ago has surfaced in Santa Monica.

Shadowy faces emerge from the rubble of the twin towers depicted on Linda Greenberg Loper's quilt, a detailed creation that was seven months in the making. The quilt, titled "And Our Flag Was Still There" is on tour with a collection that will be in town until Monday.

In commemoration of the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, Beth Shir Sholom Synagogue is hosting an exhibit of the American Spirit Collection, a dozen quilts made by people from the United

States and Singapore. The collection is touring throughout the United States but only has one scheduled stop in Los Angeles, said Sally Stewart, a spokeswoman for Beth Shir Sholom.

The pieces range from a pennant-sized flag to the centerpiece of the exhibit, "Ground Zero," a quilt large enough to drape over a queen-sized bed that features the faces of 700 people who were killed in the World Trade Center.

Loper, from Northridge, said she heard about the project after she had been making her own quilt.

"Quilters do that to work through their emotions," she said. "This was a

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ You might put your best foot forward but have difficulty keeping a perspective. Adjust plans accordingly. You might think that a conflict can't be resolved. Judge from your values and priorities, which is the best you can do. Tonight: Don't hang onto a problem. Play, please.



TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Stay grounded. A special loved one could be witty and troublesome. You might feel put out as a fun plan goes down the drain. A child or loved one could be depressed as well. Don't be too me-oriented. Tonight: Go with a new idea.



GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Move forward, and you will discover that others could give you flak. Perhaps a family member wants to be closer. Revamp your day, and everyone will be a lot happier — you included. Let go of others' demands. Be yourself. Tonight: Socialize away.



CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Balance your checkbook. At first you see a situation one way, but with some perspective, you see other possibilities. Draw the line on how much you spend. Fun doesn't always have to cost. Tonight: Indulge, my Moon Child.



LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ A problem hits with a child or loved one. The only way to win is not to play. Pull out and make a decision, then regroup. Your new suggestion makes everyone happy. Let the good feelings flow. Tonight: Dance the night away.



VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Step back and do more listening. What you hear could make you uncomfortable. Family could be difficult, as they want what they want. Your best bet is to please them for now. Your instincts work. Tonight: Happy at home.



LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Don't hang out alone, and you'll be much happier. Listen to others' judgments. If you present a situation one way, you'll get an unequivocal "no." Try again, and everyone will agree. Be more in touch with your verbal style. Tonight: Party-hopping.



SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Take charge and organize visiting with an older relative or friend. Be careful not to stretch yourself too far. Be reasonable with your spending. Try a movie. Opt for a concert. Tonight: Let your mind relax.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ First you change your plans, irritating one you really care about. You then decide to do something very unusual that will make yourself happy. Though this might not be your normal activity, everyone has a good time. Tonight: Continue choosing the unique.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ You might make more out of a problem than really exists. Go within for answers. You could feel limited by finances. Veer or change plans accordingly if you need to. You can and will make someone who counts happy if you distance yourself from your personal issues. Tonight: Dinner munchies for two.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ You could feel like someone lets you down, causing tension between you and a loved one or friend. Let go and follow through, and make him or her happy. Friends naturally join in. You'll love it. Tonight: The only answer is "yes."



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ One partner makes a choice that could make you very uncomfortable. You might want to distance yourself some. Someone you care about comes up with a winning solution. Swap ideas. Tonight: Join in.

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LOCAL



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Sakai, Martin awarded chairs of excellence

By Daily Press staff

Santa Monica College biology professor Walt Sakai, known for his field research, particularly with monarch butterflies, and music professor James Martin, who has established annual programs honoring the works of famed classical composers, have been awarded chairs of excellence.

Sakai received the Avaya Inc. & Anixter Inc. Chair of Excellence in Life Sciences, and Martin was awarded the Ilona Katz Chair of Excellence in Music.

Each professor receives \$5,000 a year for each of the next three years to be used for projects of his choice that will enhance his teaching. Sakai plans to use the funds to expand his field research projects, including a new one in Costa Rica. Martin plans to expand his annual tribute programs to such composers as Mendelssohn and Chopin.

SMC President Dr. Piedad F. Robertson announced the recipients at the college's Opening Day convocation Friday, Aug. 27.

"These worthy recipients have undertaken special projects that not only are valuable in their fields, but they give our students outstanding opportunities to do field research or to study and perform with professional musicians," Robertson said.

Sakai and Martin are the second recipients of their respective awards, following Doug Allan in biology and David Goodman in music.

Altogether, the college has established five chairs of excellence at SMC. The others are in physical science, earth science, and art. Such awards — believed to be rare for a community college — are administered by the SMC Foundation and are funded from the interest earned on the endowments.

Sakai, who has been teaching at SMC since 1975, received his bachelor's degree in zoology from the University of California at Davis and his master's in ecology from UCLA.

Although he has been involved in several long-term research projects spread throughout three counties in Southern and Central California, he is best known for his monarch butterfly migration study in Goleta. The project, started nearly 20 years ago, involves the tagging of the insects using tiny adhesive stickers. Each winter, the project has involved the efforts of 50 to 75 SMC students and members of the general public.

Sakai is also known for ongoing bird-banding efforts in several locations throughout Southern California, as well as an inventory and monitoring program of small mammals in the high desert at the University of California's Burn Piñon Ridge Reserve.

Martin, who has taught at SMC since 1984, earned his bachelor's from Pennsylvania State University, master's from Indiana University and doctorate from the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music.

Martin has been the conductor/music director of symphonic, opera, ballet and musical theater orchestras in New York, Chicago and San Francisco. He is a composer and professional flutist who has performed with the Los Angeles Opera, Joffrey Ballet and more.

His widely praised SMC annual tribute programs to composers, started in 2002, have grown in both scope and in the number of musicians. For example, his celebration of Franz Schubert's works last spring was a three-day affair that featured public performances of vocal selections; chamber music; military marches; piano, string and orchestral works; and ballet. These celebrations have combined the talents of SMC professors, students, alumni, accompanists and guest artists.



James Martin



Walt Sakai



SURF REPORT

On Saturday look for a mix of modest SW and SE swells (both Southern Hemi and tropical) and some NW wind swell. Northern LA spots will see mostly knee-high waves, with a few bigger sets at the best spots up to waist high. South Bay breaks will work the modest NW energy for 1-2' waves at many breaks and occasional bigger sets at best spots. Winds will stay light through the morning and build out of the W to NW in the 8-12 knot range for the afternoon.

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SUNDAY	3:03	-0.1	2:42	1.9	9:25	4.6	8:43	5.9
MONDAY	3:27	-0.1	3:15	1.5	9:44	4.8	9:17	5.9
TUESDAY	3:51	0.0	3:49	1.2	10:05	5.1	9:52	5.7
WEDNESDAY	4:15	0.3	4:27	0.9	10:28	5.3	10:30	5.4
THURSDAY	4:39	0.7	5:09	0.7	10:53	5.5	11:12	4.9
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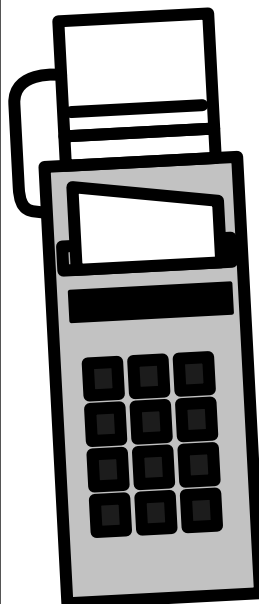


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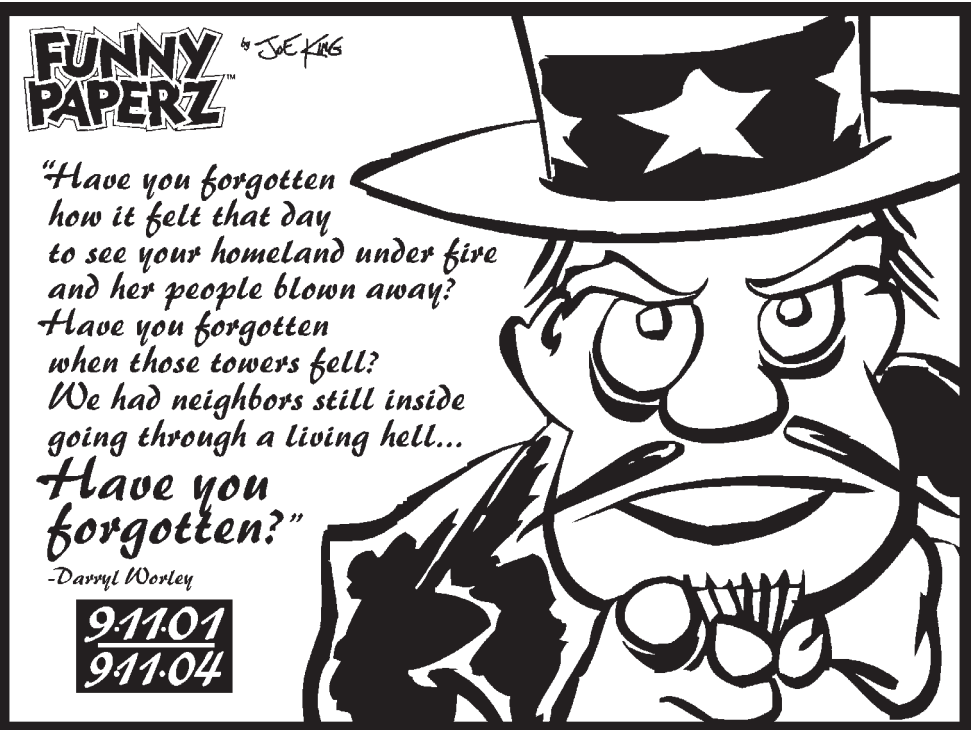
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OPINION



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Lincoln vs. Bush

Editor:

Regarding Ed Silverstein's comment (SMDP, Sept. 8, page 4) that Al Sharpton would be a slave on Zell Miller's plantation if Bush were president instead of Lincoln, let's have a history lesson. Abraham Lincoln, who did not receive the popular vote, invaded a sovereign nation. The Confederate States of America had its own president, Jefferson Davis, and a fully functional legislative body. Sure there were "bad things" going on in the south, but children played and flew kites just like in Fahrenheit 9-11 until Lincoln invaded them, under false pretenses no less.

Lincoln told America that we had to end slavery, yet only 10 percent actually owned slaves. He is also quoted as saying, "If I could preserve the union without freeing a single slave I'd do it." He vowed not to lose a single star on the American flag ... or those vast natural resources. Remember the writ of habeas corpus? Anyone could be arrested and detained indefinitely without charges or legal counsel. But it was a popular war, right? It was so popular that the Irish, for one example, rioted in New York and lynched random black people.

Lincoln sent more Americans to their death than in every U.S. war combined. Only one-fourth of those actually owned slaves. What did John Wilkes Booth say when he shot Lincoln? "Thus always to tyrants." But how does history look back at Lincoln? How will Iraqi's look back at George W. Bush 150 years from now?

Regarding Ron Scott Smith's column, (SMDP, Sept. 9, page 4) just visit www.KerryOnIraq.com then tell me why you'll vote for him. Visit the Bush-Cheney booth on the Promenade every Sunday, and we can discuss it. Yes that's right ... a Bush-Cheney booth on the Promenade.

Thomas Kenney
Los Angeles

Don't forget the 53rd

Editor:

Most of us are concentrating on the president's election, but it is very important to remember we have some California races to consider. The 53rd assembly district is one that is very important.

The ex-mayor of El Segundo, Mike Gordon, is running a well financed campaign. He has been working toward his goal for the past eight years, using his position as mayor in our little town.

He was expert when it came to spending taxpayers' money on wasteful projects, giving away property, cutting deals with developers and distorting the truth. He didn't care about traffic and pollution, and despite what he says today, he will compromise the airport issue.

These are but a few of the legacies he has left us: a giveaway parking structure, a Main Street that cost millions with less and very difficult parking, a dry water well, a club house in limbo (that no one wanted torn down, but it sits empty after thousands of dollars were spent on plans for a "new" building and the AFB property was given to Hawthorne). His final act was laying the ground work for a huge development on the Allied signal property at Rosecrans and Sepulveda Boulevard.

It is bad enough what he did to a small community — just think what he will be able to do with the 53rd assembly district! We all deserve something better than this self-serving politician.

Janice Cruikshank
El Segundo

Politics, lies and audiotapes



MODERN TIMES

BY LLOYD GARVER

Some alleged transcripts of some alleged tapes came into my alleged hands the other day. There's this guy I know named Uhn Naymed Sawrce who gives me information every once in a while. He hasn't been accurate yet. (He guaranteed me that weapons of mass destruction would be found, and he said Howard Dean was a shoo-in for the nomination).

These alleged transcripts are from alleged strategy sessions of the Republican and Democratic Parties prior to the Republican Convention. I doubt that they are accurate in any way, but I felt it was my obligation to share them with you... just in case.

REPUBLICAN STRATEGY SESSION

(I was unable to identify any of the voices with any certainty except for the President's).

PRESIDENT BUSH: Fellas, I noticed that the Democrats got a nice little bump in their popularity after their convention. Although it was clear they hated me, they weren't all that mean or nasty. So, I assume if we want the same bump in the polls, we'll follow suit at our convention.

EVERYONE LAUGHS

ADVISOR #1: No way. Just because they made nice and played Patty cake, doesn't mean we have to be stupid and do the same thing. It's Miller Time.

ADVISOR #2: We're thinking of bringing in Zell Miller.

PRESIDENT BUSH: At our convention?! Never. That guy was brutal when Daddy ran for president. He called my father every name in the book.

ADVISOR #1: That's the beauty of it. He already has the speech written. All he has to do is substitute the word "Kerry" for "Bush."

ADVISOR #3: Anything else, sir?

PRESIDENT BUSH: This National Guard business is still bothering me. If I can't remember where I was, if we can't prove where I was, and nobody remembers me being there, isn't that a problem?

ADVISOR #1: It's a non-issue. We've deflected attention away from your military record to Kerry's. It's been brilliant.

PRESIDENT BUSH: But why won't the Democrats eventually just say, "Who cares if Kerry deserves five medals or four medals? He was there, risking his life for his country and Bush wasn't?"

ADVISOR #2: Because they don't want to offend anybody.

ADVISOR #3: Because they can't agree on anything.

ADVISOR #2: Because they're gutless.

ADVISOR #1: Because they're Democrats.

DEMOCRATIC STRATEGY SESSION

(Meanwhile, this is what was allegedly going on at the Democratic strategy ses-

sion. The only voices I can allegedly identify are John Kerry's and John Edwards').

SENATOR KERRY: I'm getting tired of not fighting back.

ADVISOR #1: I say we fire back with both barrels. Why don't we remind the country that 911 happened on Bush's watch?

ADVISOR #2: We might seem unpatriotic.

ADVISOR #3: How about talking about jobs or the deficit?

ADVISOR #2: Too negative.

ADVISOR #3: How about mentioning that neither Colin Powell nor Nancy Reagan plans on coming to their convention?

ADVISOR #2: They'll twist it around and say we're racist and are exploiting the death of President Reagan.

ADVISOR #1: How about all the Republican "flip-flops" on why we're fighting in Iraq?

ADVISOR #2: Might seem too unsupportive of the troops.

SENATOR KERRY: Can't I just remind everybody which one of us fought in Vietnam? And that I actually won those medals?

ADVISOR #2: You don't want to sound like you're bragging, and you don't want to criticize a sitting, wartime president.

ADVISOR #3: You don't want to offend everyone who's ever served in the National Guard.

ADVISOR #2: It might not help you in the polls.

ADVISOR #1: But it might. We should start playing as dirty as they play.

ADVISOR #2: No, then we'll be just as bad as the Republicans.

ADVISOR #1: Or maybe just as electable.

JOHN EDWARDS: May I make a suggestion?

ALL THE ADVISORS: No!

ADVISOR #1: How many times do we have to tell you? Stop trying to upstage the presidential nominee!

MEANWHILE BACK WITH THE REPUBLICANS

PRESIDENT BUSH: Don't you fellas think it's about time we just completely repudiated the Swift Boat guys? McCain said they're disgraceful, I've said Kerry is definitely a war hero, and the Navy and every official record says the anti-Kerry Swifties are full of beans. Nobody can possibly believe them anymore.

ADVISOR #1: Mr. President, have you forgotten the first rule of politics: If you repeat a lie often enough, people will think it's the truth.

PRESIDENT BUSH: I guess I had, yeah.

THERE'S A LONG PAUSE

PRESIDENT BUSH: Say, do you think we could find six or seven "experts" who'd say that I'm actually taller than John Kerry?

(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).

OPINION



The QLine

NO QUICK CURE FOR HOMELESSNESS

This past week, in regard to an 80-person panel's soon-to-be-released plan to end homelessness in Los Angeles in the next 10 years, Q-line asked:

What must be included in the panel's plan? How can homelessness most effectively be eradicated in the next 10 years?"

Here are your responses:

① "First of all, I wish that we would stop referring to these people as 'homeless.' Homeless implies people who have a home or apartment in Santa Monica and through circumstances beyond their control — loss of a job or some economic catastrophe — find themselves on the street without a place to live. These people should be helped immediately to find employment and get a place to live. The people you're referring to are drug addicts, alcoholics and mentally ill people who congregate here to get fed, clothed and given our services we provide. So what must be included in this panel's plan is something to help the mentally ill to get medication and supervision, sobriety for the drug addicts and alcoholics if they're going to be helped."

② The enabling procedures that have gone on for years, such as all the outside feeding programs and the permissive attitude of City Hall and the police have got to stop. We have attracted the dregs of society who want just that — to be enabled. To lead lazy, shiftless, dependent lives. Consequently, the real homeless and underprivileged in our own community come up wanting and force the vagrancy laws."

③ "To eradicate homelessness, we must build enough homeless shelters, provide work programs and enforce the vagrancy laws."

④ "To deal with the problem of homelessness in Santa Monica, the main thing to do is to get the economy going. Start by voting out Bush, send him back to Texas, and then we get more jobs to this country by taxing inputs and putting a high tax on these people who outsource jobs. Make them want to have Americans working. Then anybody that wants a job will be able to get one. But the ones that don't, we can toss them in jail with a clear conscience because they're not fit to be in society anyway."

⑤ "The first step would be to sober up and improve the conditions that cause homelessness — high rents and the lack of unskilled employments. Many years ago we had a large farm produce industry in California that hired migrant farm workers by the thousands. Those farms have now been replaced with housing developments, and our produce is imported from South America. Still the plague of homelessness is horribly compounded by the chronic alcoholism. Alcohol and tobacco are more addictive and deadly than any form of drugs."

⑥ "The homeless are simply those that haven't learned to work the system

and get public school teaching or government jobs, none of which requires much smarts, ambition, sobriety or sanity. The city, county, state and fed should just hire them all. Then, as far as pay, no problemo, just crank up the... money-generating machine a few more notches."

⑦ "A few years ago I was captain of a homeless feeding program, and I used to go once a week and help feed the homeless. You know a lot of the homeless people are there because of drug problems and mental problems. There's a lot of aliens that are willing to work, so give them a chance to have a job, and maybe we can end the homelessness."

⑧ "The question is, are the homeless, or as I call them, the vagrants, in Santa Monica, particularly the Third Street Promenade, are they registered or do they have Social Security numbers? Because when I look at what will happen in the next 10 years, you're going to have a lot more than 8,000 or 10,000 by that time. I think they should be registered and put a cap on whoever is here right now."

⑨ "I am homeless and because of Santa Monica's bus company's policy that lets us who got no money to have free use of public buses to get around, I am on the buses an awful lot. And I always hear bus drivers who say on the public address system, telling tourists not to waste their time at Santa Monica Place. Everyone in this city knows that this is a near useless and empty place to go because people don't go there. So it is my suggestion that, as it occurs to me, that as a homeless man, for the city of Santa Monica to join LA County to buy this building so it can serve us homeless needs. Santa Monica Place can become central LA County headquarters for us homeless, for homeless services and a central homeless dormitory for us homeless brothers who are now being forced out of downtown Los Angeles by new-fangled Donald Trump types who want to sell \$6 million condos there. By buying Santa Monica Place, Santa Monica can combine all homeless services and shelters and programs under

one roof so us homeless will only have one place to go for whatever we want or whatever needs to be taken care of."

⑩ "I am a long-time Santa Monica resident who is calling in response to your prompt about what must be included in the panel's plan how homelessness can most effectively be eradicated in the next 10 years. I think one of the biggest things that we each as individual Santa Monica citizens can do is vote to change the composition of our city's leadership and government. This entrenched group of people that we have had for many years, the reelection of incumbents that goes on year after year has led directly to this situation not being better controlled. I think we owe it to ourselves to look at new candidates with new ideas, and I also think we owe it to ourselves to hold people more accountable for change and not keep reinstating the same tired philosophies and strategies that have not proven effective. So everybody vote in November and try and bring in some new ideas and some new leadership."

⑪ "Seventeen years ago, when Myers was DA of Santa Monica, he let the homeless run rampant, and the City Council never said a thing. Now they're going to take another 10 years to sort it all out. It's about time they got their act together down there at that City Hall. They're a poor bunch of clowns. They need to go."

⑫ "The issue is not how you can end

homelessness in 10 years, it's what can we do to aid people that are homeless now if it takes at least 10 years or longer who are sleeping on the street? Shelter is a concept that deals with the unfortunate reality that there are 84,000 people sleeping on the street right now. Private individual locking sleeping units at night would provide safety, privacy and shelter, could be produced easily, could be put on county public works land, which isn't used at night, and could provide emergency, temporary relief to those tens of thousands that are sleeping outdoors without safety or privacy or security. You could have a couple of toilets, a shower, a sink, a dressing room and a faucet and some storage so that people could store their stuff during the day when they have to vacate these modules and get a claim check. This way, on county public works lands, or unused vacant parking lot space, industrial parking lot space, you could put small groupings of people up, and they could get their minimum basic, most necessary needs met as opposed to a 200-man room or sleeping on the street. Having privacy is what every human being needs at night, no matter how small, privacy is important, as safety and security and comfort. That's what these modules would do. And you can talk about ending homelessness in 10 years, but if you're on the street right now, every night is a crisis until the problem is solved. And so the idea is to deal with the problem, the immediate problem of people suffering right now."

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LOCAL

Memories of being on scene etched into minds

REFLECT, from page 1

Hone, 50, was a member of the Federal Urban Search and Rescue team when he saw television footage of the plane slamming into the second tower. He'd been called to six federal disasters since the early 1990s and knew this time would be no different.

"I basically told my wife, 'See you later — I don't know when I'll be coming back,'" he said.

Two hours later, a state official called Hone and told him to get ready to board a military aircraft en route to New York. He would be a state representative for the 70-member Riverside Task Force, a job that involved making sure California's resources were effectively maintained during rescue operations.

When he stepped onto Ground Zero, he learned many of the men he'd served alongside during previous rescue operations had died when the towers collapsed. He was asked to take on the additional responsibility of managing task forces from Indiana and Missouri.

"I didn't see the towers come down because I was driving from Point A to Point B," he continued. "So, when I got out there, it was pretty surreal. The size of the debris was a full 16 acres, and there was (a ton) of steel that we had to climb over, through and under. I thought (the

Oklahoma City bombing) was pretty bad, but it paled in comparison to this."

Twenty-two hour work days followed as Hone and his team of 300 men worked to remove an estimated 5,000 to 9,000 tons of twisted wreckage from the southeast side of the debris field, where tower two had come down. They also had the daunting task of searching for bodies in seven stories of debris, as well as combing through 22 buildings in the immediate area. The team didn't recover any survivors. The last person pulled from the wreckage alive — a woman who worked on the 13th floor of one of the towers — was found before Hone's team arrived on the scene.

"If you look at the fact that each of the building's box columns weighed 22 tons, you have an idea of what we were working with," Hone said. "We were pretty much burning the heavy machinery up to try and get it all out of there. We had cranes, excavators, 18-wheelers ... And then we were climbing through below-grade tunnels and covering every inch of the high-rises surrounding the perimeter. There were human remains found in those buildings, and we had to search them."

Hone returned to Santa Monica on Sept. 21 and later gave a speech on his experiences in New York. In the audience was Santa Monica resident Victoria Mendoza, a member of the local chapter of the American Red Cross.

"When I heard Hone talk and saw his pictures, I decided I had to go," said Mendoza, who put in a month-long stint in January 2002 as a Red Cross case worker in the areas hardest hit by the attacks. She was one of five local Red Cross members who eventually made the trip.

"There were people so traumatized by the incident that they wouldn't leave their homes," she said. "So we went to a lot of the apartment buildings in the area, knocked on doors and asked people if they needed anything. We talked to some people who were so close to the airplanes that when they passed their apartments, they could smell the fuel."

Mendoza estimates that she visited more than 100 people as she distributed everything from money to air purifiers.

She tells the story of a young man who watched smoke pouring out of the Twin Towers from his apartment before deciding to seek help.

"He said he watched from his apartment, but it didn't register that something so horrible was happening," she said. "Finally, he decided to get out of there. When he opened his door, the streets were completely black, and people saw his door open and ran into the apartment for shelter."

When he later emerged from the apartment, he walked slowly and deliberately to the smoldering remains of the trade

center.

"He didn't speak one word from the time he left his apartment from the time he got to the scene," she said. "But when the first person talked to him, he broke down and cried like a baby."

Mendoza said it's stories like those that had the deepest impact on her. She also recalls that when the electricity went out it caused a temporary power loss to a nearby Verizon call center. When the electricity was restored, family and friends of victims received phone calls from loved ones that had been made shortly before or after the planes struck the towers.

"It's amazing," she said. "I never had the chance to break down and cry when I was there. I had to hold in a lot of emotions. But stories like that — wow."

Today, Mendoza is in her 10th year with the Red Cross. Hone is no longer a member of the task force since being chosen late last year to head the city's fire department. He returned to Ground Zero a year after the attacks to pay his respects.

"Emotionally, over the years, I've been able to put a lot of shields to it," Hone said. "I lost a lot of friends, but I know they were doing what they had to do and doing the best work they could at the time. They saved thousands of people with the work they were doing — there's no question in my mind."

Quilts on display through Monday



Carolyn Sackariason/Daily Press

Rabbi Neil Comess-Daniels explains what the 'Prophecy of Peace' quilt by Jane Dodge means to him.

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way of working with my emotions, and the fact that I could share it with other people was just a plus."

Part of that process included scouring the Newsday Web site for photos and profiles of the dead. Loper printed the images at home onto high-quality fabric that had been ironed and removed from freezer paper, and treated afterwards to prevent the ink from running, she said. Her quilt incorporates different aspects of scenes she had seen in the newspaper. Loper decided to incorporate people looking through shattered glass — an image she had seen in a photograph.

"I decided that person has to be a fireman, and (the quilt) has to be smoky and gray," she said. Loper then added a stead-

fast flag, the only part of the quilt that is in full color.

"What it represents is that the flag was still there," she said.

Some of the quilts are dedicated solely to the twin towers or commemorating victims. Others are connected more loosely to ideas, such as unity, tolerance or sadness.

Martha Green was in the process of making the quilt when the planes struck. She now describes her art as a quilt of circumstance, called the "Celestial Send-Off."

"Along with the nation, I watched and waited," she wrote. "I also sewed. My thoughts, prayers and emotions were mapped with ribbon, beads and thread."

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LOCAL



Gift policy will tax donations to schools

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taking a position on the possible split, he said it's his obligation to facilitate the process in light of support voiced by a group of Malibu residents calling themselves the Malibu Unified School Team (MUST). The group began collecting signatures last month after a study they conducted earlier this year concluded that the split was feasible.

Team leaders say a separate school district would allow Malibu to have more control over its schools.

It remains unclear how Santa Monica would be affected by a split in the school district. A new Malibu district would take 20 percent of the teachers, buildings and schools from the joint school district, but Santa Monica might stand to profit from the deal financially. About \$6 million in funding from Santa Monica City Hall would be reserved for local schools. Currently, Malibu receives roughly 20 percent of the funding.

The board also voted 4-2 to pass a controversial gift policy that syphons money between Malibu and Santa Monica schools. Under the approved proposal, the district will take 15 percent of the first \$100,000 collected by individual schools. After that, the amount would drop by two percentage points for each \$100,000 raised. Money would then be ferreted back out to schools based on size and need.

When the policy was first unveiled, it called upon all schools in the district to contribute 15 percent of their cash donations to a central fund. But after heated debate, the policy was revised so wealthy schools could keep more of their money.

Much of the opposition to the plan came from wealthy schools in Malibu that far out-fundraise their Santa Monica counterparts. For example, McKinley Elementary raised about \$30,000 from donors last year, while Pt. Dume Elementary accrued \$300,000 or more. The slated goal for fundraising at Malibu High School is \$1 million.

School board member Mike Jordan cast a vote against approving the policy and stated that he believed the proper course of action would have been a voluntary equity fund.

"I believe it would have served as a catalyst for unity in our great district and rallied all of us around a cause we deeply believe in," he said. "Ironically, in my view, because we did not first try a voluntary fund, it is entirely possible that in a couple of years there will be no funds — voluntary, mandatory or otherwise — from Malibu. Our district is on the verge of a very difficult divorce process, in my view, and the groundswell of new support in Malibu for the creation of a Malibu Unified School District is a direct result of the way we proceeded around this issue."

Quilters sewed sadness, ideas, faces into creations

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Beth Shir Sholom Rabbi Neil Comess-Daniels points out a cream-colored quilt centered around the theme of peace.

"As soon as you see it, for me, it brings me back ... I think what was amazing about that day was that they attacked two symbols, but what was important for us was each individual person," he said. "The American spirit is about the value of the individuals."

The piece was designed by Jane Dodge, a teacher at the Singapore American School. Dodge's 22 third-grade students, who are from all over the world, also made a quilt that is traveling with the exhibit.

Comess-Daniels said he stumbled upon the Web site a year ago and noted that the Sept. 11 anniversary for this year had not been booked. He immediately contacted organizers.

"We had to have it," he said. "It definitely fits into this temple, the non-verbal part of us, our hearts. We try to do this kind of outreach all the time."

"It's to allow the community to gather and meditate on these messages," he added. "There is no vengeance. There is no anger ... there is sadness here but the overwhelming message is peace."

Hosting the American Spirit Collection and reflecting on the memory keeps it meaningful, Comess-Daniels said. As generations pass, people start losing sight of the emotional significance of the terrorist attacks.

"How long will it be before (Sept. 11, 2001) is (just) a Memorial Day sale? What does it mean when we can't relate or respond anymore? This helps us

remember," he said.

Beth Shir Sholom has high hopes for their first artistic exhibit.

"We've never done anything like this before," Stewart said. "But we hope everyone who wants to see it will come. We hope that there's a line out the door."

Display of emotion

The 12 quilts will travel together until June 30, 2005, when they will return to their makers.

The collection will next be in Sulphur Springs, Tex., then East Aurora, N.Y., before returning to Simi Valley, Calif., in the beginning of October.

The synagogue will hold a small multi-faith opening of the exhibit today at 11 a.m. The public also is invited to attend the temple's Selichot program held in the hall where the quilts will be displayed. Selichot marks the beginning of the Jewish season of introspection and atonement, leading into the High Holy Days of Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur.

The quilts will be on display from: Saturday, Sept. 11: 11 a.m. – 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12: Noon – 5 p.m. Monday, Sept. 13: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

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STATE

CALIFORNIA BRIEFS

‘Stoners’ fired up over Rolling Stone story

By The Associated Press

SANTA CRUZ — Students and administrators at the University of California, Santa Cruz, say they’re insulted by a Rolling Stone Magazine cover story proclaiming the university “the most stoned campus on Earth.”

In the article for the Sept. 16 issue, writer Vanessa Grigoriadis describes her adventures following two seniors, Molly and Moppy (no last name given), among the redwoods that dot the picturesque seaside campus.

The article’s depiction of marijuana use doesn’t recognize the university’s reputation as a place known for pioneering organic agriculture research and predatory bird preservation.

“It’s so stupid,” said Elanna Grossman, a junior linguistics major. “It’s not what I expected from Rolling Stone. Is this a slow month? For my major, this is one of the best places in the country.”

“This is what sells,” said Benjamin Schlotz, a senior linguistics major. “It doesn’t sell to talk about organic farm research.”

Math professor Richard Montgomery said that, in his experience, “a small minority” of students fall into the Molly-and-Mopsy category.

“We have very serious math undergraduates,” he said.

But Maya Pope-Chappell, a junior from Oakland, said the article wasn’t entirely wrong about pot on campus.

“It’s definitely here, but I don’t participate,” she said. “I’m here to get an education.”

Coastal commission halts development

By The Associated Press

MONTEREY — Developers trying to build a 14-home subdivision in the Del Monte Beach neighborhood — a project that’s been the center of debates for two decades — faced another hurdle when the California Coastal Commission told them to stop the groundbreaking.

Developers mistakenly believed they had completed their legal requirements with the Coastal Commission and were clear to begin construction Thursday, when in fact they had not filed the proper paperwork, said commission district manager Dianne Landry.

“They’re doing the work prematurely,” said Landry.

Bulldozers and excavators have already moved earth on the site.

The controversial project, being built on 6.6 acres of oceanside property, has been delayed for 20 years as developers clashed with neighbors who complained that it would clog traffic, disrupt the environmentally delicate dunes and block views.

The subdivision was originally going to contain 60 homes, with 48 on the beach. In a compromise, the city purchased 10 of the original lots and committed to preserving them as open space. The Monterey County Regional Parks District also owns nine of the lots.

Now, the development includes 4 1/2 acres of open space.

Water police flowing into town

By The Associated Press

ATASCADERO — A three-year drought is prompting the water police to begin cracking down.

Beginning Sept. 20, 10 field workers with the Atascadero Mutual Water Co. will be on the lookout for customers wasting water by doing such things as overwatering landscaped areas, leaving plumbing leaks unrepaired for more than 24 hours or hosing down sidewalks and other “hardscapes.”

First-time offenders will receive warnings, but repeat violators can have their water bills doubled and their supplies limited.

John Neil, the water company’s general manager, said the past three years have been the driest of the last 90, and one of the city’s two main sources, the Salinas River underflow — water trapped in the sand under the Salinas — is essentially depleted.

Water officials had to turn to the other source, an underground basin, earlier than usual this year, and levels there are falling fast.

Since February, the company has advised customers about drought conditions and given tips on how to conserve, but those efforts have achieved only minimal results.

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STATE

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Fruit flies flying around airport

By The Associated Press

TORRANCE — State agriculture officials have ordered a quarantine in some areas around Los Angeles International Airport following the discovery of a mating population of Oriental fruit flies.

The 67-square-mile quarantine zone includes the communities of Westchester, El Segundo, Manhattan Beach, Hawthorne, Inglewood, Lawndale, Culver City and Ladera Heights, according to the California Department of Food and Agriculture.

People moving through the zone are urged not to remove fruits and vegetables from the area.

“This quarantine will help us ensure that our markets and our consumers have continued access to the high-quality fruits, vegetables and other commodities that Californians demand,” CDFA secretary A.G. Kawamura said in a statement released Wednesday.

“This pest threatens more than 230 agricultural products, so we are working quickly to eradicate this infestation,” Kawamura said.

The Oriental fruit fly female lays eggs inside many varieties of fruit, vegetables and other commodities. The eggs hatch into maggots that tunnel through the flesh of the fruit, making it unfit for consumption.

Workers are trying to eradicate the population by using a method called “male annihilation,” where they apply a patch of a pheromone attractant mixed with a small dose of pesticide to poles or trees. Male flies that consume the mixture die before they can mate.

Murder charges follow can snatch

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — A man accused of running over a 65-year-old man after snatching his bag of aluminum cans at a Canoga Park recycling center faces a murder charge.

Anthony Gary Rivota, 41, was also charged Wednesday with hit and run, according to the Los Angeles County district attorney’s office. Rivota pleaded not guilty and was being held in lieu of \$1 million bail.

Authorities said Sheng Zhang and his wife were waiting for the Green Earth Recycling Center to open Saturday morning when a man stole Zhang’s sack of aluminum cans, tossed it into a van and started to drive away.

As the thief sped away, police said, Zhang tried to stop him by opening the driver’s side door. As the van continued to accelerate, Zhang grasped the vehicle’s driver’s side mirror but lost his grip and was run over.

He died several hours later at a hospital.

If convicted of second-degree murder, Rivota could face 19 years to life in prison.

Alcohol leads to student suspension

By The Associated Press

TUSTIN — Seven members of the Foothill High School girls’ varsity volleyball team were suspended, including one who was transferred to another campus and banned from playing school sports, after being caught with alcohol during a team tournament in Hawaii.

The seven teens were suspended during the first week of school for violating the Tustin Unified School District conduct code by possessing alcohol during the Seabury, Maui Classic in late August. Three of the seven players were projected starters, and all have been restricted from practicing with the team while on suspension.

The seven vacancies have put Foothill’s varsity volleyball team in a jam as it faces a tough preseason schedule against two top-5 teams in the county.

“It’s devastating,” coach Scott Bruce said. “This was our year to battle for first place in the Sea View League.”

Each student went through a discipline hearing Wednesday before the Student Placement Review Committee, a panel of three administrators. The panel decided to transfer one girl because she had a previous conduct code violation. The other six wait to hear whether they will also be transferred to Tustin High, the only other school in the district with junior and senior classes.

DWP ordered to pay \$20M

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Mayor James Hahn ordered the city’s Department of Water and Power to provide \$20 million in loans to replace its incandescent traffic signals with more energy-efficient lights to comply with a two-year-old state law.

The order on Wednesday followed a City Council committee hearing looking into the DWP and the Department of Transportation’s failure to comply with the law, which requires converting incandescent lights with light-emitting diodes.

The two agencies have been in a stalemate for months over who should pay to replace 205,000 traffic signals in Los Angeles. So far, 16,000 of the lights have been retrofitted with LEDs, officials said.

The city faced possible legal action by the state for failing to replace the lights.

The new lights use 90 percent less electricity and officials with both agencies estimated savings of \$2 million to \$5 million a year by using the newer lights.

But transportation officials said they don’t have the money to convert the signals and argued that the DWP should pay for it because the agency could recoup the money from saving electricity.

STATE



State entitled to new hearing on energy refunds

BY JENNIFER COLEMAN
Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO — Federal energy regulators shirked their duty when they declined to order power companies to refund consumers for overcharges during the height of California’s 2000-01 energy crisis, an appeals court ruled.

In a long-fought victory for Attorney General Bill Lockyer, the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said Thursday that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission “abused its administrative discretion” when it declined to bill the power sellers for improperly reporting the wholesale rates they charged at the height of the state’s 2000-01 energy crisis.

Lockyer said the court agreed with California’s argument that “the watchdog was sleeping during the robbery, it failed to enforce its own rules, and it unduly restricted remedies for consumers with artificial chains.”

The quarterly reporting requirements at issue are the government’s main mechanism for regulating the power industry, but the safeguard “was, for all practical purposes, nonexistent while energy prices skyrocketed and rolling brownouts threatened California’s businesses and citizens,” the appeals court said.

The three-judge panel declined, however, to order further refunds on its own, but instead remanded the case to FERC for further proceedings.

California has asked FERC to order \$9 billion in refunds; FERC has said that’s more likely to be around \$3 billion — the estimated amount overcharged on sales between Oct. 2, 2000, and June 20, 2001.

The commission had rejected California’s bid to expand the refunds to include sales made between May and October 2000, a period in which energy companies failed to file the quarterly rate reports. FERC said the failure to file those reports amounted to “essentially a compliance issue.” To remedy that, FERC said it could only order the refiling of those reports.

The appeals court disagreed, saying FERC had “broad remedial authority to address anticompetitive behavior” and had ordered refunds in other cases where wholesale energy companies failed to file the quarterly price reports.

FERC spokesman Bryan Lee said the commission welcomed “the court’s clarification of the scope of the commission’s remedial authority” for violations of the rate rules.

State Sen. Debra Bowen, chairwoman of the Senate Energy Committee, said the idea that FERC believed it “lacked the ability to order a remedy has always seemed ridiculous to me.”

The court decision was hailed as a victory by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, who called the court’s ruling “fantastic,” and Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif. Both urged the commissioners to act quickly on California’s refund request.

California has alleged that it was the victim of widespread manipulation of both the price and supply of energy in a newly deregulated electricity market. As prices soared, the state faced energy shortages and rolling blackouts. The crisis cost the state billions of dollars and disrupted energy markets across the West.

FERC capped wholesale power prices and instituted other changes in June 2001 that brought a quick end to the crisis. But by then, the state’s largest utility had filed bankruptcy and two others had billions in debts. The state of California also rang up billions in debts after it stepped in to help the utilities buy power for their customers.

The agency ordered energy companies to refund \$3.3 billion, but California wants the federal regulators to order more refunds from the companies, which include several subsidiaries of Enron Corp. and Mirant Corp. The companies have denied wrongdoing.

Mirant and Enron have declared bankruptcy, which complicates the collection of any refunds.

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Schwarzenegger presses drug CEOs for new plan

BY JIM WASSERMAN
Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO — Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, facing political fallout if he vetoes bills helping Californians import cheaper prescription drugs from Canada, is pressing pharmaceutical industry leaders for an alternative plan to cut drug costs for California’s poorest residents.

Schwarzenegger called the heads of several pharmaceutical companies Thursday, an aide said, and pushed them to back his cost-cutting alternatives, which have already been rejected by state lawmakers. His proposals would establish group discounts, give poor Californians electronic cards that pharmacists could “swipe” to find the cheapest prices and hire an outside vendor to negotiate other price discounts.

Advocates for bills on the governor’s desk that make it easier to import drugs said Thursday’s telephone calls reveal the political dilemma Schwarzenegger faces if he kills legislation likely to be popular with voters, but opposed by giant pharmaceutical companies that are among his biggest campaign contributors.

Some of the same companies, including Amgen, Pfizer and Abbott Laboratories, helped pay for Schwarzenegger and his staff to travel to the Republican National Convention in New York City this month.

If Schwarzenegger persuaded the drug companies to back his plan, which they previously have not, he could veto the import bills while saying he negotiated cost-cut-

ting alternatives. That compromise could also free drug companies from legislation they fought unsuccessfully all year.

“Right now the ball is in the drug companies’ court,” said Schwarzenegger spokeswoman Margita Thompson, “but the governor was encouraged by the leaders’ reactions.”

Thompson declined to name which company heads he called, but said Schwarzenegger outlined proposals “which he believes are better alternatives to the drug importation bills.”

Democratic lawmakers rejected those same proposals three weeks ago, saying that even the cheapest prices they might produce would still be far higher than buying drugs from Canadian pharmacies where prices are capped by the government. Instead, they passed bills pushing the state to buy cheaper Canadian drugs for multibillion-dollar state programs that supply state prison inmates and Medi-Cal recipients, while setting up Web sites where consumers of all incomes could shop Canadian pharmacies for cheaper drugs.

Canadian drugs typically cost up to 40 percent less than those sold in U.S. pharmacies.

Schwarzenegger and the Legislature’s Republicans have argued that importing drugs from Canada is illegal and makes the state liable for safety issues that might arise. They also said it would do little to make drugs more affordable for the state’s poorest residents.

“We just want the (U.S.) Food and Drug

Administration to be able to look these drugs coming out of Web sites and say what’s safe and what’s not,” said Bill Bradley, a spokesman for the 5,500-member California Pharmacists Association. Lobbyists for the pharmaceutical industry could not be reached for comment, but even some Canadian pharmacists have warned that Internet pharmacies are already draining their nation’s drug supplies.

At least four other states — Minnesota, Wisconsin, North Dakota and Maine — have established Web sites to help residents buy cheaper Canadian drugs, and backers of the idea in California say the FDA has not interfered.

“It’s clearly not illegal to set up a Web site to say, ‘If you are going to do this, here’s some pharmacies to work with,’” said Dan Reeves, senior aide to Assemblyman Dario Frommer, a Democrat from Los Angeles who wrote the Web site bill.

Reeves predicted Schwarzenegger will find himself “woefully disappointed” in the response of drug companies.

“They oppose anything that lowers cost,” he said. “For the governor, this is his first go-around with these guys and he’s going to learn they’re not extraordinarily generous.”

Drug companies have long defended their prices, arguing that they reflect the years it takes a product to move from research and testing to the market. Pharmaceutical firms maintain that siphoning money from their U.S. products will harm the nation’s status as a world leader in medical research and development.

Qwest reaches agreement with SEC on fraud charges

BY SANDY SHORE
AP Business Writer

DENVER — Qwest Communications International Inc. has agreed to settle fraud allegations from federal regulators for \$250 million, a union official said Friday.

John Thompson, a Communications Workers of America vice president, said he was notified by a company official of the tentative settlement with the Securities and Exchange Commission. He said he did not know any specifics.

“I’m relieved it’s over. I would rather have the money for use internally but I’m very much relieved it’s over,” Thompson said.

Qwest spokesman Bob Toevs said he could not comment, saying only that the company was cooperating with the SEC and the Justice Department. SEC officials in

Denver did not immediately return a call seeking comment.

Justice Department spokesman Jeff Dorschner said he had not heard of a settlement with Qwest. “If there were to be a settlement, it would no way impact the Justice Department investigation,” he said.

Qwest was launched in 1988 by billionaire investor Philip Anschutz as a fiber-optic network company. In 2000, it got into the local phone business with the \$38 billion takeover of U S West, the main carrier in 14 western and midwestern states since the 1984 breakup of AT&T.

As the telecom industry faltered, analysts questioned Qwest’s financial performance. Soon regulators and lawmakers were investigating whether Qwest artificially boosted its performance through questionable deals with other telecoms.

The SEC began investigating the Denver-based company in 2002, looking specifically at swaps in which

Qwest sold items to customers around the same time those customers sold items back to Qwest; changes in publication dates for its phone directories that allowed revenue from the directory unit to be booked in a certain quarter; and when revenue was booked on long-term transactions involving optical capacity assets.

Qwest restated its financial results for 2001 and 2002, lowering revenue by about \$2.5 billion, and former chief executive Joe Nacchio stepped down in June 2002. He has denied wrongdoing.

Qwest earlier this year put up about \$500 million in reserves for ongoing litigation in shareholder lawsuits and securities investigations.

The SEC and some shareholders have sued former and current employees.

Qwest’s stock rose 7 cents to \$2.95 a share in early afternoon trading on the New York Stock Exchange.



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Battle brewing within split Prohibition Party

BY ROBERT WELLER

Associated Press Writer

DENVER — In Colorado, where microbreweries are common and the biggest beer magnate is running for the Senate, a battle is brewing among teetotalers over who should be their presidential candidate.

Earl Dodge of Denver, the Prohibition Party's candidate in every presidential election since 1984, is running again in November. But dissident members complain that he is more interested in his political button business than the party, and they say the 71-year-old Dodge needs to hand over power to a younger generation.

Because of the split, Colorado voters will have two anti-alcohol parties to choose from Nov. 2: Dodge and the Rev. Gene Amondson of the newly formed Concerns of People (Prohibition) Party.

"There is no dispute over the platform," said Jim Hedges, executive secretary of the breakaway party. "Dodge has been dragging us down into the grave."

In 2000, Dodge got just 208 votes — the party's worst showing ever. He was on the ballot only in Colorado, which allows any political party to nominate a presidential candidate.

The feeble effort demonstrated how far the party has fallen. The Prohibition Party, founded in 1869, once got 2.2 percent of the nation's presidential vote (John Bidwell, 1892), elected a governor in Florida (Sidney Johnston Cates, 1917) and was a powerful influence on public policy. Its high-water mark was in 1920,

when the 18th Amendment banning liquor sales took effect.

But it has been in a steady decline since Prohibition was repealed in 1933. Hedges — the tax assessor in Thompson Township, Pa. — is the only member of the party who currently holds elective office.

Earlier this year, the dissidents nominated Amondson, 60, an artist and preacher who splits his time between Vashon Island, Wash., and Alaska.

"Dodge is a good man. I am a good man," Amondson said. "We both have a message that alcohol is for dumb people. Most preachers today are wimps. They don't want to talk about gambling, alcohol or tobacco."

Amondson, who said a Colorado campaign trip will depend on whether he can get a speaking engagement that will pay his costs, contends the Prohibition era has been portrayed inaccurately in history books and movies.

"I'd rather have 100 Al Capones in every city than alcohol sold in every grocery store," he said. "During the 13 years of Prohibition the budget was balanced, prisons were emptied, mental institutions emptied and cirrhosis of the liver declined."

For his part, Dodge runs his campaign from a room in his house, where the walls are full of political banners and other trinkets, including a Carry Nation coffee cup honoring the saloon-busting temperance activist.

"If I didn't believe in this I wouldn't be doing it," Dodge said. "I think the others are spinning their wheels and they will just go away."

Colorado governor disputes tribes' claim to millions of acres

BY JON SANCHE

Associated Press Writer

DENVER — Gov. Bill Owens is urging Washington lawmakers to oppose the creation of an Indian casino near Denver, saying the two tribes who want to build it don't have a valid claim to land in the state.

Owens, appearing at a staff briefing for the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs in Washington on Wednesday, said the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes have offered to drop their claim to 27 million acres in the northeastern corner of the state if they're allowed to build the casino.

He said Interior Department lawyers and the state attorney general determined that the claim was resolved 40 years ago.

The \$300 million casino complex and cultural center, dubbed the Homecoming Project, would employ 10,000 people and generate \$1 billion in state tax revenue over 10 years, said Steve Hillard, chief executive of Council Tree Communications of Golden, which is financing the project.

In a telephone interview from Washington, he said the settlements Owens mentioned did not cover all the tribes' claims. He said the tribes would like the state's cooperation but would pursue the project through the federal government and courts if necessary.

"We're quite confident of our legal position," he said. "It would be a sad thing if this ends in a battle of lawyers, because the real losers will be Colorado schoolchildren and delay the final resolution."

Hillard said some of the tax revenue would benefit education.

In comments prepared for the briefing, tribal leaders Darryl Flyingman and Bill Blind said their ancestors were forced off land that contained vast mineral and agricultural wealth and sent into "indescribable poverty" on the reservation. Tribal revenue generated by the project would pay for education, health care and economic development for the tribes, they said.

"It will return vitality to our tribe and culture. It will achieve justice. All at no cost to taxpayers," Blind said.

In his prepared remarks, Owens said Congress in 1891 ratified an agreement in which the tribes exchanged their Colorado lands for their reservation in Oklahoma. He also said the Indian Claims Commission in 1965 paid \$15 million to settle further tribal land claims.

The Denver Post reported Thursday that Interior Department lawyer Matt McKeown sent a letter to the casino developers this week stating that the 1965 deal settled the matter and that the department "lacks authority to undo the final judgment."

Owens also repeated his assertion that the land claim was meant to pressure political leaders to allow the casino because voters were unlikely to approve more gambling in the state. He noted that voters rejected initiatives to expand gambling in the state twice since 1994.

"It is simply wrong for innocent property owners to be used as pawns to enrich casino investors," Owens said.

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NATIONAL

Scientists retrieve intact material from wreckage

BY PAUL FOY

Associated Press Writer

SALT LAKE CITY — Optimistic NASA scientists said Friday they have recovered some intact materials from the wreckage of the Genesis space capsule, offering hope their mission to gather solar atoms and reveal clues to the origin of our solar system could be salvaged.

"We should be able to meet many, if not all, of our science goals," said physicist Roger C. Wiens of the Los Alamos National Laboratory, which designed one of the devices that trapped the solar bits during the 884-day mission.

"We want to try to get out as much of those (wafers) as we can," he said.

The approximately 350 palm-sized wafers make up the five disks that were open to the solar wind during the mission, collecting atoms from the sun.

The Genesis space capsule crashed while returning to Earth on Wednesday, slamming into the ground at nearly 200 mph after parachutes failed to open. It cracked open like a clamshell, and left an inner canister containing the disks badly damaged.

Scientists have been peering inside the canister with flashlights and mirrors, finding intact parts. They had feared the wafers shattered like glass in the crash, and many of them did. But they were surprised to find some wafers fully intact, and were characterizing it as good news.

The capsule held billions of charged atoms — a total haul no bigger than a few grains of salt — that could explain how the sun was formed 4.5 billion years ago.

But the recovery job is made difficult by the capsule's complex innards.

The saucer-shaped capsule held the metal canister, which enclosed a series of arm-length platters that extended themselves outside the capsule while in space. Each platter held about 50 palm-sized wafers made of exotic and stable elements, including gold, sapphire and diamond.

Those hexagon-shaped wafers caught atoms flung at supersonic speed by the sun during Genesis' orbits. The atoms embedded themselves into the wafers, leading scientists to believe they can clean mud and dirt from the wafers without wiping away the atoms.

Scientists have pulled out the mangled inner canister, holding the wafers and other devices, from the space capsule, and now are working to pry the canister open. They said the wafers do not have to be fully intact to extract atoms from their shattered pieces.

The platters holding the wafers were jammed together

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by the impact of the crash — so tightly packed that it took scientists a full day to begin peeling them back for an inspection.

"We're going to be doing some sawing and some snipping" Saturday and Monday, said Don Sevilla, Genesis payload manager for the Jet Propulsion laboratory. The scientists have been collecting tools for the job.

"This is something that's going to take months," Sevilla said.

NASA continues to probe what kept the capsule's parachutes from deploying. Engineers are focusing on electronic controls or sensors that were supposed to trigger explosives that release the chutes, Sevilla said.

NASA and JPL have appointed separate boards that could take months to determine the cause of the failure.

Helicopters flown by Hollywood stunt pilots were supposed to grab Genesis' parachute with a hook almost a mile above the desert and lower the capsule gently to the ground. But they never had a chance to grab the speeding capsule.

"We had a mangled mess," said NASA program scientist David Lindstrom.

The mishap raised questions about the durability of another NASA sample-return capsule called Stardust, due to land at Dugway in 2006. But that capsule was built to be more rugged and will land on its own with a parachute, instead of the daring midair catch planned for Genesis.

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New PAC formed to fight Arizona immigration initiative

BY BETH DEFALCO

Associated Press Writer

PHOENIX — Prominent Arizona politicians from both major parties have formed a coalition to fight an initiative that would require proof of citizenship to register to vote and proof of immigration status to apply for certain government services.

Proposition 200, the "Arizona Taxpayer and Citizen Protection Act," was cleared to appear on the Nov. 2 ballot after a judge ruled last month that a description of the measure was not misleading.

In addition to the key provisions of the measure, the ballot initiative makes it a misdemeanor punishable by up to four months in jail for state and local government

workers to fail to report illegal immigrants who apply for government services.

On Thursday, former Republican Attorney General Grant Woods announced he will head the "No on 200, Arizonans for Real Immigration Reform" political action committee.

"Voters have very little idea what Prop. 200 is about," said Woods after filing papers for the PAC. "It will have a series of unintended consequences."

Woods argues the immigration measure does nothing to stop illegal immigration and will unnecessarily intrude on the lives of average citizens by requiring proof of residency for public benefits.

He said that if passed, Proposition 200 would prevent people from registering for government services online and would require people to carry multiple forms of identification for everyday tasks.

Other No on 200 backers are Democratic Gov. Janet Napolitano and Republican U.S. Sen. John McCain. The rest of Arizona's congressional delegation and the state's Republican Party have also come out against the initiative.

Representatives from Arizona hospitals, as well as business leaders, union representatives and firefighters spoke against the initiative Thursday.

Capt. Billy Shields, president of the United Phoenix Fire Fighters Association, said paramedics worry that vaccines wouldn't be given out carte blanche because they would need to see a form of identification. And that, they say, would pose a health risk to everyone.

"It's like poisoning our own well to prevent people from drinking our water," Shields said.

Initiative supporters say the measure will help fight welfare and voter fraud but will not stop immigrants from receiving emergency response services or from using other general "public services."

"This is such a simple initiative," said Proposition 200 supporter state Rep. Russell Pearce. "This doesn't affect services, it affects public benefits."

Pearce called the coalition a "pro-fraud group." "All we're trying to do is enforce the existing laws," he said. "Those that want cheap labor, those who feel like it benefits their political base, they pander to it."

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Everyone wants to have a say in advertisements

BY LIZ SIDOTI
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Just about everybody wants to have their say in this presidential election.

From evangelical preachers who claim "God is not a Republican or a Democrat" to the anti-abortion Catholics Against Kerry, political advertising by smaller groups, and individuals in some cases, is popping up across the country.

That's on top of the millions of dollars that larger, partisan groups have spent since March to splash TV and radio commercials aimed at President Bush and John Kerry across some 20 states in the White House race.

"There's going to be no letup now," predicted Evan Tracey, president of TNS Media Intelligence/Campaign Media Analysis Group, a northern Virginia company that tracks political ads.

"If you're some group with an agenda, an ax to grind or an issue to promote, now's the time," he said.

Some groups hope to influence certain constituencies. Others just want to add their 2 cents to the debate. Backers of a few have donated to Republicans or Democrats while other organizations claim no allegiance to either side.

Yet, it's obvious where most of these groups stand. Over the past few weeks, West Virginians for Life

aired a TV ad in that state praising Republican Bush as the only "pro-life" candidate in the race. Meanwhile, Save Our Environment accused him in markets in New Mexico, Colorado, Oregon and Washington of "trying to open" national forests to "logging, mining and oil companies," a salient issue in the West.

In eastern Iowa, Tom Riley, a personal injury lawyer from Cedar Rapids and a former Republican state lawmaker who recently became a Democrat, decided that donating \$2,000 to Democrat Kerry's campaign wasn't enough.

With a \$5,000 budget, Riley ran a newspaper ad and commercials on four radio stations saying political opponents have distorted Kerry's Vietnam war record. "Good Lord," Riley says. "The man to this day carries shrapnel in his leg."

Religious leaders involved in Sojourners, a Christian ministry with no stated political affiliation, took out full-page ads last week in newspapers in New York, Virginia and Colorado, responding to comments by Jerry Falwell and Pat Robertson.

"These leaders of the Religious Right mistakenly claim that God has taken a side in this election and that Christians should only vote for George W. Bush," the ads say, adding that "people of faith" can vote for either Bush or Kerry.

The American Defense Council, a conservative group that advocates "peace through strength," ran a radio ad for a week in Iowa, Maine, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio and Wisconsin painting Kerry as a waffler on various issues. "The American people know where they stand. Does John Kerry know where he stands?" the ad says.

At the same time, Catholics in western Pennsylvania have been the target of a radio ad that assails Kerry for supporting "the most grisly partial-birth abortion" law and opposing a law "to punish the murder of unborn babies."

John Berns, a Minnesota lawyer behind the group, said ads soon will air in other heavily Catholic states. Berns said he didn't vote in 2000 and hasn't decided whether to support Bush. But he has \$5,000 to spend on ads opposing Kerry.

The innocuous-sounding American Political Action Committee, a gun-rights group in Bellevue, Wash., plans to do the same on that issue in 12 states with large populations of gun owners.

The Annapolis, Md.-based Mothers Opposing Bush is targeting a wider audience, as evidenced by its name. The 10-month-old organization is running an ad on cable TV networks featuring Edie Falco, of HBO's "The Sopranos" saying: "Mothers always put their children first. Mr. Bush, can you say the same?"

Bush administration delays decision on logging

BY MATTHEW DALY
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration says it will put off until after the election a final decision on whether to allow road building and logging on 58 million acres of national forest where both are now prohibited.

Public comments on the proposed rule change, announced in July, will now be accepted through Nov. 15, instead of an earlier deadline set for next week.

Agriculture Undersecretary Mark Rey, who directs U.S. forest policy, called the delay a "fairly straightforward" response to requests from a variety of groups for more time.

"It's unrelated to the elections," Rey said Wednesday.

But environmentalists said the administration appeared to be rethinking the plan — at least temporarily — in the face of widespread opposition.

"I think the administration recognizes the folly of opening up 58 million acres of protected forests during an electoral campaign," said Jay Ward, political director of the Oregon Natural Resources Council, an environ-

mental group.

"With hundreds of thousands of comments pouring into the Forest Service admonishing their proposal, the American people clearly continue to overwhelmingly support protecting our last wild forests," said Robert Vandermark, co-director of the Heritage Forests Campaign, another environmental group.

The administration said in July it is reversing the Roadless Area Conservation Rule, a 2001 executive order by President Clinton that prohibits road construction on nearly a third of federal forestland. No roads has meant no logging, mining or oil and gas development.

The new policy calls for governors to decide by 2006 whether to petition the federal government to block new roads in their forests.

The bulk of the land is in the West, including 4.4 million acres in Colorado, 2 million acres each in Oregon and Washington state, and 1.6 million acres in New Mexico. All are considered battleground states in the presidential election.

Ward, of the Oregon resources group, said opposition

to the proposed rule change is substantial throughout the West, and may have been enough for the administration to recalculate its plans. More than 2.5 million people commented on the original Clinton plan, with about 95 percent in favor of forest protection.

Opposition to the Bush rule "may not be significant in every state, but in a swing state like Oregon or New Mexico it's enough to cost the president the election," Ward said.

Rey called that wishful thinking and said the delay should be taken at face value.

"It indicates only that we've had a number of requests from a wide range of groups who made a reasonable case they need more time, and we're giving it to them," he said.

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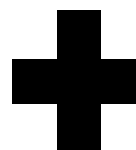
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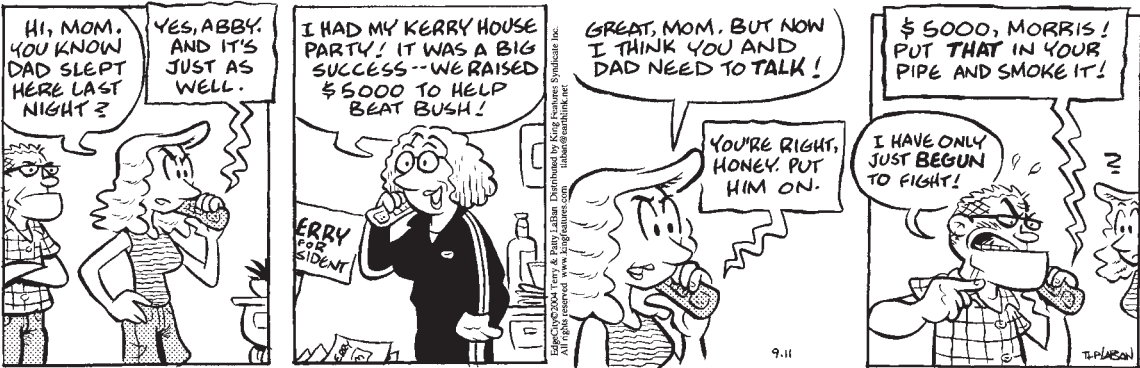


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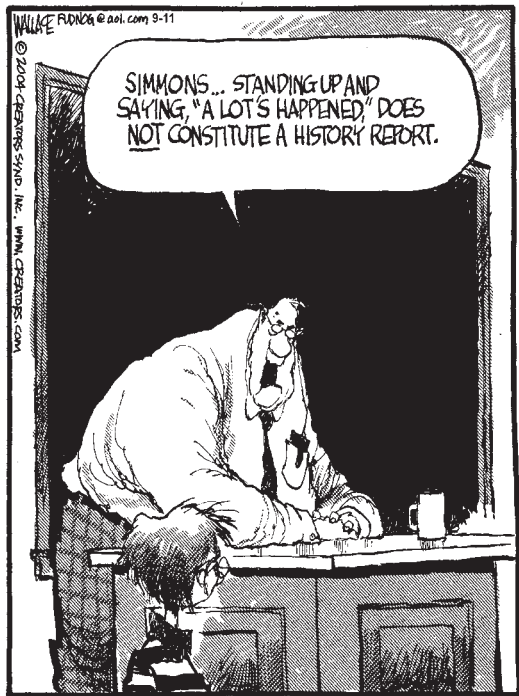
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P. Diddy breaks bottle on flagship Sean John store

By The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Midtown Manhattan isn't that far from the Harlem neighborhood where Sean "P. Diddy" Combs grew up, but as Combs christened his new Sean John flagship store on Fifth Avenue, the rapper-designer said he felt like he was worlds away from where he started.

"This is beyond a dream come true," Combs said Thursday night as he watched celebrities Naomi Campbell, Vivica Fox, Nicky and Paris Hilton, and fellow designers Tommy Hilfiger and Zac Posen file into the store for a champagne toast during New York Fashion Week.

The look of the store was quite serene compared with the scene outside, as scores of onlookers tried to peer over the many bodyguards watching over Combs and his friends.

Combs isn't holding a preview of his spring 2005 collection, saying he wants everything to be perfect when he returns to the catwalk — probably February 2005.

"I've been designing the show for two years and I'm waiting until everything is absolutely right," he said.

A fashion show isn't the only thing on Combs' radar: He said he plans to open up his next Sean John store in Beverly Hills, Calif., followed by Houston, Chicago, Detroit and Atlanta, and then London, Paris and Japan.

NEW YORK — John Lennon will have two new compact discs out this fall.

Capitol Records announced it was releasing a 17-song disc, "Acoustic," which collect some of the quieter post-Beatles work, including "Working Class Hero," "Watching the Wheels" and "Dear Yoko," by Lennon, who was murdered in 1980.

Seven of the tracks will be available for the first time. An acoustic version of the harrowing "Cold Turkey," a live take on "Imagine" and a non-sweetened "Real Love" are part of the package.

Capitol is also repackaging Lennon's 1975 album, "Rock 'n' Roll," his homage to the music of his youth. They include four bonus tracks: "To Know Her is to Love Her"; "Angel Baby"; "Since My Baby Left Me"; and "Just Because."

Lennon's widow, Yoko Ono, supervised the projects, which will be issued Nov. 2.

LOS ANGELES — Earvin "Magic" Johnson will spread Christmas cheer in Hollywood.

The former basketball star will be grand marshal for this year's 73rd annual Hollywood Christmas Parade, parade executive producer Johnny Grant said Thursday.

"Magic Johnson's generosity and community involvement make him a year-round Santa Claus," Grant said.

Since retiring from basketball more than a decade ago, Johnson has become a businessman. He has opened movie theaters, coffee shops and other businesses in black and ethnically diverse neighborhoods.

HONOLULU — Warner Bros. reportedly intends to make a film based on the old "Hawaii Five-O" TV series.

A studio official confirmed that the studio will co-produce a film based on the hit CBS series that aired from 1968 to '80 with George Litto Productions, which owns the rights to the title, the Honolulu Star-Bulletin reported.

Litto's daughter, Andria Litto, will be executive producer, and screenwriter George Nolfi ("Oceans

Twelve") will write the story, the newspaper said.

The choice of who to play Steve McGarrett (Jack Lord in the series) and who to direct will not be made until the script is completed and approved.

If all that occurs this fall, then the 80-day filming in Hawaii could begin late next spring for a summer 2006 release, said Litto, an agent for the series later creator, Leonard Freeman.

"We are in discussions with a major director and have been in negotiations for some time with a major star, which will be ongoing until the script is finished," Litto said.

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