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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

by Chuck Shepard

Victor Robinson was charged with murder in Miami in April after he allegedly told police he roughed up his 8-month-old son to stop him from crying so that he wouldn't grow up "to be a punk." And in May in Rockville, Md., a 12-year-old girl formally acknowledged at a hearing that she had fatally stabbed her 15-year-old brother during a dispute over whose turn it was to use the phone.



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"People who work sitting down get paid more than people who work standing up."

— Ogden Nash



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John Wood/Daily Press

A workman puts new numbers on the clock at the top of the clocktower building downtown on Friday. The 1920s art deco building on Santa Monica Boulevard is being completely renovated and will reopen this fall.

Four new buildings slated for downtown

Site was once chosen for a Target department store

BY JOHN WOOD

Daily Press Staff Writer

Four new buildings are going up at a downtown site where city officials once wanted a Target store.

With the ground work under way on 10 lots at Santa Monica Boulevard and Fifth Street, developers are working to secure their final permits. When completed, each of the four buildings will stand five-stories tall and have three levels of underground parking.

The Target project ultimately died in 2001, because of City Hall's concerns about increased traffic posed by the big box retailer.

"It wound up putting something like 20,000 more cars on Fifth Street a day," said City Councilman Bob Holbrook. "It's an enormous amount of ins and outs, and I was one of the council members (who) didn't think the street could handle that amount of traffic."

Holbrook ended up voting against the Target, despite the tax revenue the store would have generated.

"I took a lot of criticism for voting against that project," Holbrook said. "My wife was even mad at me."

After Target lost its bid, Three Coast Limited Partnership bought the land for about \$11 million. Bill Hammerstein, general partner, said his group has been busy at work ever since. The project is expected to cost more than \$30 million and take 18 months to finish, he said.



John Wood/Daily Press

Top: Excavation has already begun on one of the four buildings to be built at the intersection of Santa Monica Boulevard and Fifth Street. Below (renderings): The buildings will vary in style. While two will be modern, the other two will be Mediterranean in style.

The project's lead architect, David Hibbert, who also worked on the Target proposal, said he has

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Gray shows rainbow colors in recall campaign

BY LISA LEFF

Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — Gov. Gray Davis may be known as a lackluster politician, but he's earned his rainbow stripes when it comes to gay and lesbian issues.

Racing to hold onto his office, Davis has solidified his record as a gay rights champion, signing or endorsing nearly the entire agenda of the Legislature's new gay and lesbian caucus, including a bill he

vetoed last year.

This from a chief executive who once warned activists he would consider only one gay-related bill at a time.

"Naturally there will be a little bit of a bonanza on many fronts because of the unusual election season," said Carole Migden, a former San Francisco assemblywoman who sponsored many of the landmark gay rights bills Davis approved during his first term.

His strong support for gay

rights has made Davis unpopular with conservative groups. The Campaign for California Families accuses him of "pandering to the radical homosexual and transsexual activists," and "Recall 'Gay' Davis" is a sign waved at pro-recall rallies.

But voters angered by gay rights laws don't need new reasons to vote Davis out of office.

Indeed, before he was re-elected last November, Davis signed at least 10 laws that expanded civil

rights for gay Californians, including bills creating a statewide registry for same-sex couples and granting them some of the legal standing as married spouses. He appointed a lesbian, then a gay man to serve as his cabinet secretary and has named nine gay and lesbian judges.

Among the gay-friendly measures Davis signed recently were bills strengthening job and housing

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★★-So-so ★-Difficult

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, September 20, 2003:

Express your nurturing side more often. Others are clearly drawn to you and want to become a lot closer. You network well and meet people easily. You are likely to expand your immediate circle of friends and meet new people. Often you might feel like you have to say things more than once for your message to be heard. You are an unusually deep thinker, and what might be necessary is to choose the right words in order for others to grasp what you are saying. If you are single, a romance will appear in your life spring 2004. This bond could be unique and quite special. If you are attached, you'll bond much more closely if you work on a common goal together. Express more of what you're feeling. CANCER proves to be an A-No. 1 friend.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Settle in and make this a cozy day at home. You don't always need to have projects cooking; you might want to just chat and catch up on news and feelings. Get into a fall project at some point in the next few days. Tonight: Order in.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Keep conversations rolling and catch up on friends, neighbors and siblings' news. A loved one or child who could be difficult and/or touchy might finally talk about what is on his or her mind. You might be quite pleased at clearing the air. Tonight: Make up for lost time.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Take your time with your budget, because you don't want to make a mistake right now. Your ruler goes direct, and sometimes in the confusion of this action, you could make an error or two. Be careful with your dealings. Tonight: Your treat.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You smile, and others respond. Be your cheerful self. You have the opportunity to clear the air and get past a misunderstanding. Both of you will be a lot happier as a result. Tonight: The world is your oyster.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Don't feel like you have to do anything right now. Take this day for yourself. Consider clearing out some paperwork and relaxing. You might encounter a snafu somewhere along the way that could jolt you, but it can be straightened out. Tonight: Just relax.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Finally your ruler goes direct, giving you a breath of fresh air. You feel as if more is under your control. Gather the troops and bring friends together, whether for a barbecue or the movies. It doesn't matter. Tonight: Wherever you are, you'll have fun.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Take firmer charge of your life, especially when dealing with a boss or a loved one. Right now you get to clear the air and allow some good feelings to flow. Your brightness and attitude draw many. Tonight: Others look to you for energy and fun.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Bring others together for a day trip. You will enjoy yourself no matter where you are. A change of scenery helps you gain a renewed perspective about a personal matter. Anything is possible. Relax with the moment. Be more forthright with a friend or loved one. Tonight: Do something totally different.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Deal directly with a special individual in your life. What had been difficult could start lightening up with conversations. You think in terms of the unexpected as well as new possibilities. Tonight: Go along with another's wishes.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ How you approach an individual could be a lot different from how you had been. Discussions finally make sense. A trip that you might have put off now becomes a new possibility. Others seek you out. Listen to all the news. Tonight: The chatter continues into the wee hours.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Relax with a dear friend or loved one. You might feel much better than you have in a while. Be more open and discuss what has gone on with you as of late. Be open and nurturing at the same time. Tonight: Snuggle in.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Your creativity opens up to a new level. Finally, you get a better grasp on what has been bothering you lately, or what has been bothering someone close to you. You'll both feel better as a result. Make special plans. Together: Be a duo, even around crowds.

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LOCAL



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

'Shaqtacular' to be sweet

By Daily Press staff

Cold Stone Creamery, the fastest growing ice cream franchise in the nation, is proud to be the exclusive ice cream sponsor for Shaqtacular VIII, a charity event being held Saturday and hosted by Los Angeles Lakers star Shaquille O'Neal to benefit Athletes and Entertainers for Kids.

Cold Stone is expecting to dish up about 3,000 ice cream creations during the annual charity event, which has featured some of Hollywood's brightest stars, including actor-turned-politician Arnold Schwarzenegger, Whoopi Goldberg, Christina Applegate, Matthew Perry and skateboard legend Tony Hawk. Celebrities will participate in carnival games, including a dunk tank at the Shaqtropolis Main Court at Barker Hangar from noon until 5 p.m.

The event raises money for mentoring programs and services throughout the state for disadvantaged children.

Local woman seeking a 'Square' deal

By Daily Press staff

Santa Monica resident Martha Satterfield, a national account manager for Greenpoint Mortgage, will match wits with celebrities as a "Hollywood Squares" contestant starting Monday and hopes to bring home some tic-tac-dough. Funnyman Martin Mull will be in the center square as the Whoopi Goldberg-produced game show kicks off its new season. The syndicated show airs locally weekdays at 7:30 p.m. on KCAL9. To audition, call (323) 850-0707.

Lockhart performance one for the ages

By Daily Press staff

The Thomas Alva Edison Recording Project continues its mission of carrying on its namesake's dream of recording the top voices of his time via phonograph on Monday, when recordists make a stop in Santa Monica to put the voice of award-winning actress June Lockhart in the annals. The Project honors the inventor by using original Edison equipment, circa 1910, to record great voices of each generation.

Lockhart, who has starred on Broadway, film and such enduring television shows as "Lassie," "Lost in Space" and "Petticoat Junction," is a Santa Monica resident, whose parents were introduced to one another by Edison himself.

Lockhart will be at the Santa Monica Historical Society Museum on Monday to furnish her recording alongside representatives from the Thomas Edison Memorial Tower and Menlo Park Museum in Edison, N.J.

Literary series kicks off library hoopla

By Daily Press staff

Santa Monica College's "Literary Series" will start Sept. 30 as part of the celebration surrounding the school's completion of a \$23.6 million library expansion and modernization project.

Free and open to the public, the series will open with author Marcos McPeck Villatoro. In October, SMC faculty writers will take over. And the works of Zora Neale Hurston will be featured in November. The series is sponsored by the SMC Associates, a private group that funds speakers and special programs on campus, and the SMC English Department. Seating is on a first-come, first-serve basis, except for the Nov. 14 Hurston event, when reservations are required.

"I'm very excited about this literary series, not only because of the caliber of writers we are featuring, but because it celebrates ... the diversity found in modern American literature," said Judy Neveau, SMC community relations director and producer of the series.

Here's the lineup:

■ Thursday, Sept. 30 at 11:15 a.m. Villatoro will lecture and read from his book "Minos" — the latest Romilia Chacon mystery. The author and poet holds the



surf report

The SW swell slowly builds through the day as the small NW wind swell persists. For most spots that means waist high and under surf in the morning, with some better waves in the afternoon.

OUTLOOK: Fun surf through Monday. Also, tropical storm Marty is cold slacking down in the tropics, so we may have some new SSE later this weekend.

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MONDAY	1:54	0.0	1:32	2.4	8:30	4.4	7:28	5.7
TUESDAY	2:23	-0.2	2:09	1.8	8:49	4.7	8:09	6.0
WEDNESDAY	2:52	-0.3	2:47	1.3	9:10	5.1	8:50	6.1
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■ Friday, Oct. 24 at 7 p.m. "An Evening with SMC Faculty Writers," featuring poetry, prose and dialogue with distinguished SMC faculty authors, including Wil Doucet, Carol Davis, Mario Padilla and others. The event will be held in the SMC Concert Hall, 1900 Pico Blvd.

■ Friday, Nov. 14 at 7 p.m. "An Evening of Zora Neale Hurston: A Writer Beyond Her Time." The event features historical background by author and USC professor Carla Kaplan, who edited "Zora Neale Hurston: A Life in Letters", and dramatic readings of Hurston's works by Denise Woods, a California Institute of the Arts theater professor who recorded Hurston's "Their Eyes Were Watching God." The event will be held in the SMC Library, 1900 Pico Blvd.

SMC's Library opened Aug. 26 for the fall semester, and the grand opening ceremony is set for Oct. 14 at 11:15 a.m.

For information about the SMC Literary Series, call (310) 434-4003.

FACE-to-FACE with the Women & Children of Iraq

Local resident Kelly Hayes-Raitt just returned from her second trip to Iraq, where she found some of the children and women who touched her so deeply during her first visit in February. She also saw firsthand the impact of the bombings and invasion on innocent people's lives, homes and hearts. The trip revealed much devastation — and much inspiration.

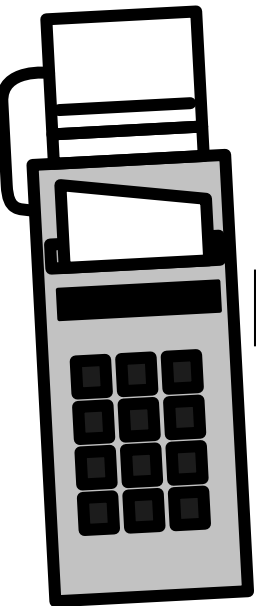
She will be speaking about the people she met — and remet — in Baghdad, Hillah, Babylon, Fallouja, Basra and Umm Qasr.

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Since February, Kelly has addressed over 60 audiences, including religious congregations, state women's conferences, school classes, community clubs, large peace rallies and small neighborhood meetings. If you would like her to address your group, please call (310) 581-4421 or e-mail C2CCampaigns@aol.com.

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OPINION

If it was a baseball game, the Democrats would lose



MODERN TIMES

By Lloyd Garver

The Democratic Party is the Chicago Cubs of politics. Even if it looks like they should win, they find a way to lose.

Today, the economy is terrible. We have an enormous deficit where a healthy surplus used to be. Unemployment is high, and many people don't feel safer than they did on Sept. 12. Confidence in the morality of major corporations is low and, because of the way the war in Iraq was presented, the administration could turn find itself in the biggest and most tragic scandal in the history of the United States. In other words, in the next presidential election, the Democrats should easily hit this one out of the park. But as a lifelong Cub fan, let me give you some advice: Don't bet on it. The only thing I'm not sure about is exactly how the Democrats are going to blow it this time.

THE BIG LEAGUES

First of all, the Democrats aren't going up against the Lansing Lugnuts or some other minor league team. They are going to have to beat the New York Yankees of politics — the Republicans. Like the Yankees, the pinstriped Republicans don't just have money, money and more money. They also know how to win. If they strike out, they'll strike out swinging.

TEAM SPIRIT

It's important for every team to have some veterans, and the Dems have theirs — even a recently retired General. But right now, they're doing something that every Little Leaguer knows is wrong — they're fighting among themselves. Don't they realize that after they expose each others' weaknesses and foibles, those things will not be forgotten once they have a nominee? You can't call a teammate a bum, then after he becomes the team captain, tell everyone he's the greatest guy in the world.

POSITION PLAYERS

Looking at the Democratic Mudville 9 (or 10), it's hard to know which players are at which positions. They have "Don't

Call Me ... 'Clueless'" Joe Lieberman in right field, Howard "I'm Not Dizzy" Dean in left, and everyone else is trying to be in center. If the Republicans hit an easy fly ball, just watch the Democrats in the outfield collide. The ball will probably hit one of them on the head and then fall to the artificial turf.

THE BLACK SOX, INTERNS, WATERGATE ETC.

Maybe they'll be brought down by the old staple — scandal. Who among these candidates will be shown to have a corked bat? Who cheated? Who stole? Who lied (more than expected)?

Injuries often ruin a team's chances, but a candidate's health is not as important as it once was. Because of advances in medicine and changes in attitudes, the American public doesn't seem to be particularly troubled if a politician has suffered from alcoholism, cancer, heart problems, or even uncontrolled vomiting on foreign dignitaries. The only area of health that voters insist on is that candidates have a strong arm. He or she not only has to throw out a first pitch at the World Series, but also flex that bicep

while saying, "My country can beat up your country."

PITCHING

Weak pitching might destroy the Democrats. Their pitches — photo ops and commercials — are rarely strong. Dukakis looked silly on a tank, but Bush looked great on an aircraft carrier. Democratic ads usually try to appeal to the intellect, while Republican ones appeal to the emotions. If Democrats want to have a chance, they should trade their media guys for one good Republican pitcher — someone who can throw a tricky curve when they need it.

So unless the Democrats shake up their team and start playing ball like the big boys, they aren't going to win this time, either. Like I said, the Chicago Cubs of politics. The big difference is, this year I honestly think the Cubs have a chance.

(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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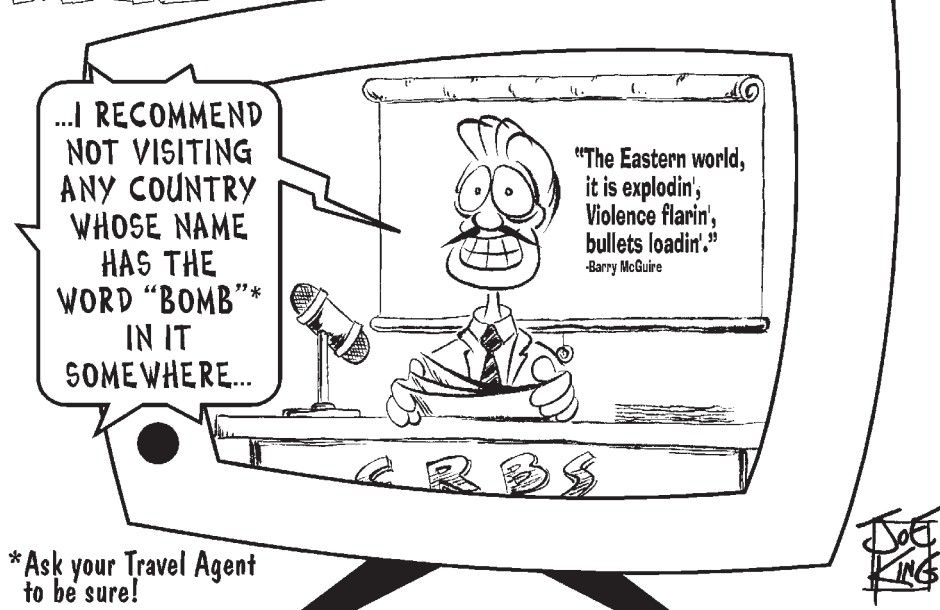
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LOCAL □ STATE

Gay caucus endorses Davis in recall campaign

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protections for transgender people, and requiring foster parents to undergo anti-discrimination training that can include sexual orientation among other topics. He vetoed the foster care bill last year when it carried a stronger mandate.

Davis says he opposes gay marriage, but he also has pledged to sign a bill that picks up where he left off his first term by extending to domestic partners the remaining rights and responsibilities of married couples the state can grant without conflicting with federal law. He's scheduled to sign it Friday night at the San Francisco Lesbian, Gay, Transgender and Bisexual Community Center.

"It's been a watershed year," said Lori Jean, executive director of the Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Center. "Gray's record hasn't been perfect, but when you compare what has happened in California under his leadership he is clearly among the most supportive governors out there."

Davis is counting on gay voters — along with Latinos and labor unions — among the core supporters he needs to vote against the recall. Last November, 69 percent of voters who identified themselves as gay or lesbian voted for him, according to Eric Bauman, one of seven openly gay staff members in the governor's office.

"When you start to assemble the voter block that we need to defeat this recall, obviously gay and lesbian voters are a significant portion," said Bauman, who is on leave from his job directing the governor's Los Angeles office to help run the anti-recall campaign.

In fact, a recent Field Poll found that more than seven in 10 California voters surveyed support granting same-sex couples legal rights. Among recall candidates, only Republican Sen. Tom McClintock opposes state recognition of domestic partnerships.

Equality California, the state's largest lobbying group on gay issues, was one of the first organizations to publicly condemn the recall. On Thursday, the group also endorsed Lt. Gov. Cruz Bustamante as a replacement candidate.

Advocates who have worked with Davis over the years insist his commitment to gay rights is more personal conviction than political calculation. They note that the governor and his wife, Sharon, were married at the home of Sheldon Andelson, a University of

California regent who died of AIDS in 1987. As an assemblyman, Davis represented the gay enclave of West Hollywood when AIDS was decimating the community. He and his wife still maintain their home there.

"I think he fundamentally believes in equal rights for all and he has always acted in that way," said Diane Abbitt, co-chair of Equality California. "Clearly, he has been a friend to this community."

That friendship hasn't been free of conflict. Michael Marshall, who chairs Equality California's political action committee, said the governor's preference for tackling issues incrementally "oftentimes makes the community feel as if it's fighting for table scraps instead of a place at the table."

Marshall cited as an example the governor's veto last year of the foster care legislation even after its sponsor had amended it to win his support.

"But I have to temper that with practically speaking, he still has signed the most gay-friendly legislation in California history," Marshall said.

Sen. Sheila Kuehl, one of the Legislature's three uncloseted lesbians, thinks activists take Davis for granted.

Before Davis, Kuehl noted, couples could not sue for a partner's wrongful death or make medical decisions on each others behalf, adoption agencies automatically opposed allowing gay couples to adopt foster children, and jurors could be excluded from service because of their sexual orientation.

Migden says Davis is even stronger on gay rights than Howard Dean, whose signing of Vermont's civil union's law gave him early credibility with gays and lesbians that helped his climb to Democratic presidential front-runner status.

California's domestic partners registry "surpasses the achievement in Vermont" because it was created not under court order, but "by a willing Legislature and willing governor," Migden said.

Davis hasn't said whether he'll sign a bill on his desk requiring contractors to provide domestic partner benefits before doing business with the state, which would be a national first.

"This governor is incremental in all things, and some of us feel strongly that with that approach he has achieved a great deal more than other elected officials who are flashier," said his cabinet secretary, Daniel Zingale. "But step-by-step it adds up."

Buildings to be done in 2005

BUILDINGS, from page 1

been peppered with questions about the future of the site since the work started last month.

"I've heard the sad story from a few people that they think it's the Target under construction," he said.

Each of the four buildings, with their own distinct style, will include 50-60 housing units, most of them one and two bedrooms, and 3,000-6,000 square feet of retail space on the ground floors, said project architect Tracy Lavarney.

The two buildings at the center will be in a contemporary Italian style, mod-

eled after 1450 Fifth St. and each designed by different architects.

"They have a totally different look and feel to them," Lavarney said. "The city wanted them to be all broken up. They didn't want 10 lots of the same thing."

The building at 1410 Fifth St., at Santa Monica Boulevard, will be a modern stucco building with a flat roof, with aluminum exterior accents and limestone on the ground floor. And the building on the other end of the site at 1450 Fifth will have a Mediterranean look, with a sloped, ceramic-tile roof and "medallions" set into the walls, Lavarney said.

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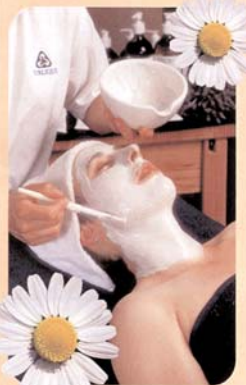
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Bustamante, McClintock threaten to boycott debate with Schwarzenegger

BY JIM WASSERMAN

Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO — Things got dirty for Arnold Schwarzenegger on Thursday as his plan to clean up California politics was upstaged by two rivals who threatened to boycott a debate with him in which the questions were already made public.

With a federal appeals court remaining silent on whether to consider overturning a ruling postponing the Oct. 7 recall election of Gov. Gray Davis, two candidates at the front of the pack turned on Schwarzenegger in an unusual alliance that undercut any sign of GOP unity.

Schwarzenegger was flanked from the left by Lt. Gov. Cruz Bustamante, the only prominent Democrat in the race, and from the right by Sen. Tom McClintock, R-Northridge. The two said they supported sending a letter to the California Broadcasters Association opposing a scripted format.

"I wouldn't do a pose-down with him and he obviously doesn't want to debate me," McClintock told KFI-AM, referring to Schwarzenegger's bodybuilding days.

The two-front attack on the Republican came as Bustamante and McClintock tried to dodge criticism for taking American Indian casino money — something Schwarzenegger has vowed to reject so he isn't beholden to special interests.

The Morongo Band of Mission Indians was set to begin airing McClintock TV ads Friday. Schwarzenegger said that would help him divide Republicans and lead to a Bustamante victory.

"He knows it's not because they want him to be governor," Schwarzenegger said of McClintock. "They want to interfere with the process so Bustamante wins. So he has to decide which side he's on, Republicans or Bustamante."

McClintock said the actor's statement was ridiculous and that he hadn't been contacted by the tribe and had only heard rumors they planned to spend money on his behalf.

"I believe this generation has the obligation to honor a commitment made for California Indians a century ago," he said. "Arnold Schwarzenegger has broken many promises in the short span of this campaign. But this is one promise this generation must keep."

Bustamante has also taken money from the Morongos and his campaign was in court Thursday defending millions of other dollars from tribes and labor groups it shuffled from an old campaign account to avoid criticism for skirting campaign finance laws.

State Sen. Ross Johnson, R-Irvine, sued Bustamante's campaign in Sacramento County Superior Court for violating limits set in Proposition 34, the campaign finance initiative approved by voters in 2000.

Bustamante shifted the money to oppose Proposition 54, the initiative to ban the state from collecting racial or ethnic data, and is now featured in ads attacking the ballot measure. Johnson called that a clear evasion of the law.

"You can't have one set of rules for

Cruz Bustamante and another set for 134 other candidates," Johnson said.

Bustamante attorney Deborah Caplan said the lieutenant governor acted legally when he channeled campaign money to television ads opposing the initiative.

A judge said he would rule soon on the suit that seeks to bar Bustamante from using the money.

Schwarzenegger launched his four-point plan to reform government at the California State Railroad Museum because it's a symbol of the 1911 birth of the recall process allowing him and 134 others to challenge Davis.

Standing before a 19th century locomotive, he invoked the name of Gov. Hiram Johnson, who is considered the father of the recall reform designed to break the grip railroad barons had on politicians.

"The special interests in those days ran over people," he said. "Hiram Johnson stopped them. That's why I wanted to come here."

He said he supported a constitutional amendment ensuring public access to most government meetings and documents and proposed a series of reforms ranging from redrawing political boundaries to strengthening campaign finance laws to banning political fund-raising for much of the year.

"The people of this state do not trust their government," Schwarzenegger said. "They feel it is corrupted by dirty money, closed doors and back-room dealing. They see the contributions go in, the favors go out and they're punished with wasteful spending and high taxes."

Schwarzenegger said he wanted to prevent the governor, lieutenant governor and members of the Assembly and Senate from raising money during the budget season — from January to summer. His campaign said 28 other states have similar fund-raising blackout periods.

He said he had no plans to back out of the debate next Wednesday at California State University, Sacramento sponsored by the California Broadcasters Association.

The move by Bustamante and McClintock came a day after they appeared with independent Arianna Huffington and Green Party candidate Peter Camejo for a debate in Los Angeles, the third that Schwarzenegger skipped. The actor repeatedly came under criticism for refusing to participate in any debate other than the one in which questions were given out ahead of time.

Schwarzenegger's campaign noted that the scripted format was developed by the CBA and Schwarzenegger already unsuccessfully asked for a change.

Stan Statham, president and chief executive of the CBA, said the format would not change.

"If the candidates want to break their promises that's their prerogative. But we set the rules and we're going stick to them," he said.

Aides to Camejo and Huffington said they had not decided whether to boycott the debate.

"We agreed in general we would not agree to having a scripted debate," said Huffington spokesman Roy Sekoff.

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NATIONAL



Critics say salmon at risk with Bush adviser

BY MATTHEW DALY
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — For more than 15 years, Mark Rutzick was a leading attorney for the timber industry in lawsuits seeking to reopen Pacific Northwest forests to logging.

Now, he is a key player in the Bush administration's program for endangered salmon.

Rutzick, whose quiet manner belies the animosity generated by his appointment, said he sees no contradiction between his longtime role as a timber industry advocate and his current post with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

He argued for sharp increases in logging and against some protections for salmon and other species, Rutzick said — but that was because his clients wanted that outcome.

Now, as a senior adviser to NOAA's general counsel, Rutzick's client is the federal government. A key focus of his job is to look out for the 27 species of West Coast salmon protected under the Endangered Species Act by NOAA Fisheries and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

"I have an opportunity to help two Cabinet-level departments work together cooperatively to develop policies that do the job of protecting species and hopefully do it better," said Rutzick, a former resident of Portland, Ore.

But environmentalists call Rutzick's appointment this past February another sign that federal policies on natural resources are being written by industry.

"New face, same old story. The Bush administration's quiet quest to convert environmental agencies into safe havens for corporate lobbyists continues unabated," said Niel Lawrence, director of forest programs for the Natural Resources Defense Council.

Lawrence and other critics add Rutzick's name to a list that includes Mark Rey, a former timber lobbyist who now oversees the Forest Service as undersecretary of agriculture; James Connaughton, a former power industry lobbyist who now chairs the White House Council on Environmental Quality; and J. Steven Griles, the deputy interior secretary, who is a former lobbyist for the coal, oil and gas industries.

Richard Smith, an attorney for Washington Trout, an advocacy group based outside Seattle, said it has become routine for President Bush to tap representatives of resource industries to regulate their former colleagues.

Still, Smith said, "It's an outrage that the legal strategies of the federal agency charged with saving listed salmon will now be directed by a lawyer whose career has been dedicated to frustrating environmental protections for the benefit of corporate profits."

Rutzick, 55, called such rhetoric overheated.

"You sort of have to laugh it off a bit," he said. "My record in the private sector is that I've never questioned the goals of the Endangered Species Act" or tried to obstruct its application.

"There's a broad social consensus in favor of protection of endangered species," Rutzick added. "The battle is over how to do it most effectively and at the lowest cost."

In an interview at his Commerce Department office — with a partially obstructed view of the White House — Rutzick said he sees plenty of room for improvement in endangered species policy, even after nearly three years of a GOP administration.

"We want to maximize protection of endangered species, without necessarily interfering with the activities that also need to go ahead — i.e. power from dams, agriculture for farms and forest products from the forest," he said.

Chris West, vice president of the American Forest Resource Council, a Portland-based timber industry group that frequently hired Rutzick, called him an ideal choice for the fisheries agency.

"Who better to help the federal government through some tough issues than someone who has been involved in them for 15 years?" West said.

While he is no longer in the courtroom, most of his job is driven by litigation — past, current or threatened, Rutzick said. In May, a federal judge in Portland ruled that a federal salmon recovery plan in the Columbia River Basin violates the Endangered Species Act.

U.S. District Judge James Redden ordered NOAA Fisheries to rewrite the plan within a year — a task that has kept Rutzick and other officials occupied for months. Rutzick declined to give details about the revised plan, but said, "This will be a scientifically credible product."

One thing the plan will not do is recommend breaching four dams along the lower Snake River, as environmentalists have long sought.

Rutzick called debate over dam breaching "an academic discussion" that ignores the fact salmon runs are at 20-year highs in much of the basin. "It's clear from the behavior of the fish that dam breaching isn't going to happen," he said.

Rutzick, who was in private practice from 1986 until this year, is used to politically charged debates. As attorney for the forest resource council, he was at the center of a landmark lawsuit challenging a plan to protect the northern spotted owl. The litigation set off the timber wars of the early 1990s — a battle Rutzick said is far from over.

Rutzick also filed suits challenging the endangered status of the marbled murrelet and the 1994 Northwest Forest Plan, a Clinton-era policy intended as a compromise between logging and environmental interests.

More recently, environmentalists say he was involved in secret negotiations with the Bush administration over proposed changes to the Northwest Forest Plan. The alleged talks, which took place before Rutzick joined the administration this year, concerned such areas as aquatic conservation standards, which affect salmon habitat, and a provision requiring land managers to conduct detailed surveys for other endangered species.

Many of those changes are now part of administration policy. Rutzick declined comment on the allegations, but noted that his job is to provide legal advice to policy makers charged with enforcing the Endangered Species Act.

Kristen Boyles, an attorney for the environmental group Earthjustice, said Rutzick has spent his career advocating for extreme legal interpretations that benefit the timber industry.

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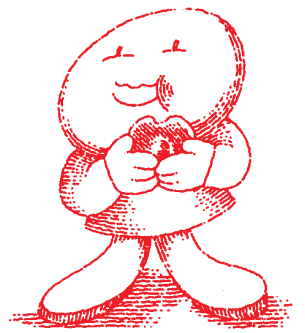
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Oregon's premium albacore is hooking connoisseurs

BY BETH QUINN
Associated Press Staff Writer

CHARLESTON, Ore. — Forget salmon.

The Pacific Northwest fish that has the gourmet food world abuzz these days is albacore tuna — in a can, no less.

Hand-caught, hand-filleted and hand-packed at microcanneries from Brookings to Astoria, premium canned albacore will account for 8 percent of Oregon's 7 million-pound albacore catch this year.

Custom canners tout the tuna's health benefits, saying tests show that it's higher in omega-3 fats and lower in mercury than supermarket brands. Celebrity TV and radio chefs praise its superior taste, and food marketing experts say the new niche market for Northwest premium albacore should continue to grow.

Small coastal canneries have been turning out raw-packed, additive-free albacore for at least half a century. But that was news to David Rosengarten, a New York City-based cookbook author and TV chef, when he began his quest to find the world's best tuna.

He taste-tested more than 200 cans of tuna for his 11,000-circulation newsletter, "The Rosengarten Report," which won the 2003 James Beard award for best food and wine newsletter. He pronounced the Northwest's microcannery products America's best canned tuna.

"I thought that what I was going to find was great European-style tuna," Rosengarten said. "I figured that I'd find super-high-quality, dark red Mediterranean-style tuna. As soon as I took mayonnaise and fork to Pacific Northwest tuna, that was it."

"I keep telling everybody, 'Forget everything else — this is the tuna.'"

Among those Rosengarten told were the viewers of NBC's "Today" show and the listeners of Minnesota Public Radio's nationally syndicated "The Splendid Table." In keeping with the product recommendations he's famous for, he also told those audiences they'd find America's best canned tuna at Great American Smokehouse and Seafood Co. in Brookings.

In the two months since the shows aired, sales have gone way up, smokehouse owner Nancy Myers said. She estimated that she's shipped 3,600 half-pound cans of albacore that retail for \$5 each.

"The response has been phenomenal," Myers said. "They say, 'You've spoiled me. I'll never buy another can on the shelf again.' I had an e-mail saying, 'I open a can of tuna, and I eat it right out of the can.' They've never tasted anything that good."

A generation ago, a handful of coastal canneries served sport fishermen and canned coho salmon caught on fishing charters. Oregon's tuna fleet sold its entire catch to three giant cannery companies that cooked the fish twice and added spring water or vegetable oil to produce supermarket brands.

These days, the giant canneries buy only the larger, older fish caught by Asian tuna fleets, leaving Oregon tuna fishers to find new markets. That's one reason Oregon's microcanneries now turn out at least 17 private labels of canned albacore, most of them signature brands of the fishermen who caught the tuna.

Herb Goblirsch of Otter Rock pioneered "from my boat to your table" custom canning with his Oregon's Choice Gourmet Albacore in 1981.

The albacore filling Goblirsch's hold are migrating juvenile tuna that follow the Japanese current to Northwest waters. They feed on shrimp, krill and sardines 30 to 100 miles offshore from June through October. The tuna are troll-caught on the surface with lures and landed by hand.

Goblirsch studied Japan's exacting standards for fish handling to produce the highest-quality sashimi-grade fish, the thinly sliced raw fish sold in sushi bars.

"The difference in the can starts with how you take care of the fish when it comes out of the water," he said. "It's not a production cannery boat. It's a quality, one-at-a-time fishing boat."

This year he'll land 60,000 pounds of albacore and produce 30,000 half-pound cans.

"I don't even advertise. My business grows from word of mouth — somebody tells their neighbor or a friend — and it grows like a pyramid scheme."

— HERB GOBLIRSCH
Albacore cannery owner

"I have over 3,600 families that buy from me across the country," he said. "I don't even advertise. My business grows from word of mouth — somebody tells their neighbor or a friend — and it grows like a pyramid scheme. If the whole U.S. knew what we had, they would be knocking our doors down."

Many of Oregon's 100 tuna boats are following Goblirsch's lead in producing sashimi-grade albacore. For those with private labels, the special handling continues at the cannery.

At Chuck's Seafood in Charleston, the five-member canning crew goes through 2,500 pounds of albacore a day. Two trim each 10- to 30-pound fish into fillets, and three others cut, weigh and pack the raw fillets into half-pound cans.

Some brands add salt or garlic for flavor before cooking, but most private-label tuna is packed in its own juice. The microcanneries say that accounts for its superior taste — and justifies higher prices that range from \$5 to \$7.95 for a half-pound can.

"It kind of goes right along with microbrew beers and espresso," said Heath Hampel, co-owner of Chuck's Seafood. "You pay for quality. It's not really expensive for what you get. It's just fish as good as it comes out of the ocean."

Hampel estimated that this year he'll turn out 300,000 cans of gourmet albacore — his own label plus more than a dozen private brands. Most are sold by mail order from fishermen's homes or by hand at farmers markets. Some of the older brands, such as Goblirsch's, also sell to retail stores.

"It has a nice label, a nice story and a nice message," said Nick Furman of the Oregon Albacore Commission. "The element of direct to the consumer from the fishermen — there's a cachet about that."

But for serious foodies such as Rosengarten, taste is the ultimate cachet: "I thought the days of great white tuna were over, but what's being produced in the Pacific Northwest today is taking up the slack. It's really good stuff."

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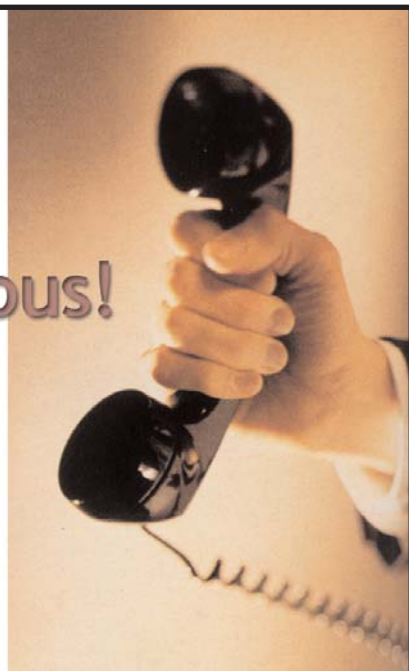
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NATIONAL

Judge in 'roadless' case cleared of misconduct

BY MATTHEW DALY
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — A federal appeals court has dismissed an ethics complaint filed against a judge whose ruling opened up nearly a third of national forests to timber cutting and other development.

Two watchdog groups had complained that U.S. District Judge Clarence Brimmer of Wyoming owns stock or royalty interests in 15 oil and gas companies that could be affected by a July 14 decision invalidating the so-called roadless rule.

The rule, issued in the final days of the Clinton administration, limits timber harvesting and other development on 58 million acres of remote forest land controlled by the Forest Service.

Brimmer's decision would open the land to oil, gas and mineral exploration.

In dismissing the complaint last week, Chief Judge Deanell Tacha of the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said she could find no basis for the allegations. Neither the watchdog groups nor the companies in which Brimmer owns stock were parties to the case.

In her six-page ruling, Tacha said the Washington-based watchdog groups — Community Rights Counsel and Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington — had taken the wrong

approach.

By filing an ethics complaint, the groups bypassed the normal appeals process in order to attack the judge's integrity, Tacha wrote.

"Our misconduct rules clearly recognize the inappropriateness of such an approach to alleged judicial bias or prejudice," she wrote.

Kermit Brown, past president of the Wyoming State Bar, called the complaint against Brimmer "a personal attack calculated to attempt to intimidate the judiciary."

Brimmer, 81, has served on the federal bench since 1975. He said in documents filed with the appeals court that he had done nothing wrong. His financial holdings include a number of gas and oil companies, Brimmer said, but "were not secret interests."

The stock holdings were revealed in financial interest statements filed annually with the court, Brimmer said, and none of the companies was a party to the case in question.

Federal law prohibits a judge from ruling in a case where he or she has a financial or other interest that could be "substantially affected" by the outcome of the case.

Representatives of the groups that filed the complaint could not be reached for comment.

Manuscript solves old mystery

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A manuscript given to the Library of Congress may solve a mystery as old as the American Revolution: how the British caught and executed Nathan Hale for spying.

It turns out that Hale, considered by the CIA to be the first American executed for spying for his country, probably made some monumentally naive mistakes — chief among them trusting a stranger with the secret of his mission. Those blunders could have led to his hanging 227 years ago this Monday.

Details of Hale's capture have eluded historians, but library officials have new information from the manuscript, written during or soon after the Revolution by Consider Tiffany, a Connecticut storekeeper and British sympathizer. The document was donated to the library in 2000 by a descendant, G. Bradford Tiffany.

According to James Hutson, head of the library's manuscript division, the document appears to identify Maj. Robert Rogers, a British hero from the earlier French and Indian War, as the man who trapped Hale by pretending to be a Colonial spy himself.

A handsome, athletic Connecticut schoolteacher and Yale graduate, Hale was an enthusiastic patriot who rose quickly in the Continental Army and was promoted to captain in 1776. Later that year, Gen. George Washington, the army's commander, was driven out of Long Island by the British and badly needed information on the enemy's strength and plans, which meant sending a spy into British territory.

Hale volunteered saying it was his patriotic duty.

Bush beats a campaign path

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — If you live in Pennsylvania or Florida, your chances of catching a glimpse of President Bush are pretty good. Missouri, Ohio or Michigan, too. He's been to each more than ten times as president, and he's sure to be back again soon.

Though Bush says he's not yet campaigning for re-election, he's beating a well-worn path through a handful of states likely to be presidential battlegrounds next year.

If you live in states he carried overwhelmingly in 2000 don't expect to see Air Force One anytime soon, unless it's 30,000 feet up.

Bush has yet to visit Rhode Island, Vermont or Hawaii, for instance, states where Democrat Al Gore won handily in 2000. Nor has he been to Idaho or Kansas, states he carried comfortably.

"The political season will come in its own time. I've got a job to do," he told a Philadelphia-area fund-raiser earlier this week. That was during his 22nd visit as president to Pennsylvania.

Even while claiming that politics remain out of season for him, Bush has attended more than two dozen such fund-raisers since last June, collecting nearly \$65 million of an estimated \$200 million goal for a primary season in which he has no opposition.



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Peacekeeping troops approved

By The Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — The U.N. Security Council voted unanimously Friday to establish a peacekeeping mission of up to 15,000 troops for Liberia, where a smaller West African peace force has helped stabilize the capital, but fighting persists in the countryside.

The U.S.-backed resolution, introduced Monday, authorizes the deployment of up to 1,115 civilian police officers, 250 military observers and 160 staff officers, in addition to the troops, for a 12-month period. They are to take over from the 3,250-strong Nigerian-led West African force on Oct. 1.

The resolution authorizes the new peacekeeping force to monitor the cease-fire and investigate violations, monitor the disengagement of all forces, and work with others to develop a plan within 30 days to disarm, demobilize and reintegrate combatants.

It gives the U.N. force a broad mandate to help implement a June 17 cease-fire agreement, assist Liberia's new transitional government, facilitate the delivery of humanitarian aid, protect U.N. staff and disarm combatants.

The council resolution also "demands the Liberian parties cease hostilities throughout Liberia" and that neighboring states end any support to armed groups operating in the country, which has seen 14 years of nearly continuous conflict.

In August, the council authorized the West African force that has succeeded in bringing calm to Liberia's capital after nearly three months of fighting between forces loyal to warlord-turned-President Charles Taylor and rebels battling since 1999 to oust him.

Prime minister condemns Bush

By The Associated Press

JERUSALEM — The incoming Palestinian prime minister issued his strongest defense yet of Yasser Arafat, saying Friday that the United States should treat him as a real partner and condemning President Bush's refusal to deal with the Palestinian leader as only hurting peace efforts.

Prime Minister-designate Ahmed Qureia's criticism of U.S. policy signaled that he will not challenge Arafat. Israel and the United States had initially pressed for the creation of the post of prime minister in hopes of sidelining Arafat, who they say is tainted by terror.

The U.N. General Assembly approved a resolution

Friday demanding that Israel halt threats to expel Arafat. Palestinian diplomats won support from the European Union and many African states after adding a condemnation of Palestinian suicide bombings to the resolution.

In new violence, Israeli troops blew up the homes of two Hamas suicide bombers and stepped up searches for fugitives in the West Bank. Four soldiers and three Palestinians, including a 12-year-old boy and a 4-year-old girl, were wounded in gunbattles.

Israel says it will keep up military strikes because Palestinian security forces have failed to dismantle violent groups, as required by the U.S.-backed "road map" peace plan.

While the United States has urged the Palestinians to swiftly deal with militants, it also has criticized proposals for an Israeli security barrier that would cut deep into West Bank lands the Palestinians want for a future state.

Market worker sentenced to nine years

By The Associated Press

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. — A former supermarket employee who poisoned more than 100 people after mixing insecticide into about 250 pounds of ground beef was sentenced Friday to nine years in prison.

Randy Jay Bertram, 39, offered a brief apology before U.S. District Court Chief Judge Robert Holmes issued the sentence.

Health officials say 111 people were sickened after eating the tainted meat in one of the nation's largest food-tampering cases.

The victims included about 40 children, a pregnant woman and a 67-year-old man with an artificial heart valve, diabetes and high blood pressure. No one died and none of the victims apparently suffered long-term health effects.

"This offense undermines our very confidence in something most basic as our food," Assistant U.S. Attorney Daniel Mekaru said.

Bertram pleaded guilty May 21 to a charge of poisoning food with the intent to cause serious bodily injury. He was also sentenced to three years of supervised release after leaving prison and to pay restitution totaling more than \$12,000.

JetBlue violates its own privacy policy

By The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Violating its own privacy policy, JetBlue Airways gave 5 million passenger itineraries to

a Defense Department contractor that used the information as part of a study seeking ways to identify "high risk" airline customers.

The study, produced by Torch Concepts of Huntsville, Ala., was titled "Homeland Security: Airline Passenger Risk Assessment." The apparent goal of the report was to determine whether it was possible to combine travel and personal information to create a profiling system that would make air travel safer.

The New York-based airline sent an e-mail apologizing to angry customers and said it has taken steps so the situation will not happen again. "This was a mistake on our part," JetBlue chief executive David Neeleman said.

Neeleman insisted the data JetBlue provided was not shared with any government agency and that Torch has since destroyed the passenger records.

Details of the study and JetBlue's involvement were reported Thursday by Wired.com, which credited privacy activist Bill Scannell for bringing attention to the issue on his Web site.

Marc Rotenberg, executive director of the Electronic Privacy Information Center in Washington, said that by violating its privacy policy, JetBlue could be sued for "deceptive trade practices." Rotenberg said his organization was contemplating filing a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission.

License law set to take effect Jan. 1

By The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Housepainter Carlos Ponce Rodriguez has been driving to work for three years without a license. Rodriguez doesn't want to be a scofflaw. But because he lacks immigration papers, he can't get a license.

That could change under a new state law that could let an estimated 2 million illegal immigrants get drivers licenses.

Though it doesn't take effect until Jan. 1, the law has already generated excitement and opposition across the state. One recent morning, Rodriguez joined a line stretching down the block outside the Mexican consulate to apply for a consular ID, one identification document allowed under the new drivers-license law.

"I need a license to go to work," said Rodriguez, 23, who drove a taxi in Cancun before moving to Walnut Creek three years ago. "I think it is a good law because not only can one move places in a safer way, but one will also be able to get insurance, and that also brings more safety."

The San Francisco consulate where Rodriguez was waiting used to issue about 150 consular IDs a day. That number doubled the day after the law was signed two weeks ago, and the daily average is now about 250, said spokesman Bernardo Mendez. Other consulates in California reported similar increases.

Pakistan cracks town on 'Hawala' terror funding

BY DANIEL COONEY

Associated Press Writer

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — U.S. Treasury Secretary John Snow praised Pakistan on Friday for choking off terrorism funding by clamping down on the underground "hawala" banking system used to send money around the world with few traces.

The United States has been pressing countries to regulate the system, used by thousands of legitimate businesses, but also terrorists and criminals.

"Pakistan has made enormous strides and is a strong partner with the United States in the global war on terror," Snow said. "The evidence of that is the strong actions that have been taken on money laundering, and registration and regulation of hawala networks."

Under the ancient practice, people transfer money without paperwork by using money traders who have counterparts in other countries.

Hawala agents can be found throughout the region. Afghans rely on them because the country has few banks. Many Pakistanis and other Asians who work in low-paid jobs in the Persian Gulf states and elsewhere use them to send money home.

Pakistani President Gen. Pervez Musharraf's government passed a law last year that requires hawala dealers to register with the government and document their transactions.

Since then, the government has ordered the closure of dozens of unregistered hawalas. Pakistan's Central Bank said Friday it revoked the license of an unregistered dealer after it was found to be involved in illegal currency transfers.

Despite the closures, some underground hawala dealers continue to operate.

"If you go into markets in Karachi or other cities, a few old unregistered dealers are still there," the owner of a legal hawala dealer in Islamabad told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity. "The government can't do anything about that. Their businesses are too small."

Pakistani Finance Minister Shaukat Aziz said the international community must coordinate its efforts to further stem the flow of money to terrorists.

"More needs to be done worldwide," he said at a joint press conference with Snow.

President Bush pledged \$1.4 billion earlier this month to repay allies such as Pakistan, which is searching its northern tribal areas for members of al-Qaida. The money is part of an \$87 billion request for extra funds for Iraq and Afghanistan.

Snow also said a \$3 billion U.S. economic aid package, promised to Pakistan following Musharraf's meeting with Bush in June, is likely to be approved by Congress.

"I don't see any difficulty in proceeding with that understanding," he said.

The money is expected to be spread over five years, and will be spent equally on economic initiatives and defense.

The U.S. Embassy said Snow met with Musharraf and Prime Minister Zafarullah Khan Jamali to discuss "the need for continued economic reforms and pro-growth policies that will strengthen this key ally in the war on terror."

The treasury secretary was in Islamabad for two days following a brief visit to the Afghan capital, Kabul, where he said the country remains a "critical priority" for the United States despite the cost of operations in Iraq. He also said he expected Saudi Arabia and other nations to meet a U.S. request for more money to help rebuild the two war-shattered countries.

In a meeting with a group of business leaders, Snow said an economic recovery in the United States was underway, but he urged Europe and Japan to reform their economies to help boost global growth.

"We are coming out of our long anemic economic performance," Snow said.

Snow repeated his prediction the U.S. economy will expand by more than 4 percent next quarter and in 2004. He said Bush's tax cut helped underpin recovery.

Snow, who is on a 10-day trip to South Asia and the Middle East, heads to Dubai next for annual meetings of the 184-nation International Monetary Fund and the World Bank.

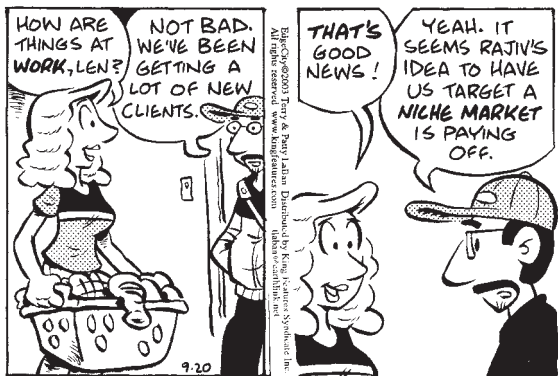


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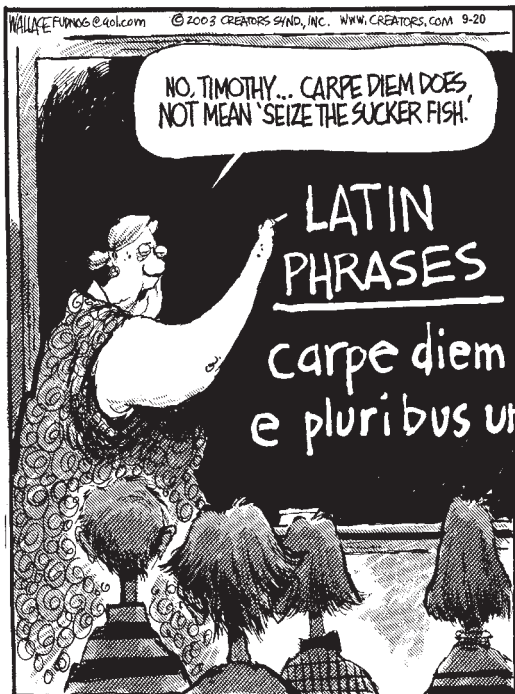
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EVENTS

Starbucks Make Your Mark Day: Heal the Bay
Santa Monica Beach volunteers will contribute to the 19th Annual California Coastal Cleanup Day during which volunteers, statewide, will clean 1,100 miles of California coastline. No experience is necessary to take part in this activity.
Saturday, September 20
Time: 9:00a.m. - 12:00p.m.
Santa Monica Beach, South of pier, near tower 24. There will be free parking in lot 4S at 2030 Barnard Way.

Red Bull Flüttag LA

30 human-powered flying machines will be piloted, dragged, or pushed off a 30-ft ramp in a contest on the Santa Monica Pier. Red Bull Flüttag, which means "flying day" in German, has been produced in over 20 countries and appeals to all who have a sense of adventure and, above all, a sense of humor.
Saturday, September 20
Gates open to public at 10:00a.m. and the flights will be from 11:00a.m. until 4:30p.m. Awards will be held after the final flight. Admission is free.
Santa Monica Pier
More information at www.redbullflugtagtexas.com

Taste of Santa Monica

Those who love food will be delighted as 36 Santa Monica restaurants set up 24 booths featuring their finest samples for the Taste of Santa Monica. A great chance to discover new restaurants and

new cooking ideas. Event tickets cover all the food, however, beverages will be available at addition costs.
Sunday, September 21
12:00p.m.-5p.m.
Tickets: adults, \$30; students, \$20; children (ages 4-10), \$10.
Santa Monica Pier
Tickets available at www.tasteofsantamonica.com or (310) 393 9825, ext. 16

CULTURE

Puppetolio!

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Mary Mary, Quite Contrary

The Santa Monica Playhouse presents on of their many fantastic plays for children. This time around a young girl wonders if she has outgrown her favorite fairy tales. The show is family friendly, with bright colors and fun characters. It is perfect for kids and those who are young at heart.
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Because of You: The Life and Loves of Sholom Aleichem

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LAEMMLE'S MONICA 4-PLEX

1332 2nd Street
American Splendor R — 1:45, 4:25, 7:05, 9:45
Dummy R — 1:00, 3:20, 5:40, 8:00, 10:20
Thirteen R — 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 9:50
Weekend morning programs, Sat.-Sun., 11:00a.m.
Winged Migration G — 11:00a.m.; Sat. night, midnight
The Hunger R — 11:00a.m.

LANDMARK NU-WILSHIRE

1314 Wilshire Blvd
Casa de los Babys R — Sun., 2:00, 4:15, 7:00, 9:30
Party Monster (not rated) — Sun., 2:15, 4:30, 7:30, 10:00

LOEWS CINEPLEX BROADWAY CINEMAS

1441 Third Street Promenade
Anything Else R — 11:15a.m., 1:50, 4:30, 7:15, 9:50
The Fighting Temptations PG-13 — 11:00a.m., 2:00, 4:45, 7:35, 10:30
Lost in Translation R — Sat., 10:45a.m., 12:00 noon, 1:10, 2:30, 3:45, 5:00, 6:10, 7:45, 8:45, 10:20, 11:15; Sun., 10:45a.m., 12:00 noon, 1:10, 2:30, 3:45, 5:00, 6:10, 7:45, 8:45, 10:20
AMC SANTA MONICA 7
1310 Third Street Promenade
Dickie Roberts: Former Child Star PG-13 — 2:20, 4:45, 7:45, 9:50
Freaky Friday G — 12:30, 2:50, 5:10, 7:35
Once Upon a Time in Mexico R — Sat., 12:00 noon, 1:15, 3:50, 7:10, 9:45, 10:30; Sun., 12:00 noon, 1:15, 3:50, 7:00, 9:30, 10:15
Open Range PG-13 — 12:45, 3:45, 7:00, 10:00
Seabiscuit PG — Sat., 1:00, 4:00, 7:05, 10:10; Sun., 1:00, 4:00, 7:05, 10:05

Secondhand Lions PG — Sat., 12:05, 2:40, 5:20, 8:00, 10:35; Sun., 12:05, 2:40, 5:20, 7:45, 10:10
Step into Liquid (not rated) — 12:20, 2:25, 4:30, 6:50, 9:00
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1313 Third Street Promenade
Cabin Fever R — 11:15, 1:45, 4:20, 7:10, 9:40
Cold Creek Manor R — Sat., 1:00, 4:00, 7:05, 10:00; Sun., 1:00, 4:00, 7:05, 10:00
Matchstick Men PG-13 — 10:30a.m., 11:00a.m., 1:30, 4:15, 4:45, 7:30, 10:10, 10:40
Pirates of the Caribbean PG-13 — Sat., 11:45a.m., 3:15, 10:15; Sun., 11:45a.m., 3:15, 6:15, 10:15
The Rundown PG-13 — (sneak preview) Sat., 7:15
Underworld R — Sat., 12:30, 1:50, 3:45, 7:00, 7:40, 9:55; Sun., 12:30, 1:50, 3:45, 7:00, 7:40, 9:55

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Badboy rapper Eminem hit with copyright lawsuit

By The Associated Press

■ **LOS ANGELES** — A 70-year-old grandmother has filed a lawsuit against Eminem and his record labels for allegedly using a clip from a composition by her late husband on a 1999 song.

The lawsuit filed in U.S. District Court alleges the Grammy-winning rapper, whose real name is Marshall Mathers, used a clip from composer Ronald Stein's "Pigs Go Home" in his song "Guilty Conscience" from "The Slim Shady LP." According to court documents, the CD's liner notes state that "Guilty Conscience" contains "an interpolation from 'Go Home Pigs,'" but Stein isn't listed as the composer.

Plaintiff Harlene Stein alleges copyright infringement in her lawsuit, filed last month, and is seeking past royalties and compensatory damages.

Aftermath Entertainment/Interscope Records, which released the CD, had no comment on the lawsuit Friday, said vice president of publicity Dennis Dennehy.

"The Slim Shady LP" won a Grammy for best rap album in 2000.

■ **LOS ANGELES** — Will and Jada Pinkett Smith's former housekeeper is suing the celebrity couple for allegedly failing to pay her about 1,640 hours of overtime pay and firing her after she complained to them.

In a lawsuit filed Sept. 11 in Ventura Superior Court, Marilu Cooley said she worked for the Smiths and lived

on their estate for 4 1/2 years. She said during that time she often worked more than 40 hours a week and received overtime pay during her first two years of employment.

But starting in March 1999, Cooley alleged the Smiths stopped paying her overtime and instead promised to pay her a \$25,000 annual bonus.

Cooley said she never received the bonus and, after she complained about it, the Smiths fired her in October 2001.

The lawsuit says Cooley received \$1,000 a week but didn't say how much she earned in overtime pay. Cooley was seeking at least \$175,000 in damages, according to the lawsuit.

Calls to Cooley's attorney, Stephan Math, and the attorney for the Smiths, Jason Sloane, were not immediately returned Thursday.

■ **CHICAGO** — A Cook County judge has dismissed a lawsuit brought by two couples who'd sought a court-ordered refund because they were displeased with a concert by the rock band Creed.

The couples claimed in a lawsuit filed in April that singer Scott Stapp "was so intoxicated and/or medicated ... he was unable to sing the lyrics of a single Creed song" during a Dec. 29 performance at the Allstate Arena in suburban Rosemont.

Creed, whose songs carry a Christian subtext, apologized for the show but fought the couples' demand to be

reimbursed for their \$56.75 tickets. The couples also sought refunds for everyone else who attended the concert.

Creed's attorneys compared a mass refund to Chicago Cubs fans asking for their money back when slugger Sammy Sosa was suspended in June for using a corked bat.

Judge Peter Flynn threw out the lawsuit last week. But the couple plans to refile because Flynn left open the possibility of altering the lawsuit to claim a "frustration of commercial expectation," said their attorney, Daniel Voelke.

"If you saw the video of the performance, you would agree it was horrendous," Voelke said.

■ **RANDALLSTOWN, Md.** — R&B singer Sisqo was arrested last week after he allegedly shot at a car from the front porch of his home and resisted arrest, Baltimore County police said.

The 24-year-old singer, whose legal name is Mark Andrews, was arrested Sept. 13 and charged with first- and second-degree assault, reckless endangerment and resisting arrest.

A man visiting a neighbor early that day told police that a man started firing at his vehicle while he was sitting in his vehicle. No one was injured in the shooting.

Police said they found two 9 mm shell casing on Andrews' front porch and a bullet in his foyer.

Andrews was released on bail. No court date has been set.



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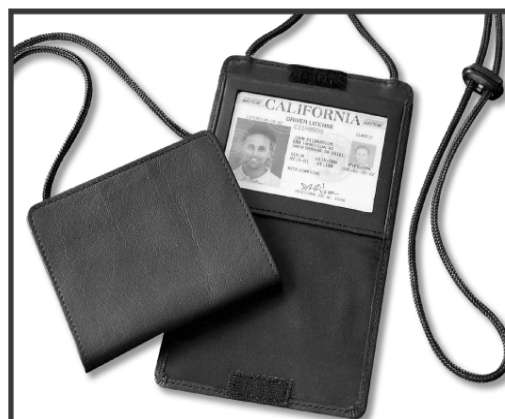
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