

Santa Monica Daily Press

A newspaper with issues

City Hall studied for historical significance

BY ANDREW H. FIXMER
Daily Press Staff Writer

A historic research firm may be paid nearly \$70,000 to study the historical significance of City Hall.

Officials want the study completed before plans move forward to seismically retrofit the building for earthquakes and before the city possibly attempts a renovation in the near future.

The city council will decide whether or not to hire Hollywood-based Historic Resources Group to perform the study for \$69,900 at its next meeting on Oct. 8. The same firm was hired two years ago to create a survey of historic homes north of Montana Avenue.

"It would tell us what kinds of features we need to keep and what features we need to preserve in City Hall," said Mona Miyasato, Assistant to the City Manager. "We want to make sure we keep those features that will allow the building to remain historic."

The funds for the study are being provided by a "Preserve L.A." grant to study historic public buildings, which was given to the city last year by the Getty Foundation, Miyasato said.

Officials said Santa Monica City Hall is historically significant because of its exterior and interior architectural style and quality, its design by a major Los Angeles architect, its interior murals and its extensive tile work. They say the building has been a recognizable local landmark for over 60 years and continues to serve as the centerpiece of the city's civic life.

"The sooner we get started on this, the

better," said Mayor Mike Feinstein, noting City Hall has been locally designated as a landmark for many years.

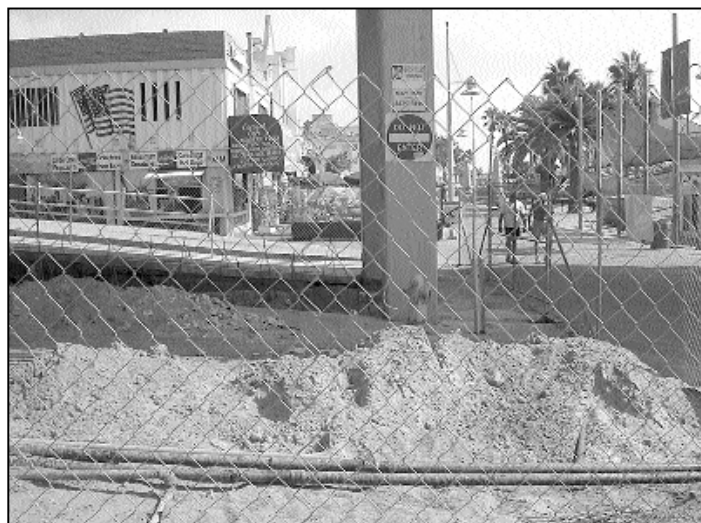
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— MONA MIYASATO
Assistant to the City Manager

The first Santa Monica City Hall was a Mission Revival structure built in 1903, which was located on the corner of Fourth Street and Santa Monica Boulevard. But as the city grew exponentially in the 1920s and 1930s, the building was deemed incapable of supporting the growing number of city staff.

In 1938, the city came up with \$370,000 to buy eight acres of land from the Southern Pacific Railway Company, where the Civic Center is currently located on Main Street. The area used to be a

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Jason Auslander/Special to the Daily Press

Construction has begun for a trash compactor underneath the Santa Monica Pier and next to local businesses.

Pier businesses think trash compactor stinks

BY JASON AUSLANDER
Special to the Daily Press

A trash compactor being installed underneath the Santa Monica Pier has nearby business owners holding their noses and wondering if they've been bamboozled by the city.

"They've been talking about a trash compactor for a year and a half, but they never said it was going to be on Ocean Front Walk," said Marcia Jacobs, owner of the Carousel Cafe, located right next to the compactor site. "We were really blindsided."

However, one city official said a notice announcing the project was posted at the site for four months and that Jacobs also received a notice from the California Coastal Commission in the mail.

"For (Jacobs) to now say that no one ever told her about it is really objectionable," said Mark Richter, economic development manager for the City of Santa Monica, adding that he saw Jacobs at some of the pier tenant meetings where the project was discussed.

Construction on the \$40,000 compactor began two weeks ago and is expected to be completed in three to four more weeks, Richter said. It's located on Ocean Front Walk, directly under the pier, and 35 feet from the Carousel Cafe, which is at 1601 Ocean Front Walk.

The compactor is needed because the city's garbage trucks are too heavy for the pier to support, Richter said, adding that the trucks do \$40,000 worth of damage to the wooden structure annually.

"We don't have a cockroach or a rat (problem) right now and we want to keep it that way."

— JIM JUNGWIRTH
Owner of Big Dean's Cafe

He said other nearby locations were considered, but the city settled on the present location for the compactor because it wouldn't have to spend any more money on infrastructure, such as roads to accommodate the trucks, and the beach wouldn't lose any parking spaces. Once the compactor is installed, it will be landscaped so it is "not visually obtrusive," Richter said.

The project was given a green light by the California Coastal Commission in

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MGM launching clothes line based on its movies

BY GARY GENTILE
AP Business Writer

LOS ANGELES — When it comes to merchandising, Disney has Mickey Mouse. Warner Bros. has Harry Potter. And Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer has Foxy Brown.

The struggling studio is digging deep into its extensive film library to license a clothing line inspired by black-oriented films from the 1970s, including "Foxy Brown," "Cooley High" and "Coffey." It's part of a strategy to market MGM merchandise to niche groups.

In this case, the studio is hoping to sell to a hip, urban audience. Future efforts could target fans of its western, science fiction or horror titles.

MGM is turning to the past because it hasn't recently produced the kinds of

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Focus on work. You might want to emphasize more of what you want. Express yourself in a more serious or dramatic manner. You want results and are determined to get just that. Sort through a misunderstanding by pulling away from your pictures. Tonight: Easy does it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Seek out others. You have some strong opinions, especially involving finances and domestic life. Take the first step in making them a reality. A risk might not be appealing in your present state of mind. Step out and express your emotions. Tonight: Playtime.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ You could be a bit touchy and upset. Others don't understand exactly where you're coming from, and you might not be in the mood to explain. Root out what might be ailing you. Claim responsibility for your part, and you can change the consequences. Tonight: Head on home.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Speak your mind about a money matter that could be the source of upset. Loosen up and make strong choices. Ask questions even if you might be a bit fearful of the answers. Isn't it better to know the truth than to make up a scenario in your mind? Tonight: Join a friend for dinner.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Finances play a bigger role in a long-term objective than you wish to acknowledge. You might need to regroup and think through your objectives. Visualize more of what you want by finding out others' ideas. Consider your options here. Tonight: Play with your budget.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ As lunchtime comes on, you feel renewed but not in the mood for work. Perhaps you can incorporate some networking or find something else more rewarding to do that still involves your day-to-day occupation. Decide on your weekend plans. Tonight: Keep on truckin'.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Use the morning to deal with others. Clear off your desk later in the day when you need some downtime. Don't fuss so much about a call. It does seem that you have to wait way too long for a reply. Do what you can on your own. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ A partner or associate could let you down when you least expect it. Keep aiming for what you want. Assume a major role in a debate or group situation. Others respect and admire you, even if a close friend or loved one doesn't support you. Tonight: Aim for what you want.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Answer e-mail and messages as soon as you get into the workplace. Deal with bosses and others at lunchtime or afterward. You could discover that quite a few people aren't in a receptive mood. Don't take others' attitudes personally. Tonight: Could be a late night.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Answer e-mail and messages as soon as you get into the workplace. Deal with bosses and others at lunchtime or afterward. You could discover that quite a few people aren't in a receptive mood. Don't take others' attitudes personally. Tonight: Could be a late night.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Others seek you out. You could be overwhelmed by everything you have on your plate. A partner or associate could make things more difficult, as he or she drops a lot of his or her problems on your plate. Tonight: Have an important talk.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Zoom in to work determined to get your share done, if not more. Difficulties on the home front cannot be eliminated, but you can ignore them for a while. Don't take everyone's decisions so personally. Smart Fish let others come toward them. Tonight: Just don't be alone.

QUOTE of the DAY

"Youth is such a wonderful thing. What a crime to waste it on children."

— George Bernard Shaw (1856-1950)

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LOCAL



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Vote early at the library

By Daily Press staff

The Santa Monica Main Library is one of 21 locations where registered voters in Los Angeles County will have the opportunity to vote early this fall.

It's part of the "touchscreen early voting" program being coordinated by the county registrar-recorder in conjunction with the November election.

Santa Monica registered voters, and voters from anywhere in Los Angeles County, can cast their ballots at the Main Library, 1343 Sixth Street, in the basement conference room from Oct. 22 through Nov. 1. Voting hours are from noon to 8 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday and Saturday, and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

The touchscreen ballot uses technology similar to an ATM machine and contains the same candidates and ballot measures that voters would see on paper ballots at their neighborhood polling place on Election Day, regardless of which touchscreen location is used. Staff from the county registrar's office will be at the Main Library to help voters through the process.

For more information on early voting, 1 (800) 815-2666. Visit <http://lavote.net/voter/touchscreen> to see a listing of the 21 countywide touchscreen locations. Santa Monica election information is available at www.smvote.org and santa-monica.org.

Celebrate diversity this weekend

By Daily Press staff

Virginia Avenue Park and the City of Santa Monica is celebrating the diversity of cultures in the community through music, dance, traditional foods, crafts and storytelling on Saturday, Oct. 12, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The entertainment and mini-dance instruction is free to the community and will feature such well known artists as, House of Vibe (reggae/hip hop and funk), Joe Aki and the Islanders (Polynesian), Steele Parade (Calypso steel drums) and Tres Dos (salsa/cumbia/merengue). Dance ensembles include, Kourman Kele African Dance Troupe (including stilt walkers), Herencia Mexicana (Ballet Folklorico), Catherine Wahl Latin Dancers and the Manea Polynesian Dancers and Duo Fireknife Show. Mini-dance classes will be held for hip-hop, hula, salsa and African dance. A special Virginia Park youth photography exhibit also will be on display, featuring their view of their neighborhood.

Food vendors include Uncle Darrow's, Berta's Tamales, Paradise Restaurant, Corn on the Cob, sweet pies and fresh fruit juices. For more information, call (310) 458-8688 or visit www.socalevents.com.

A special "Lilo and Stitch" children's dance and storytelling corner will entertain the youngest of the crowd and their families.

Virginia Avenue Park is wheelchair accessible. For disability-related accommodation requests, including translations, call (310) 458-8688 or TTY (310) 458-8696 at least three days prior to the event. Santa Monica Big Blue Bus Line #7 serves the park.

The park is located at 2200 Virginia Ave. in Santa Monica.

DID YOU KNOW?:

The greatest recorded number of children that have been born by one mother is 69. She gave birth to 16 pairs of twins, seven sets of triplets and 4 sets of quadruplets.



Information compiled by Jesse Haley

Despite the rain, LA Public Health says the beaches are "A" rated.

The wind swell out of the northwest is expected to keep coming with more waist- to chest-high surf in store today. The south swell from the weekend is mostly gone, but a little energy remains to mix with the northwest.

Today we should see a drop in size and consistency, but still enough remnant swell for fun, waist-level waves.



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The Q Line

In a town full of architectural treasures, the City of Santa Monica has for 27 years had a law that protects the city's cultural heritage by designating homes and neighborhoods as historic. The designation means property owners have to get government approval to change the exterior of their homes.

The Homeowners for Voluntary Preservation argue that deeming their property historic or a structure of merit is an intrusion of their personal freedoms. They are calling for a special election hoping citizens will pass their proposed ordinance that gives property owners the final say over their homes, instead of the Landmarks Commission or the city council.

Preservationists, however, argue that Santa Monica's historic homes and cultural identity are in danger of vanishing so it's worthwhile to protect properties that will preserve the city's heritage.

So this week Q-line wants to know: "Should the city be able to oversee historic properties? Or do the homeowners have a right to do whatever they want with their properties?"

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OPINION

LETTERS

Local politics lopsided

Editor:

Nov. 5 is a fresh start kind of day. It's a day where voters of Santa Monica can thoughtfully choose "the first day of the rest of their lives" by the careful selection of future officials and initiatives on the ballot.

Our municipal elections are supposed to be non-partisan, so that the best person and/or the fairest proposal stands on their own merits to win the minds and hearts of the voter. But, this "non-partisan" option has long been absent from the terrain of our local government. We actually have created, in its place, an all consuming political party from the partisan seeds of rent control. It is called Santa Monica for Renter's Rights — or SMRR. Although endemically composed of Democrats and Green party people, it is, nonetheless, a cult or master-minded political party, with power brokers running it in the back rooms ... oops, I mean background of city policy making. And, this political party, sadly, is the only game in town.

Nothing close to SMRR has evolved, which is why everyone seeks their endorsement near election time. It's like getting a blessing from the Pope to be included on their slate of proposed candidates. There are literally no viable second and third doors to choose from, when comparing the machinery and money already in place in the SMRR organization. Oh, yes, independents try to erect solid campaigns. Actually there have been many decent, qualified, HONEST, candidates who have run in the past — only to lose by a consistent margin of votes each election season. Music to the "Twilight Zone" is appropriate here.

Ironically, our city does not seem to be particularly happy under this one party dominance. People complain about our schools, overdevelopment, traffic slowing conditions, deepening shortfalls of city revenue and throngs of homeless people making Santa Monica their "new home away from home." The so called "successful Third Street Promenade" has personally turned me off. Its retail stores, choreographed by SMRR heads, have attracted high-end money makers for the city, doing away with the warmth of what once was a small town congenial atmosphere. Now, it seems only strangers, teens and the homeless walk the Promenade.

I fled to Main Street for my "Cheers fix," where you know people and store owners by their names. But, even that is now in jeopardy with the approval of the large development at the north end of Main Street, thanks to the SMRR-packed Planning Commission and city council. It's like the creeping crud of glitzy commercialism is permeating all comfort zones. Any semblance of old town Santa Monica is being politically razed by SMRR. It's almost laughable that this political machine cares so

much about saving historical sites via "historical districts," in lieu of what SMRR has done to the rest of this town.

In fact, the only consistent outcomes of all of SMRR "issues of the day" is power-mongering — collecting more and more power in deceptive ways. They manufactured rent control, a political coup of sorts, that appealed to the demographics of a 70 percent renter-based town, in '79. Now that rent control is no longer a central concern, they are warming up workers with their living wage siren, trying to shore up their base by thrusting unions into the mix. Just look at the mess of today's West Coast longshoremen, and the union's attempts to featherbed by slow downs, and one can get a picture of Santa Monica labor disputes, in the future, if this measure is passed. And, Vivian Rothstein, the living wage PR person and SMRR higher up, is trying her best to engage your vote, while getting paid \$65,000 along the way. Not bad.

Measure EE is the school bail out initiative. While appealing to parents and educators, it has another paid SMRR consultant, Dennis Zane, lurking in the back ground, and collecting \$25,000 to hawk this issue, as he has done with the other local issues like SMC bond measures (Measure U) and the Madison Theater proposals. As far as I am concerned, just his involvement lowers the credibility of EE. "The sky is falling" rhetoric, in this case "education will fall," if you don't pass this measure, just seems to be the same old SMRR tactic — sensationalize it and it will pass.

Just like I am angry at CEOs in this country, pulling one over on the less sophisticated, so am I tired of SMRR running this city like it was their own private enterprise. I don't like slates. I am not comfortable with anybody having as much power as SMRR has to not only tell the electorate who they should vote for, but also pay their own to run the initiative process as well. I want ordinary people, using untainted, uncompromised, original ideas, to have a chance to be elected in this town. That is probably why I am voting for something SMRR strongly opposes, VERITAS. It is certainly not a perfectly put together initiative, but it certainly gives the "little people" of Santa Monica an alternative to being permanently trapped by the SMRR agenda. And, I also think it would give Santa Monica a chance to grow some new ideas, create fairness in neighborhoods, which in turn might start to heal some of the divisive-ness created by a bitterly one-sided, monolithic political party like SMRR.

Oh, yes, I am also NOT voting for any candidate sponsored by SMRR. I have in the past, but not this election season. Instead, I am going to study the independents, and hope I come up with a few good men and women to handle the jobs, at large, who are as short on bias as they are long on integrity.

Jan Tousignant
Santa Monica

Fear and loathing in the City of Santa Monica



TITTINGER'S TAKE

By Michael J. Tittinger

"You didn't even notice that, did you?" asked Matt with a Cheshire cat grin.

The two of us were walking home after working the evening shift behind the bar at a local establishment. It was nearing 3 a.m. on Monday morning and the streets were deserted, save for the occasional transient sleeping soundly in the storefront alcoves. Evidently a car had "suspiciously" turned around and set off an alarm of caution within my coworker, who suddenly instructed me to cross Wilshire Boulevard in the event the occupants in the vehicle were looking to prey on some nocturnal pedestrians.

"I'm always looking out for that kind of stuff," he continued, intermittently glancing east on Wilshire into the unknown of the gray night. "You have to be aware."

This wasn't the first time Matt had sounded that alarm while traversing Santa Monica's north side late at night. Having worked together one night a week for the past few months, we'd often walked home together after closing shop, a walk that never quite put me on edge, nor made me feel an overwhelming need to be "aware."

As we continued walking I tried to ease

the tension by likening myself to the cartoon character Mr. Magoo, voiced by late actor Jim Backus, who walked about blindly while the hustle and bustle of the world wreaked havoc all around him. Somehow, some way, Magoo would arrive at his destination safely, this after entrusting the assistance and direction of others. He never wavered from his intended path, even if it pointed him straight towards an open manhole, for we all knew a construction beam would be placed over the opening before Magoo had a chance to fall.

Upon further reflection, I recognized that it was my stubbornness to give in to the violence that threatens us on a daily basis, all the potential dangers that may be around the next corner. I read the papers. I watch the news. I know what dangers exist. But somewhere along the line I have determined not to permit it to throw a wrench into the works. We mustn't give in.

Easier said than done given the spate of violence that has shaken parts of Santa Monica over past weeks, including the heart of our fair city — City Hall, where a man fatally stabbed the mother of his child Saturday morning before turning the knife on himself. All this in front of his 6-year-old son. Two weeks earlier, a man allegedly killed his wife in their Euclid Street apartment before committing suicide with the gun.

Carjackings ... gang-related violence ... drug use ... escalating crime rates ... Santa Monica is not impervious to the social ills that afflict every town and city

in the United States, nor will it ever be. We hear of violent incidents in our community every day. Fortunately or unfortunately, these are the times in which we live. We can't change all that, but we can decide how we respond. Should we retreat further into our own protective shells, away from one another? Or should we meet action with action, stand defiant and try even harder to connect with each other as neighbors, as friends, as humans?

No one is immune. Case in point, on Sept. 22 famed author and fellow Santa Monican Michael Crichton ("Jurassic Park," "Twister") was attacked in his multi-million dollar, 22nd Street home without provocation. He was bound, threatened and his home ransacked. I'm sure he and the other unidentified victim thought they were safe in their cocoon of affluence, but there really is nowhere to hide in the end. We can retreat and hide and button down the hatches all we like, but disconnection is not the answer. We need to forge new ties, not sever old ones, because we are all in this together and need to respond to threats of violence with vigilance.

Vigilance. Everyone from President Bush to local police commissioners and school teachers were battling about the buzzword in the wake of the 9/11 attacks one year ago. We were all urged to remember what had happened, but to continue with our lives in the same manner, unaffected if possible, to send the message that we and the lifestyles we have

freely chosen cannot be taken away.

Most of us have chosen to call Santa Monica home for a whole bevy of reasons, not the least of which is the city's documented tendency to recognize people equally and afford each of its residents a free and open lifestyle. It's the type of city where rows of front doors are wide open on a Sunday afternoon, where convertible sports cars sit idle in strip mall parking lots with the contents freely exposed, where shopkeepers litter their sidewalk storefronts with often unwatched merchandise. All are sights that are gradually disappearing from the typical city's landscape.

The ball is really in our court. We can lead or follow. Right here, right now. We, as a community, can start gradually retreating and disconnecting from one another and fastening the hatches, or we can be vigilant and continue to live our lives on our terms, living together.

Be it a lack of awareness, naiveté or an overt attempt not to compromise myself, I never did look back Monday morning to see what might be coming, see who might be gaining on me. And in hindsight I am grateful that I resisted. I kept my sights set squarely on the road in front of me, preferring to greet what lies ahead.

We can all take our cues from Mr. Magoo, who never looked back to see who was gaining on him, never assumed others had bad intent and always made out all right in the end.

(Mike Tittinger is a freelance writer living in Santa Monica.)

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Police department add could be demolished

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former freight depot for trains traveling up and down the West Coast.

Local architects were hired to design the building and supervise its construction, and a significant local artist, Stanton Macdonald-Wright, was hired to paint the murals depicting the history of Santa Monica on the north and south walls of City Hall's interior lobby.

"The Stanton Macdonald-Wright murals along with really the whole lobby is the most significant aspect of the building," said Lauren Friedman, the city's senior architect.

Friedman said the railings, light fixtures, some of the offices — like the city manager and levy offices — and the jail could all be designated as having historical significance.

"The jail has been identified not necessarily for preservation but for recognition," she said. "Even if we don't retain these things, we at least can recognize that they are old."

City Hall was originally a U-shaped, 40,000-square-foot building with 132 rooms to house various officials and departments. Since then, the building was expanded in 1957 to the east to house the police department and city jail.

Officials want to demolish the addition once the police department has moved into the new Public Safety Building, which will also house the administrative offices of the fire department.

That plan has been put on hold because the city is going through some difficult budget years as a result of the nationwide economic downturn and its impact on the local tourism trade. But some officials say it's still likely to go through as part of the city's \$120 Civic Center redevelopment plan.

"It will create a public space between the back of City Hall and the Public Safety Building," Feinstein said. "That's the whole point of the Civic Center plan: to make the area more open and accessible to the public."

City council didn't vote on construction of compactor

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May, he said. It was never addressed by the Santa Monica City Council because the municipal body only approves construction projects of \$100,000 or more, Richter said.

Jim Jungwirth, owner of Big Dean's Cafe, 1615 Ocean Front Walk, said he is most concerned whether the compactor will generate problems with cockroaches, mice and other vermin.

"We don't have a cockroach or a rat (problem) right now and we want to keep it that way," he said.

Richter said the compactor will be sealed when not being used and that ver-

min will be controlled by maintaining the facility and keeping the surrounding area clean. Also, he said that any liquid refuse would flow into the sewer via a drain and that the compactor has a built-in odor control device.

Trash will be taken from pier businesses to the compactor three times a day in the off-season and five times a day during the summer. Compacted trash will be picked up daily, usually in the morning, Richter said.

Jacobs said she wasn't sure if she and her landlord had any legal recourse, though she was sure the compactor will adversely affect her business.

"I'm just trying to get it stopped," she said.

AFI Award's bad ratings leaves second ceremony un-televised

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The American Film Institute Awards, which suffered from low TV ratings and the absence of many celebrity winners during its inaugural show, won't have its second ceremony televised.

This year's winners will be announced Dec. 16, with a luncheon planned for honorees on Jan. 16.

AFI, best known for its lists ranking all-time top American films or screen stars, also plans to revamp the honors again to recognize top 10 lists of movies, television shows and "moments" that had significance over the past year.

AFI President Jean Picker Firstenberg said in a written statement Tuesday she expects the ceremony to continue evolving in coming years.

Nominees will be chosen by two 13-member committees — one each for movies and television — which included AFI trustees, industry professionals, film and TV scholars, and critics.

Deadline for television submissions is Nov. 8 and Dec. 2 for motion pictures.

Last year's experimental AFI Awards broadcast included nominees in 12 movie categories, including acting, directing and writing honors, and seven television categories, mostly distributed to actors.

Among the no-shows winners were Denzel Washington, Robert Altman, Gene Hackman, Jennifer Connelly and James Gandolfini.

The live telecast on CBS Jan. 5 drew only 3.9 million households, according to Nielsen Media Research. By contrast, the last Golden Globe Awards were seen in 15.7 million homes.

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STATE

Movie studio targets niche groups for new venture

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blockbuster movies that easily translate into dolls, lunch boxes and key chains.

"One of the challenges we have is that we haven't in the past done a lot of major theatrical releases that have big merchandising campaigns," said Travis Rutherford, head of the consumer products division at MGM. "The way to keep revenues growing is to be entrepreneurial."

As MGM falters at the box office with high-profile flops like "Rollerball" and "Windtalkers," its consumer products division has been the only division showing growth. For the first six months of this year, revenue in that unit grew 31 percent and operating income soared 80 percent.

MGM has had its most marketing success with television programs and has also sold licenses for comic books, graphic novels, candy and other products based on its popular "Stargate SG-1" series, which airs on the Sci-Fi Channel. Licenses have also been sold for action figures based on MGM's "Outer Limits" television show.

Still, such marketing, which includes computer games, remains a small part of MGM's total business, bringing in just \$9.5 million in revenue in the second quarter, compared to \$297 million by feature films and \$30 million from television shows.

In its most recent quarter, MGM posted a net loss of \$121.8 million. MGM officials don't expect the new merchandising plan to have a major impact on that bottom line.

"For us, it's a niche marketing play," Rutherford said. "It doesn't need to be the home run to make the company money, and it doesn't have to be all categories sold at Wal-Mart."

Analyst Harold Vogel of Vogel Capital Management in New York agreed.

"It certainly helps cover some of the interest expenses and some of the rent, so it's a reasonable strategy," he said. "But you have to sell a lot of sneakers to make up for 'Windtalkers.'"

The film starring Nicolas Cage cost about \$110 million to make and market but only earned about \$40 million at the box office this summer.

Instead of launching big-budget marketing campaigns and selling the clothing line through major retailers, MGM is targeting urban youths at mall specialty stores and hip-hop clothing outlets in major cities.

The first fruits of the new strategy will be seen as urban clothing company Willie ESCO rolls out denim jackets and jeans, athletic gear, sweat suits and other items based on MGM's "Soul Cinema" collection.

The films include titles such as "Foxy Brown," "Hell Up in Harlem," "Black Caesar," and "Coffey."

The line will be promoted with a tour of urban Atlantic Records artists to colleges in the spring that also features a fashion show and screenings of "Cooley High," the film that inspired the television series "What's Happening."

'Women Helping Women' club a national pyramid scheme

BY DON THOMPSON
Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO— Sacramento County sheriff's deputies arrested four women Wednesday they said locally coordinated a pyramid scheme that has drawn in thousands of women nationwide with promises of up to a \$40,000 payoff on a \$5,000 investment.

Detectives said they documented that more than \$7 million has been collected, distributed or pledged in the Sacramento region since the "Women Helping Women" program began in the area about two years ago. And they believe claims by local organizers and program literature that more than 10,000 women have been involved, and that more than \$12 million has been "gifted" into the club.

The alleged Sacramento area director and co-director and two area monitors turned themselves in Wednesday, said sheriff's spokesman Sgt. James Lewis, who said he expects more arrests.

Each is alleged to have profited more than \$100,000 and to have recruited others and made presentations about the club.

Each was charged with manipulating charts and documents so they could profit at the expense of other participants by moving their own names up the list to cash in on multiple rewards.

They include an English professor, a Montessori school owner and a human resources officer, while others in the club are den mothers, grandmothers, PTA leaders, teachers and other upstanding citizens, he said.

"Their explanation is it was essentially a harmless dinner party, a social, finan-

cial parlor game — no more sinister than the weekly poker games that the guys have," Portanova said. "This whole Women Helping Women thing at worst looks like no more than women doing a little private gambling."

Investigators said the "gifted club" began in Canada 14 years ago and has since spread across the United States and England. Each woman contributes upfront at a "dinner meeting," with a reward once enough other women have joined so that she rises to the "dessert level" or becomes the "birthday girl," depending on variations in the program.

However, the program only produces rewards so long as new women keep joining.

For instance, each \$40,000 "birthday" gift requires 14 women to participate — or 14 groups of women if they pool money for the entry-level \$5,000 "apptizer." For those 14 to reach the "birthday" payoff, they have to recruit 112 others. Those 112 then would have to recruit 1,568. The next 1,568 would have to bring in 21,952.

Police say the vast majority of participants ultimately will lose their money because the activity can't sustain itself.

Since publicity surrounding the Sacramento area group has increased, other women's groups in California with the same or similar names have said they are concerned contributor may confuse their groups with the alleged pyramid scheme.

The Sacramento area investigation, begun in June, has drawn protests from participants and organizers who said they are helping other women and that the activity is legal.

STATE



Two homeless men sue 'Bumfights' filmmakers

BY SETH HETTENA

Associated Press Writer

SAN DIEGO — Two homeless men who were paid to hurt themselves and beat each other on Wednesday sued the filmmakers who recorded their self-destructive acts for a videotape sold on the Internet.

Donald Brennan and Rufus Hannah say the makers of "Bumfights: A Cause for Concern" took advantage of their alcohol dependence to persuade them to ram their heads into steel doors and tattoo "Bumfights" in bold letters across their hands and foreheads.

The two men, represented by a high-powered Los Angeles-area law firm, are seeking unspecified punitive damages for assault and battery, intentional infliction of emotional distress, civil rights violations and other allegations.

About 300,000 copies of the tape have sold at \$20 each, according to police in the San Diego suburb of La Mesa. A three-month criminal investigation resulted in criminal charges last month against four filmmakers.

For hurting themselves, Brennan and Hannah received little except beer money and scars.

Hannah, 47, who served in the Army, was taken to the hospital Wednesday after suffering seizures that resulted from repeatedly slamming his head for the "Bumfights" filmmakers, said his lawyer, Browne Greene.

Eileen Cornish, a spokeswoman for Sharp Memorial Hospital in San Diego, confirmed that Hannah suffered a seizure Wednesday and was treated in the emergency room and released.

Brennan, a 53-year-old Army veteran twice wounded in Vietnam, underwent surgery and had a steel rod inserted in his leg after breaking it in two places in La Mesa while fighting with Hannah in a scene that appears on the videotape.

"When you're drinking for 20 years as I have, when you don't have a beer in your hand you would do anything to get one," said Brennan, who bears a "Bumfight" tattoo on his forehead in bold

red letters and others on his arms and belly. "Who in their right minds is going to run their heads into a sign?"

Brennan, who has lived on the streets of his hometown of La Mesa for 10 years, said he began performing stunts when the filmmakers told him they were taking a photography class. Over time, the stunts grew increasingly violent.

"I feel like I've been deceived, degraded, manipulated, lied to, taken advantage of," he said. "You just don't do this to another human being: deceive them for your own personal gain."

Brennan said he has stopped drinking, is now off the streets in a motel room and is looking for a permanent residence.

The lawsuit names four men who have been charged in San Diego Superior Court in El Cajon with paying Brennan and Hannah to commit felony assaults on each other.

The four — Ryan E. McPherson, Zachary Bubeck, Daniel J. Tanner and Michael Slyman — have withdrawn their innocent pleas or not entered a plea as they mount a legal challenge to the charges.

On the tape, a homeless man is seen ripping out his front tooth with pliers. Another man, a self-described crack addict, sets his head on fire. Others stomp and pummel each other until bloody.

"The real bums are the bums behind the camera, not the ones in front of the camera," Greene said. "And those are the ones we're going after."

Besides the four defendants, the lawsuit names two other men who identified themselves in press reports as producers of the "Bumfights" videotape.

It also names James McPherson, Ryan's father, who allegedly helped his son make the tape and hide from the police, attorney Mark Quigley said. McPherson has an unlisted phone number and his son's attorney did not immediately return a call seeking comment.

Hannah and Brennan are being represented by Greene, Broillet, Panish & Wheeler, a Santa Monica law firm that won a record \$4.9 billion judgment in 1999 against General Motors on behalf of six California burn victims.

Long Beach police identify suspect in slaying of dancer

By The Associated Press

LONG BEACH — Detectives released the identity Wednesday of a suspect wanted in the August shooting death of a 20-year-old American Indian dancer.

Tonco Jamel Williams, 22, of Long Beach, is wanted for the murder of Shane Dean Zotigh, said Officer Greg Schirmer of the Long Beach Police Department. Williams, who also uses the nickname "Toniro," is believed to be armed and dangerous.

Another suspect, 19-year-old Marlon Taylor, was arrested Aug. 27 and is being held on \$2.5 million bail while he awaits trial on a first-degree murder charge, Schirmer said.

Detectives identified Williams after reviewing surveillance video from a convenience store. Zotigh is seen in the video along with the two suspects shortly before he was killed in the early morning hours of Aug. 7.

An argument over a motor scooter may

have led to the shooting, Schirmer said.

Zotigh was a Kiowa Tribe member who participated in American Indian dance performances around the country and was preparing for an audition for a television commercial for Toyota, family members said.

"He started fancy dancing when he was about 12 and developed his own styles and began to be very creative with it," his uncle, Ben Wolf, said Wednesday.

Zotigh was raised in Hobart, Okla., but Wolf said he took him into his Long Beach home about eight years ago. Zotigh's body was returned to Oklahoma for burial, Wolf said.

Along with his dancing, Zotigh enjoyed rapping and would sing songs dealing with Native American issues, Wolf said.

"He was a caring person," Wolf said. "We didn't own a gun or weapon or anything, so he was never taught about having those kinds of things."

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Anti-abortion group sues over aerial advertising ban

By The Associated Press

HUNTINGTON BEACH — An anti-abortion group has sued to overturn an aerial advertising ban along "Surf City USA's" famous strand.

The Center for Bio-Ethical Reform of Sante Fe Springs filed the lawsuit, alleging the ban that prohibits airplanes from towing banners over its city violates its First Amendment rights. The center routinely flew banners with pictures of aborted fetuses past beach-goers.

The lawsuit is part of a two-pronged attack on the ban by the group. It is also circling Huntington Beach middle and high schools with trucks bearing abortion photos, said center director Gregg Cunningham.

Huntington Beach officials have said the law falls within the city's rights, and was wanted by its residents who were annoyed with the airplane noise and the banners towed through the beach community dubbed "Surf City USA," as in the Jan and Dean rock classic.

Officials also said the law, which was the first among the state's coastal cities, does not target any group or single out any particular advertisement.

But Cunningham pointed to published comments by City Councilwoman Pam Houchen, who reportedly said seeing abortion photos over the city's beaches persuaded her to support the law, which was approved in September.

Cunningham said the truck patrol sends a message to other cities considering a similar ban: "You'll get more than you imagined than if you had respected

our First Amendment rights."

Bob Wheeler, an attorney for the city who drafted the aerial advertising ban policy, said he had expected airplane companies to file the first legal challenge over the city's authority to regulate airspace.

Under the law, which takes effect later this month, police can cite aircraft companies, pilots or advertisers up to \$1,000 if banner ads are towed over city limits, which includes the beach and extends three miles out to sea. Pilots can also be sentenced to as much as a year in jail under the law.

The law was inspired by a 1996 Honolulu ordinance that restricted certain aerial advertising after that city received complaints about one company's use of a helicopter at night to tow a huge electronic sign.

Cunningham said the aerial banners and trucks were the group's only way to get its message to a mass audience because television stations and newspapers refuse to display images in paid ads.

Some parents, however, said the center's advertising practices violate their right to shield their children from graphic images.

"They have ratings systems to prevent these images being shown to children, but the can go up and down the street to our schools," said Lori Knowles, whose 9-year-old son cringes when he sees the photos while being driven to school.

Scott Gruneisen, a school district police officer, said parents have asked him to stop the trucks from circling the school. He has told them he can't do it.

"They're exercising their freedom of speech," he said.

Telephone counseling helps smokers quit, study finds

BY STEPHANIE NANO

Associated Press Writer

A decade after California became the first of 33 states to set up "quitlines" for smokers, a study found that telephone counseling works for those who want to kick the habit.

Smaller tests done before the free services actually started showed the technique was effective. But researchers at the University of California at San Diego, which runs the state's quitline, wanted to see if that was true once the program was in operation.

Their findings, reported in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine, show that smokers who were counseled stopped smoking at twice the rate of those who did not get such help.

"These statewide telephone counseling services really help people," said researcher Shu-Hong Zhu, who directs the help line. "All they have to do is pick up the phone."

Two years ago, Renee Haapanen turned to the California Smokers' Helpline when she was determined to quit. Now, as she makes her rounds as a gas meter reader, she does not need to take a smoking break.

"I knew it wouldn't be easy. And it was so worth it," said the 39-year-old from Ventura, who was motivated by high blood pressure, a friend who had quit and her wish to avoid wrinkles.

Most of the state quitlines were started

in the last three years, and some states are using their share of the 1998 national tobacco settlement to pay for them.

States like telephone services because they reach more people than group programs, are available nights and weekends, and spare participants from having to find transportation or day care, said Angela Geiger, director of 10 state quitlines that the American Cancer Society runs from Austin, Texas.

"Quitting smoking is really, really hard. So we've tried to make these quitlines as easy as possible for the person trying to quit," she said.

To test the California service, the researchers enrolled 3,282 callers in the study. All received a packet of self-help information in the mail. One group received an average of three counseling sessions. A second group only got counseling if they called back as instructed.

After a month, 21 percent of those who got counseling had quit, compared with 10 percent of those who did not get counseling. Many smokers relapsed, and after a year, the rates had dropped to 8 percent and 4 percent.

Dr. Steven A. Schroeder of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation said states without quitlines should use tobacco settlement money to start one.

Another study in the journal found that most states used little of their settlement money in 2001 — about 6 percent — for tobacco-control programs.

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NATIONAL



House panel approves airport aid, but it may be too late

BY LESLIE MILLER

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — A key House panel approved a bill Wednesday to help struggling airlines, but the effort may be too late to become law this year as Congress nears the end of its session and the Senate hasn't yet acted on a similar bill.

The House Transportation Committee's aviation panel endorsed a package of loan guarantees, terrorism insurance and new procedures to lighten some security costs that airlines say are devastating the industry.

Rep. James Oberstar, D-Minn., said the bill could save the industry \$1.5 billion by extending government-sponsored terrorism insurance, fully reimbursing the cost for bulletproof cockpit doors and allowing airlines to carry mail.

"(That's) half of what the airlines said they need to get on a stable economic footing," Oberstar said.

Leaders of some of the nation's largest airlines are asking Congress for the aid, saying they expect to lose \$7 bil-

lion this year because fewer people are flying since the terror attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, and because of security costs.

Subcommittee Chairman John Mica, R-Fla., said the bill would cut costs, share the security burden and help bring airline workers back to work without raiding taxpayers' wallets.

"If we fail to act, the airline industry could be another victim of the Sept. 11th attacks," he said.

The subcommittee agreed to extend the terrorism insurance policies issued by the government after the hijackings last year and to limit to \$100 million each airline's total liability for people injured or killed on the ground or in buildings during an act of terrorism.

It also agreed to reopen a loan-guarantee program for financially troubled airlines if the United States goes to war with Iraq. Should Congress authorize force against Iraq and oil prices rise by 25 percent, the committee voted to give them loan guarantees and lines of credit to buy jet fuel.

Another measure would bring in more money for airlines — restoring their ability to carry U.S. mail weighing more than 12 oz., which could generate \$305 million annually. Airlines were banned from carrying heavier mail after the terror attacks.

The committee also ordered the administration to reimburse airlines in full for bulletproof cockpit doors. The airlines say the stronger new doors cost \$45,000 each. The administration is paying them a fraction of that amount.

The bill, supported by a unanimous voice vote of the panel's Republicans and Democrats, must still be approved by the House Transportation Committee and then the full House before it goes to the Senate.

Rep. Bill Pascrell, D-N.J., said it was unlikely the bill will become law because it's so late in the session.

Addressing Mica, he said, "You know and I know that this bill will never see the light of day on the president's desk."

Day after huge gains, stocks fall Wednesday as investors take profits

BY AMY BALDWIN

AP Business Writer

NEW YORK — Stocks retreated Wednesday morning as wary investors followed a now-familiar pattern of locking in profits after a huge rally. An earnings warning from Dow Chemical gave them another reason to sell.

The decline wasn't surprising given investors' worries about earnings and the fact that the market has been unable to hang on to gains — this time, its big advance Tuesday, when the Dow Jones industrial average rose 346.86, its biggest one-day advance in two months.

"It was a nice, strong rally, to be sure, but we have seen some strategists suggesting that this is the highest risk (for stocks) since the 1950s," said Mike Weiner, managing director of equities at Banc One Investment Advisors in Columbus, Ohio. "We keep getting these head fakes."

In early trading, the Dow was down 108.76, or 1.4 percent, at 7,830.03. With triple-digit moves in each of the past seven sessions, the blue chips have been in a pattern of enjoying one up day for every two or three big drops.

The broader market also declined Wednesday morning. The Nasdaq composite index fell 14.28, or 1.2 percent, to

1,199.44. The Standard & Poor's 500 index stumbled 9.69, or 1.1 percent, to 838.22.

Among Wednesday morning's losers, Dow Chemical fell \$1.85 to \$27.95, after the nation's second-largest chemical company cut its third-quarter earnings estimate.

Earnings woes have fueled much of the market's recent selloffs as analysts' growth estimates for companies have fallen to about 8 percent from about 20 percent.

Wall Street is also anxious over the possibility of war with Iraq.

Stocks also can't advance so long as safer, lower-yielding options such as bonds, money markets and even certificates of deposit still appear more attractive to some.

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NATIONAL

President, Senate reach agreement on Iraq resolution

BY JIM ABRAMS

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — President Bush reached agreement Wednesday with House leaders on a resolution giving him authority to oust Saddam Hussein. A similar measure gained ground in the Democratic-controlled Senate as Bush said force “may become unavoidable” if the Iraqi president refuses to disarm.

“We will not leave the future of peace and the security of America in the hands of this cruel and dangerous man,” said Bush, flanked by Democratic and Republican lawmakers in the White House Rose Garden.

While the House leadership agreed on a resolution authorizing force, the Senate was still divided. However, Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Joseph Biden said Bush’s plan was fast gaining momentum.

“I’m a realist,” the Delaware Democrat said. The ranking Republican on the Senate Armed Services Committee, John Warner of Virginia, said “a solid phalanx” of support was coming together for Bush.

As part of the deal with the House, Bush bent to Democratic wishes and pledged to certify to Congress — before any military strike, if feasible, or within 48 hours of a U.S. attack — that diplomatic and other peaceful means alone are inadequate to protect Americans from Saddam’s weapons of mass destruction.

Standing shoulder to shoulder with Bush, House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt, D-Mo., said, “This should not be about politics. We have to do what is right for the security of the nation.”

Gephardt, who had accused Bush last week of playing politics with the Iraq issue, said Democrats had won concessions from the White House limiting Bush’s authority.

Warner recalled that Congress gave Bush’s father authority to wage war against Saddam in the Persian Gulf War. “Mr. President, we delivered for your father. We will deliver for you.”

Sen. Joe Lieberman, D-Conn., a potential rival of Bush in the 2004 presidential election, said the administration had explored all options, other than military, to disarm



Doug Mills/Associated Press

President Bush and leading Democratic and Republican lawmakers announce they have agreed on a resolution that would give Bush the powers to deal with Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, in the Rose Garden, Wednesday. Bush is joined by, from left to right, Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., Sen. John Warner, R-Va., Speaker of the House of Representatives Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., and House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt, D-Mo., and Sen. Joe Lieberman, D-Conn.

Saddam. “They’ve not worked. The moment of truth has arrived for Saddam Hussein. This is his last chance.”

Lieberman, Warner and Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz. — who had been Bush’s rival for the 2000 GOP presidential nomination — joined forces in introducing in the Senate the resolution agreed to between Bush and House leaders.

Biden said he doubted the momentum building behind the resolution could be slowed, although he said he thought Gephardt had made a mistake in agreeing so readily to the plan. “Democrats are obviously in disagreement,” he said.

Still, Biden dropped plans to try to take up in his committee a proposed alternative that he drafted with Sen.

Richard Lugar, R-Ind., which would have put more emphasis on a U.N. role and narrowed the reasons for confronting Iraq to disarmament.

Biden said he and Lugar still hope to offer it as an amendment during Senate debate, but conceded that it was unlikely to prevail.

Congressional leaders expected the resolution to be voted on next week, although debate in the Senate could begin as early as later Wednesday.

The House resolution is similar to the one proposed last week by Bush and gives him broad powers to use military force against Baghdad if he deems it necessary. Democrats in the Senate and moderate Republicans hoped to put some checks on his authority.

The House resolution was to be debated later Wednesday in the International Relations Committee. It authorizes Bush to “use the Armed Forces of the United States as he determines to be necessary and appropriate in order to 1) defend the national security interests of the United States against the continuing threat posed by Iraq and 2) to enforce all relevant United Nations Security Council resolutions regarding Iraq.”

The resolution also requires Bush to report to Congress every 60 days on “matters relevant” to the confrontation with Iraq. And, it reaffirms the policy embedded in U.S. law that Saddam should be overthrown.

“Iraq is a problem,” said Gephardt, D-Mo. “It presents a problem after 9/11 that it did not before and we should deal with it diplomatically if we can, militarily if we must. And I think this resolution does that.”

Rep. Ellen Tauscher, D-Calif., who had urged that the Iraq war resolution be delayed until after next month’s congressional elections, dropped those efforts Wednesday. “Unfortunately this has moved way beyond our ability to put the brakes on it,” she told reporters.

While the president and Gephardt conferred over breakfast with Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., Senate Republican leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., and House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., a dozen women crowded around the White House’s northwest gate in protest.

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INTERNATIONAL



Arafat calls on Bush to block attempts to move United States Embassy

BY GREG MYRE
Associated Press Writer

JERUSALEM — Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat appealed Wednesday to one of his toughest critics — President Bush — to block a U.S. law that calls for moving the American embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to disputed Jerusalem.

"It is a catastrophe. We can't stay silent," Arafat said of the measure passed by the U.S. Congress.

Bush signed the bill into law, but views it as advisory rather than mandatory, and says he has no plans to move the embassy to Jerusalem, where Palestinians seek to establish a capital in the eastern part of the city.

In another development, Arafat's Fatah movement has dropped the idea of prodding the Palestinian leader to relinquish some power by appointing a prime minister. The Fatah campaign had been the most serious political challenge to Arafat in years, but the effort was sidetracked during Israel's 10-day siege of Arafat's compound, which ended earlier this week.

Fatah had been pushing for a prime minister who would run the day-to-day affairs of government.

Palestinian Planning Minister Nabil Shaath, a senior Fatah member, said that at a Tuesday meeting of the Fatah Central Committee "the consensus of the members is that the prime minister should be appointed after the establishment of a Palestinian state and drafting a constitution."

The sensitive issue of moving the U.S. embassy arises periodically, invariably drawing a sharp Palestinian response.

If the United States relocated the embassy to Jerusalem, it would be seen as recognition of Israel's claim to the entire city and would challenge Palestinian aspirations to set up the capital in the Arab part of the city as part of a future state.

"It can't be accepted at all, for the Christians and for all the Muslims," Arafat said at his battered compound in Ramallah, just a few miles north of Jerusalem.

Bush has been consistently critical of Arafat, saying he has failed to show leadership and crack down on Palestinian militants over two years of violence. However, Bush said he would maintain the longstanding U.S. policy on Jerusalem.

The United States, like most of the international community, has never recognized Israel's annexation of east Jerusalem, which it captured from Jordan in the 1967 Mideast War. The United

States says Jerusalem's ultimate status should be determined in peace negotiations between Israelis and Palestinians.

But the Jerusalem clause in the U.S. spending bill signed by Bush states that no money could be spent on official U.S. documents that listed Israel without identifying Jerusalem as the capital.

Also Wednesday, Israeli officials dismissed a rebuke by British Prime Minister Tony Blair, who said U.N. resolutions have to be respected, whether they apply to Iraq or the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Palestinians have long complained about Israel's refusal to comply with resolutions calling on it to withdraw from land captured in the 1967 war. Blair on Tuesday expressed support for the creation of a Palestinian state "based on the boundaries of 1967."

Responding to Blair, Israeli Defense Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer said that while Palestinian statehood is inevitable, only negotiations will lead to its creation. "No amount of international pressure will bring about the formation of a Palestinian state," Ben-Eliezer said.

In another development, an adviser to Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon recently held a secret meeting in the Persian Gulf state of Qatar with a senior Palestinian leader, an Israeli government official said. The subject of the meeting was reviving peace talks, the official said.

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the Israeli at the meeting was Ephraim Halevy, the head of the Mossad spy service until recently and now a Sharon adviser and head of the National Security Council.

The official refused to name the Palestinian at the talks, though the Israeli newspaper Yediot Ahronot reported it was Mahmoud Abbas, Arafat's deputy in the Palestine Liberation Organization and a leading peace negotiator.

Abbas denied meeting Halevy, saying that "the intention of such rumors and false leaks is to give the impression that things between the two sides are going well, which is not true."

Also Wednesday, Israeli explosives experts in the West Bank village of Tamoun blew up the two-story home of an activist in the militant Islamic Jihad group allegedly responsible for a deadly shooting attack on a Jewish settlement. Fifteen people were made homeless in the demolition, witnesses said.



Associated Press

Officials inspect the debris after a bomb exploded Wednesday night, just a few meters from the gate of a military camp in Zamboanga City in southern Philippines. A powerful bomb packed with nails exploded outside a restaurant frequented by troops, killing an American soldier and two Filipinos.

American among three dead in blast outside army base

BY PAUL ALEXANDER
Associated Press Writer

MANILA, Philippines — A nail-packed bomb killed an American Green Beret and two Filipinos on Wednesday outside a restaurant near a base in the troubled southern Philippines, where the U.S. military helped in the fight against al-Qaida-linked rebels this year.

The blast, from a bomb hidden on a motorcycle, wounded 25 people outside the restaurant, which is frequented by U.S. and Filipino soldiers, in the city of Zamboanga, officials said. Television footage showed a pool of blood and unconscious victims — some with their shirts bloodied — being loaded into ambulances.

No one claimed responsibility for the blast. Suspicion fell on Muslim extremists like the al-Qaida-linked Abu Sayyaf group and communist rebels who had threatened earlier in the day to attack police and military installations.

Security had already been tightened in advance of an Oct. 12 Christian festival in the middle of the southern islands that make up the archipelago's Muslim heartland. Amid worries over further attacks, more troops were being sent in, and checkpoints were set up on major roads and outside the city's power plant.

A homemade bomb also went off Wednesday near the perimeter fence of a police headquarters in Imus town, in Cavite province south of Manila, damaging a parked car but causing no injuries, GMA7 television reported.

In addition, police walked sniffer dogs through 18 stations for an elevated train line running through Manila after receiving intelligence reports that communist rebels

might stage an attack there Wednesday.

A Philippine military official said officials were trying to see if the two situations were linked to the blast in Zamboanga, 530 miles south of Manila.

Some 1,200 U.S. troops were deployed this year in the Philippines to train the country's military to battle Abu Sayyaf in the southern islands. After the training exercise ended in July, the troops left, except for about 272 U.S. soldiers who remained, most in Zamboanga, for a humanitarian mission on nearby Basilan Island, once the center of Abu Sayyaf operations.

The 9 p.m. blast in Zamboanga ripped the roof off a small wooden house and damaged six shops across the street from the Camp Enrile army base, where some U.S. troops have been staying.

One of the Filipinos killed was the driver of the motorcycle, who "is suspected to have been the one who brought the bomb," said Defense Secretary Angelo Reyes.

Army Col. Alexander Yapching, head of Task Force Zamboanga that is in charge of securing the city from terrorist attacks, said a U.S. Army master sergeant died en route to a hospital and another American was injured, along with five Filipino troops.

The wounded American's injuries did not appear to be life-threatening, said a high-ranking Philippine military source. The Pentagon confirmed that one American soldier was killed and another wounded.

The dead and injured Americans were Green Beret soldiers on duty at the time of the blast, said Lt. Cmdr. Barbara Burfeind, a Pentagon spokeswoman. The Green Berets are providing anti-terrorism training to the Philippine armed forces, she said. The identities of the Americans were not immediately released.

Bomb experts collected debris at the site, including a large number of nails from the bomb. Only the charred handlebars and frame remained of the motorcycle. Two Americans in civilian clothes stood nearby talking on cell phones. Philippine soldiers walked sniffer dogs in the area.

"We should be careful," Yapching told reporters. "We really don't know where our enemies might strike."

About 250 U.S. troops are based at Zamboanga's Camp Navarro, the headquarters of the Philippine Southern Command base, working on security assistance and humanitarian programs.

In early September, the government said it was intensifying security after a suspect-

ed al-Qaida member told U.S. interrogators that the terror group planned to attack unspecified targets in the Philippines.

Communist rebels, who have staged a series of attacks over the last week, also said Wednesday that Philippine military and police camps were targets for guerrilla strikes but denied government intelligence reports that they plan to attack oil depots, shopping malls and key installations in the capital.

U.S. military support helped Filipino troops decimate the Abu Sayyaf with a monthslong offensive over the summer on Basilan. But in early September, the government said it was sending reinforcements to another nearby island, Sulu, to wipe out an Abu Sayyaf faction there.



SPORTS

Angels create their own comeback, defeat Yankees

BY RONALD BLUM

AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK — Having watched how comebacks are created in the Bronx, the Anaheim Angels put together one of their own.

Garret Anderson and Troy Glaus hit consecutive home runs off Orlando Hernandez in the eighth inning, and the Angels evened their best-of-five AL play-off series by beating the New York Yankees 8-6 in Game 2 Wednesday night.

A night after failing to bring in Troy Percival in the eighth and watching his bullpen squander a lead, Angels manager Mike Scioscia called for his closer with Anaheim trying to protect a 7-5 edge in the eighth.

Percival got out of the jam, throwing a called third strike past Derek Jeter, who questioned the call, with the bases loaded.

Scott Spiezio then hit a run-scoring double in the ninth off Jeff Weaver, his third hit and RBI.

The Yankees tried for one more comeback in the ninth, with Jorge Posada blooming an RBI single with one out. But with two runners on, Percival struck out Nick Johnson and retired Raul Mondesi on a popout.

Anaheim, which set a team postseason record with 17 hits, then closed out the 4-hour, 11-minute marathon and headed home to California with its first playoff win since 1986, one that gives the Angels hope they can knock off the four-time defending American League champions.

The series resumes Friday with the Angels' Ramon Ortiz facing Mike Mussina.

Early homers by Tim Salmon and Spiezio helped Anaheim put together a 4-0 lead and knock out Andy Pettitte after three innings.

But the Yankees closed to 4-3 against Kevin Appier and went ahead when Alfonso Soriano finally got that elusive 40th homer — a two-run shot in the sixth off Francisco Rodriguez, a 20-year-old right-hander who made his major league debut on Sept. 18.

El Duque, relegated to the bullpen because of the Yankees' pitching depth, replaced Pettitte in the fourth and showed the poise under pressure he's known for in the postseason, where he was 9-2.

He retired his first 11 batters and 12 of 13, but Anderson tied it when he led off the eighth with a drive into the right-field bleachers.

Yankees manager Joe Torre elected to stay with El Duque rather than go to his regular relievers, and Glaus followed with his third homer of the series.

The shot center stunned the crowd of 56,697 at Yankee Stadium, where New York had won six straight postseason games, including a come-from-behind 8-5 thriller in Tuesday's opener. Adam Kennedy added a sacrifice fly later in the eighth off Mike Stanton.

Unlike Tuesday, when Scioscia decided not to bring in Percival in the eighth, Anaheim's bullpen held on.

Ben Weber got in trouble in the eighth, when Johnson singled with one out and Mondesi hit a hard comebacker that the pitcher tried to grab, only to watch it ricochet to shortstop for a single.

Weber, who sprained his right index

finger, angrily shook his hands in disgust.

Once again, Scioscia was in a spot. In the opener, he didn't bring in Percival to protect a 4-3 lead in the eighth, saving his closer for a bottom of the ninth that never came.

Scioscia went again to Brendan Donnelly, who gave up Bernie Williams' tiebreaking eighth-inning homer in the opener. As Percival watched in disbelief from the bullpen, holding out his arms as if to say "I don't know" and shrugging his shoulders, Donnelly was cheered by New York fans as he warmed up.

Scioscia finally brought in Percival, who had 40 saves in 44 chances during the regular-season. His first pitch hit Soriano in the left shoulder blade, loading the bases.

With the crowd on its feet, Percival faced Jeter, who had reached in his first seven plate appearances of the series — homering twice — before grounding out in the sixth.

Division series comes down to bagels and oranges

By The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Its bagels vs. oranges in the baseball playoffs.

The five-game American League series began Tuesday, and so did the friendly wagers between city officials.

If the New York Yankees win the American League playoffs, Mayor Tom Daly of Anaheim, Calif., will send New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg a crate

of Anaheim oranges and chilies. Jeter, 1-for-11 against Percival in his career, was tied up as he missed a 96-mph fastball, then took a ball and fouled off a pitch. Percival then threw a pitch over the outside corner and Jeter was called out by plate umpire Doug Eddings, who was giving pitchers the outside corner all night.

Rodriguez got the win for Anaheim, which allowed runners all night, but Yankees' batters to 3-for-14 with runners in scoring position.

Anaheim, which stopped a four-game postseason losing streak, built its early lead as Pettitte struggled with his control, going to three balls on four of his first 12 batters.

Solo homers by Salmon in the first and Spiezio in the second put the Angels ahead, and Benji Gil's RBI single later in the second made it 3-0. Spiezio added RBI single in the third, and Pettitte was gone after the inning, having labored through 66 pitches.

of Anaheim oranges and chilies.

If the Anaheim Angels win, Bloomberg will send Nathan's hot dogs and H&H bagels.

Daly said he's looking forward to chowing down on fresh-delivered New York hot dogs and bagels. Bloomberg sounded confident about the Yankees' prospects.

"The chilies will help keep our lineup hot as we move on to the pennant," he said.

San Francisco Giants take Atlanta Braves by three

BY PAUL NEWBERRY

AP Sports Writer

ATLANTA — Barry Bonds didn't have to come up big for the San Francisco Giants to get a jump on the Atlanta Braves.

The rest of the San Francisco hitters knocked around Atlanta's heralded pitching staff while Russ Ortiz threw seven strong innings, carrying the Giants to an 8-5 victory Wednesday in Game 1 of the NL division playoffs.

"Obviously, Barry gets most of the attention, and he deserves the attention," Ortiz said. "But we have a really good ballclub up and down the lineup."

Down 8-2, Gary Sheffield and Javy Lopez homered in the eighth to get the Braves close. Atlanta had its chance in the ninth, but Robb Nen got Sheffield to ground into a game-ending double play with two runners on for a save.

"It doesn't matter how you get it or the way you get it," said J.T. Snow, who got San Francisco off to a quick start with a two-run double in the second off Tom Glavine. "You've just got to get the win."

Bonds, an overwhelming favorite for his fifth MVP award, was denied a homer in the eighth when Andruw Jones leaped above the center-field wall to make a catch.

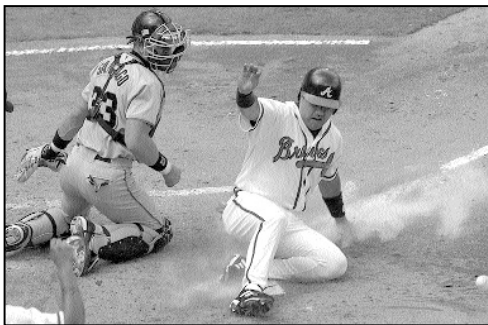
It didn't matter to Bonds, who is more concerned about winning his first World Series ring. He smiled as he walked off the field, glancing back to look at the replay on the video board.

Bonds' teams are 0-for-5 in the postseason, losing twice to the Braves in the early '90s while playing for Pittsburgh. But the wild-card Giants grabbed an early advantage in the best-of-5 series over the East champion Braves, who led the league with 101 wins in claiming their 11th straight division title.

"It helps when you get on top early," Snow said. "We pride ourselves on being able to jump on the other team quickly."

Bonds, who came in with a .196 postseason average, went 1-for-4 with an intentional walk and a throwing error. His teammates, though, did plenty of damage against Glavine.

The Giants scored three runs in the second inning and three more in the fourth, sparked both times by the bot-



Ric Feld/Associated Press

Atlanta Braves' Vinny Castilla scores past San Francisco Giants catcher Benito Santiago on a hit by Braves pitcher Tom Glavine in the second inning of game 1 of the National League East Division Series Wednesday in Atlanta.

tom of the order.

Snow, Benito Santiago and Rich Aurilia each had two RBIs.

"Obviously, you look at their lineup and you don't want Barry to beat you," Glavine said. "I certainly did a good job of that, but some of the other guys stepped up."

The Braves rallied in the eighth against Tim Worrell. Sheffield, a close friend of Bonds, hit a solo homer and Lopez added a two-run shot, getting a second chance after Santiago dropped a soft popout near the Braves dugout that should have been the third out.

Santiago, an All-Star catcher, redeemed himself somewhat by leaning into a photographer's box to grab Marcus Giles' popout with a runner on to end the inning.

Game 2 is Thursday night, with Kirk Rueter starting for the Giants against Kevin Millwood.

Glavine was making his 31st postseason start — and perhaps his last in Atlanta. His contract is up at the end of the season, and the Braves will now have to win at least one game in San Francisco to reach the NL champi-

onship series for the 10th time in the last 12 seasons.

Glavine lasted only five innings, leaving for a pinch-hitter after surrendering 10 hits. The Giants followed their scouting reports to a tee, going up the middle or to the opposite field with most of his outside pitches.

"I really don't feel overly disappointed about any pitches I threw," Glavine said. "They seemed to take the approach against me, kind of like the whole league does, to just hit the ball where it was pitched. They just hit it where we didn't have anybody."

San Francisco even scored against Chris Hammond, only the third reliever since 1900 to post an ERA below 1.00 while pitching at least 70 innings.

Santiago hit a two-out, two-run double off Hammond in the sixth to put the game out of reach — the first runs allowed by the left-hander since June 30.

"We're swinging the bat really well," Santiago said. "We've been playing some good baseball, regardless of who's pitching."

Ortiz shut down the Braves in just his second postseason appearance. Atlanta managed one hit off Ortiz after Glavine's two-run single in the second, just five hits in all.

Bonds, who won the NL batting crown (.370), hit 46 homers and set major league records for walks (198) and on-base percentage (.598) during the regular season, was limited to a meaningless single in the third.

Santiago, batting next in the order, had three hits. And the guys behind him contributed five hits and three RBIs.

No. 8 hitter David Bell had an RBI single in the second and, along with Ortiz, sparked the fourth-inning outburst. They hit back-to-back singles with two outs, and the Giants went on to score three runs for a 6-2 lead.

Glavine brought Atlanta within 3-2, singling past third base in the second. It was the left-hander's first postseason RBIs since the 1996 NL championship series.

Unfortunately for the Braves, Glavine had to return to the mound. The 10 hits matched the most allowed by him in a postseason game.

Glavine dropped to 12-14 in the playoffs, missing a chance to break a deadlock with teammate John Smoltz as the winningest postseason pitcher in baseball history.

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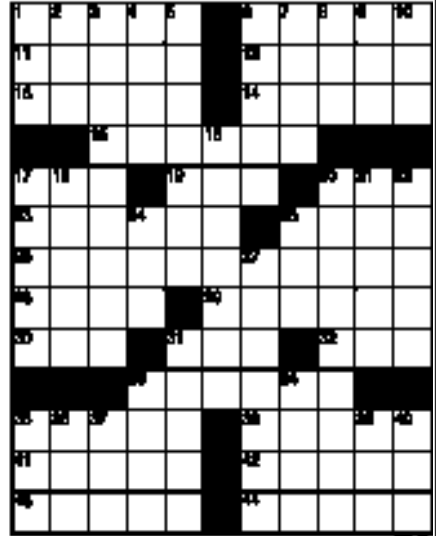
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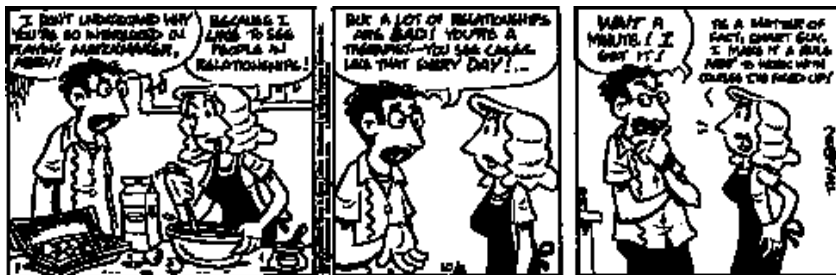
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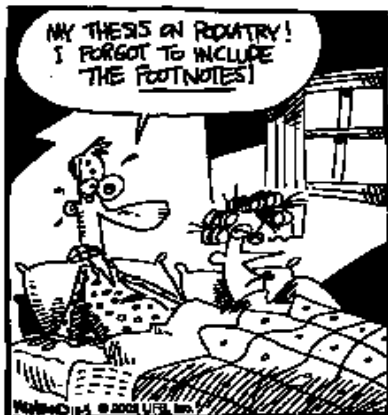


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1441 Third St. at Broadway
The Tuxedo (PG-13) 12:15,
1:30, 2:45, 4:00, 5:15, 6:30,
7:45, 9:00, 10:15, Igby Goes
Down (R) 12:00, 1:15, 2:30,
3:45, 5:00, 6:15, 7:30, 8:45,
10:00.

Mann Criterion
1313 Third St.
Sweet Home Alabama (PG-13)
11:00, 1:30, 1:40, 2:15, 4:30,
5:00, 7:10, 7:50, 10:00, 10:30.
The Banger Sisters (R) 11:10,
12:00, 1:50, 2:40, 4:40, 5:10,
7:15, 7:45, 9:50, 10:20. The
Four Feathers (PG-13) 12:15,
3:30, 7:30, 10:15. My Big Fat
Greek Wedding (PG) 11:40,
2:10, 4:50, 7:20, 9:45.

AMC Theatre SM 7
1310 3rd Street
Ballistic: Ecks vs. Sever (R)
2:25, 5:25, 7:00, 7:45, 9:15,
9:55. Barbershop (PG-13) 2:15,
4:45, 7:15, 9:35. City by the
Sea (R) 2:05, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00.
Just a Kiss (R) 1:45, 4:40, 7:05,
9:25. Signs (PG-13) 1:55, 4:25,
7:10, 9:40. Swimfan (PG-13)
1:30, 4:15, Trapped (R) 2:05,
4:35, 7:20, 9:45.

Landmark Nu-Wilshire
1314 Wilshire Blvd.
Moonlight Mile (PG-13) 10:30,
1:15, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00. Mostly
Martha (PG) 1:30, 4:15, 7:00,
9:30.

Laemmle Monica
1332 2nd St.
The Good Girl (R) 1:00, 3:15,
5:30, 7:50, 10:10. The Man
from Elysian Fields (R) 12:00,
2:30, 5:00, 7:40, 10:10.
Secretary (R) 12:00, 2:30, 5:00,
7:35, 10:05. Spirited Away
(PG) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00.

Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave.
The Kid Stays in the Picture (R)
5:30, 7:30, 9:30.

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BACK PAGE

Teacher takes her history students on ghost hunt

BY SUSAN SKORUPA
Reno Gazette-Journal

RENO, Nev. — Janice Oberding's interest in ghosts and ghostly things probably comes naturally.

"My grandmother was ... would you call it a ghost enthusiast? She told stories, she and her friends would talk about it and go visit places," Oberding said. "I like history and I think if you're into history, you're into ghosts to some extent."

Oberding works to share that love of history and of ghostly things through her writing, research, teaching and associations.

People should realize that ghost doesn't mean evil, she said. If a person was negative in life, he or she will be a negative spirit in death. But a good person will be a good spirit.

"People fear what they don't understand," she said. If a person learns to understand the reason a ghost is in a certain place, he or she can overcome fear and coexist with the spirit. She also wants people to learn history and folklore.

"Most old buildings have some ghost stories associated with them," she said. "Virginia City may be the most haunted town in Nevada. It may be the most haunted in the country, although Gettysburg people might argue with that."

Gettysburg, Pa., was the sight of one of the decisive battles of the Civil War. Nearly 45,000 soldiers were killed or wounded over three days of fighting.

Oberding is conducting a ghost hunting workshop Oct. 12 at Truckee Meadows Community College, the second such workshop she has held. Oberding also teaches at Western Nevada Community College in Carson City and online courses at Great Basin Community College in Elko.

The ghost workshop consists of stories, history, photos of places that might be haunted — or not — and places where you might find ghosts — or not.

In her years searching for ghosts, as the author of a book called "Haunted Nevada," as director of the Nevada Ghost Hunting and Research Society and a member of the American Ghosthunting Society, Oberding is unsure if she's ever seen a ghost.

"I think so," she said. "I hate to say yes or no."

But you might see a ghost and not know that's what you're looking at, Oberding said.

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— JANICE OBERDING
Ghost enthusiast

"A friend of mine who lives in Virginia City says, 'How do you know when you see a cat or dog run down the street that it's really a cat or dog?'"

But last winter she came about as close to a possible ghostly experience as most people would care to come. As a docent at the Fourth Ward School Museum in Virginia City, she was escorting an older couple who were touring the restored 19th century building, with its steep, squeaky, wooden staircases, during a time when it was usually closed.

"It was windy that day," Oberding said. "We heard what sounded like children running down the stairs. The elderly man looked at his wife.

"Then we heard what sounded like children running back up the stairs," Oberding said. "He said, 'We're leaving. This building is haunted.' But like I said, it was a windy day."

Oberding has researched people such as Marilyn Monroe, Frank Sinatra and mobster Sam Giancana at the Cal Neva Resort at Crystal Bay without encountering their ghosts.

"I didn't feel anything there," she said, "but one person who was with us did."

Ghosts haunt particular places for many reasons, Oberding said. They might be waiting for loved ones. Perhaps they died violently or deny their deaths.

Someone who dies unexpectedly might continue to move around as in life, she said. That might be why the pencil fell off your desk or maybe it's the source of a chilly breeze on a calm day.

"I believe that ghosts can be anywhere, old or new," Oberding said.

People use several methods searching for evidence of ghosts, she said. By talking to people who live, work or stay in a building, you'll learn something about it. Ask for their stories, take photographs and look for anomalies such as a streak of white in a photo that can't be explained as photographic error, or look for orbs, which are balls of light that supposedly are energy.

Some people measure an area's electromagnetic field with special equipment believing a spirit will give a higher reading, Oberding said. But, she warned, electric appliances will give false readings. Thermal probes are used to measure cold spots frequently associated with spirits.

"I believe everybody is sensitive to some degree," Oberding said. "I think we all have gifts, whether they're developed or not. It's part of being human."

"I don't think it's definitely possible to prove ghosts exist," she said. "You have to be a believer or not. I don't try to convince people. Sooner or later we'll all know the truth. That's one experience we'll all share."

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