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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

by Chuck Shepard

The Danish beer company Carlsberg announced it was relocating a plant from Stockholm, Sweden, to Gothenburg because there was too much uranium in the spring it uses near Stockholm. And the interior minister of the Netherlands, citing public concern, proposed to ban police officers from coffee shops that also legally sell marijuana. And authorities in Putnam County, W.Va., announced that someone had broken into a sheriff's deputy's home while he was away on vacation and set up a methamphetamine lab.



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"In America, anyone can become president. That's one of the risks you take."

— Adlai Stevenson



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John Wood/Daily Press

Thirteen-month-old Emily Binder looks over the Halloween merchandise on Friday at the Canyon Charter School's ninth annual pumpkin patch and bake sale.

GOP proposal would lift ban on offshore oil, gas drilling

BY H. JOSEF HEBERT

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — House Republicans are drafting a proposal that would end the federal ban on offshore oil and gas drilling, while giving states greater say on whether they want energy development in their coastal waters, congressional sources say.

The GOP sources said the proposal, being developed by the Republican staff of the House Resources Committee, has yet to be fashioned into formal legislation and hasn't been reviewed by key lawmakers, including the panel's chairman.

But the proposal comes as many con-

gressional Democrats and moderate Republicans are concerned about growing pressure to ease restrictions on offshore oil and gas development. These concerns were fueled by a push in the Senate to require a new inventory of gas and oil resources in all offshore waters as part of a broad energy bill moving toward final approval.

Most of the country's Outer Continental Shelf has been off limits to oil and gas exploration or development since 1982. The White House has said it has no intention of lifting the current ban, which expires in 2012.

But a spokesman for the House

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Feinstein in race for regional seat

Councilman's political ambitions alive and well, despite probe into mishandling of party donation

(Editor's note: This is the second installment of a two-part series. The first article ran on Friday.)

BY JOHN WOOD

Daily Press Staff Writer



Mike Feinstein

City Councilman Mike Feinstein isn't letting the investigation into his handling of \$10,000 in Green Party funds dampen his political ambitions. Feinstein is expected to run next week for a four-year seat on a state smog-fighting agency.

If elected next Thursday, Feinstein would represent the 25 cities of western LA County on the governing board of the South Coast Air Quality Management District, a group formed to address the poor quality of air in Southern California.

The 12-member AQMD governing board controls a \$100 million annual budget. Members, who often participate in two or three sub-committees, are paid \$100 per meeting. Being investigated for wrongdoing doesn't bar a member from serving on the AQMD, spokesman Sam Atwood said.

In order to win the AQMD seat, Feinstein must earn the votes of a majority of the representatives from the 25 cities in western LA. Those leaders must also represent a majority of the total population of all the cities combined.

Because it's extremely difficult for candidates from the smaller cities to garner the majority of the population to win an AQMD seat, the western cities seat has traditionally been held by an LA City Council member. Most recently, it was vacated by former LA City Councilman Hal Bernson.

In order for Feinstein to serve the full four-year term on the governing board, he would need to retain his seat on the City Council through 2007. That's the rub, because Feinstein is up for reelection next fall and could be vulnerable to eroding support from both the Green Party and Santa Monicans for Renters Rights, long City Hall's ruling party, which has endorsed him in the past.

Feinstein is currently being investigated by the LA District Attorney's Office for his handling of a \$10,000 donation to the Green Party of LA County on Jan. 18, 2001 that he deposited into his personal bank account. Though the investigation focuses solely on the \$10,000 check, Green Party officials say Feinstein has allegedly taken a total of \$30,000 to run an unsanctioned office of the Green Party at 2809 Pico Blvd.

Feinstein insists the probe came out of territorial pol-

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, October 18, 2003:

You discover that much goes on behind the scenes. You experience a rich personal life as well, where you might like spending more time at home or alone than in previous years. During these periods, your mind still works overtime, so developing a hobby or pastime that helps reduce stress could be significant. Don't feel challenged by those in control, or you could get upset. Know when to pull back and let others display their colors like a peacock. You will also become instrumental within a group or special group of friends. If you are single, a relationship could develop, though there might be a clandestine tone to it. Make sure this person is as emotionally available as you think. If you are attached, your relationship blossoms to a new level, especially if you develop a special time just for the two of you. LEO is a friend.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Stay anchored, even if someone makes an offer that seems impossible to say "no" to. In fact, you might want to say "yes" rather than "no." Good news surrounds you, especially as the day gets later. Obviously, someone cares. Tonight: Your treat.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Speak your mind and share your thoughts, and another will jump to a new tune. Your caring does mean a lot to someone you care about. Don't do anything halfway right now. Family needs to become your highest priority. Tonight: Now, let the fun happen.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Investigate possibilities that surround a money venture and real estate. You might like what you see coming down your path. Share more caring through calling and reaching out for others. Fun plans simply happen. Tonight: Out and about.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You naturally say and do the right thing at the right time. Laugh and play along with a loved one, friend or neighbor. Before you know it, you could be hosting a potluck dinner. You might like to have all your friends and associates around you. Tonight: A smile goes a long way.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Sit back and do some key thinking before you express what you really want. A family member might be more than ready to oblige. Be absolutely sure that this is what you want. Discussions move in a new direction. Tonight: Keep smiling.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Be happy that you have so many people around you. A special friend goes out of her or his way for you. Caring conversations come from out of the blue. Be receptive to someone's ideas, especially someone who is very special to you. Tonight: Take some time to yourself.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You cannot get around a must appearance, no matter how hard you try. Don't fight the inevitable, but put your best foot forward. Investigate other styles by asking questions. A meeting easily could degenerate into a Friday-night celebration. Tonight: You are the party.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You might want to carefully think through a decision that involves a special friendship and your long-term goals. Your ability to get past a problem through detaching comes out once more. Take your time when making decisions. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22- Dec. 21)
★★★★ Others mean well, and they let you know it. Sometimes you feel pushed quite hard, but that might have much more to do with your own perspective than with reality. You have high expectations, and you follow them. Tonight: Take off ASAP. Try a different scenario.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Others come to you with really wonderful suggestions. How can you say "no"? Or better yet, why would you want to say "no"? A partner might not quite agree with you, though that might not be important right now. Tonight: Dinner for two. Leave work at the office.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Dig into work, and suddenly you'll find that everyone wants to chip in, in their own particular manner. Be open to other ideas as you clear your desk. You might be amazed by someone else's shortcut. Tonight: Say "yes" to an invitation.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Your playfulness keeps the office rocking and rolling. You easily could be delighted by someone's sharing or ideas. A partner could be quite concerned about finances. Listen well, as this person might have a better grasp than you have. Tonight: Play away.

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LOCAL



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Georgian anniversary bash to benefit the needy

By Daily Press staff

A landmark of Santa Monica celebrates its 70th anniversary with a celebrity-hosted gala dinner that will benefit charity.

On Thursday, Oct. 30, one of Santa Monica's beloved Art Deco landmarks — The Georgian Hotel — celebrates its 70th anniversary with a community fundraiser. A ribbon-cutting has been scheduled for noon on Tuesday, Oct. 28.

Gala dinner and libations will be provided by the chefs of JiRaffe, Border Grill, Ocean Avenue Seafood, I Cugini, Il Fornaio and Bacardi. The fundraiser will benefit the Ocean Park Community Center, a 40-year-old community supported network of shelters and services for homeless adults and low-income families.

It will be a nostalgic look back with an eye towards the future. The Georgian's heyday dates back to the early 1930s and was the ideal setting for the city's varied industries to intermingle, from Donald Douglas Engineering to the Hollywood studios.

The event will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., and is open to the public. Dinner is \$125 and the cocktail reception is \$50, with the net proceeds going to the charity. The hotel is located at 1415 Ocean Ave. For more information, visit www.georgianhotel.com.

Preschool fundraiser features Halloween parade

By Daily Press staff

Kick off the fall season by donning a Halloween costume and raising money for a local preschool.

The Children's Place Preschool will hold its first fall festival on Friday, Oct. 24. Prizes, a Halloween parade and more will be featured at the Children's Place, also known as the Ocean Park Child Care Foundation, a private nonprofit child development center which serves the children and families most in need in the Santa Monica community.

The Children's Place is funded by a grant received from the California State Department of Education. The program's survival is contingent upon fundraising and volunteerism to subsidize state funding. The fall festival will help the effort by acting as a fundraiser for the preschool to help complete an outdoor classroom project as well as purchase supplies.

The festival will commence at 4 p.m. and will end at 6:30 p.m. Admission is free and open to the public. The preschool is located at 235 Hill St. For more information, call (310) 399-6405.

College students get Big Blue lesson in service

By Daily Press staff

College students will get a lesson in social services in Santa Monica.

The Westside Social Work Intern Consortium is hosting its third annual Big Blue Bus tour of Santa Monica-Westside social services for first and second year Master of Social Work students on Monday, Oct. 20.

Sponsored by the USC School of Social Work, UCLA Department of Social Welfare, the City of Santa Monica and other local agencies, the tour exposes students to the local social service organizations and helps students think critically about what roles they can play in strengthening community assets and resources.

The day begins at 8 a.m. with a welcome at Santa Monica City Hall in the City Council Chambers. Students will leave on a specially designated Big Blue Bus to walk through, drive by or stop in front of 35 human service agencies in Santa Monica and on the Westside. Representatives from various social service agencies like the Ocean Park Community Center and the Saint John's Child and Family Development Center will share detailed information about their agencies with the students. The stu-

surf report

Look for the NW swell to blend with an old mix of S surf today. That means waist-high-plus waves for the better exposed NW spots, with some head-high sets at best breaks.

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dents will stop for a lunch catered by Step Up On Second's Fresh Start program, which builds the vocational skills of its mentally ill and homeless participants.

The Big Blue Bus Tour is a learning tool that provides students an opportunity to learn about both the challenges as well as the strengths of the Westside community. All participants received a guide to Santa Monica-Westside resources and the City of Santa Monica Family Guide. The Family Guide is available on the City of Santa Monica Web site at www.santa-monica.org.

Attending this year will be several commissioners from the City of Santa Monica's Social Services Commission.

For more information, call (310) 825-1480 or (310) 458-8701, or send an e-mail to either mbwehrli@ucla.edu, or julie-taren@santa-monica.org.

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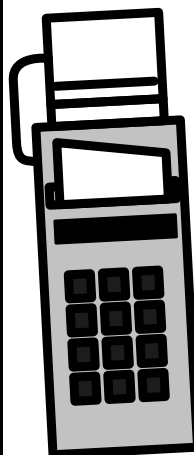
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LETTERS

SMC Trustees a bunch of union-busters

Editor:

Why does the Santa Monica College Board of Trustees continue to erroneously state that the district faced \$10 million in cuts this year? The college's budget is based on the fiscal year, not the calendar year. Those funding cuts were absorbed completely in the last fiscal year (2002-03) that ended June 30. The district actually carried over \$1.8 million in unspent money from the last fiscal year into this one (2003-04) which began July 1. They also didn't mention that the state's funding allocation to SMC for this fiscal year is \$1.6 million more than it was last year. So why the program cuts and layoffs?

The district further bolsters its deficit myth by exaggerating their expense projections that, even though payroll and services have been substantially reduced, still remain budgeted at the same level they were last year. That amounts to about \$1.7 million in "phantom" expenses. Additionally unacknowledged is the \$1.3 million in SMC's Auxiliary Service's operating account that could fund direct student services. And what about that \$1.8 million "rainy day" reserve fund money they carried over from last year? How much more rain do they need before they spend it? All of this fuzzy math adds up to between \$4 million and \$5 million of untapped, available money that could be used for students. Again we ask: Why the program cuts and layoffs?

The Trustees worry about future financial events and the state's budget. Those concerns, shared by California School Employees Association, were the reason that CSEA proposed "workshare" to avoid layoffs. Workshare would have saved the district \$860,000, and as an added measure, we even included provisions that would have provided a trigger for layoffs in the event the district actually experienced further budget cuts. The district had nothing to lose and everything to gain, but they rejected our proposal. Again we ask: Why?

Back in March, though it was withdrawn before final action was taken, five elected union leaders were among the 47 classified staff layoffs proposed on the board's agenda. In September, the board pared down the list and approved laying off 18 of SMC's 416 classified workers, but still managed to include the same four elected union leaders, minus only the fifth who took a forced retirement rather than being laid off. What are the statistical possibilities of this being a random selection, not once, but twice?

The classified unions at Santa Monica College, and therefore, the students, have been hit hard. On the surface, 18 classified layoffs may not seem like very many, but when they are considered along with the four resignations, 14 retirements, and the five laid off when programs were eliminated, together with the 60 classified jobs the college never filled, that adds up to 100 empty union positions. That means about 400 of us are doing the work of more than 500. How can we serve the students without compromising the services they depend on?

The board has approved layoffs, yet they've also approved "consultants" to do union work. They've got "personal services" contractors doing union work. There are at least eight companies with board-authorized contracts doing work on campus that used to be done, or could easily be done, by in-house union workers. They claim they've got no money, but on the same agenda that they laid off union staff, they turned

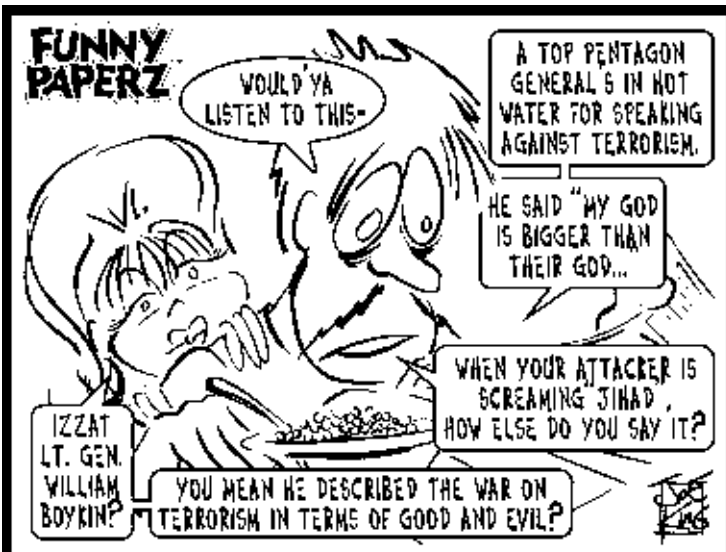
around and approved hiring 75 part-time non-union workers. Does that make sense?

For those of us at SMC who deeply care about its future and its direction, it is clear that the issue has never been about the budget or about deficits or about fiscal responsibility. It's about taking SMC down the road to privatization by breaking the union and contracting out the work. Sound familiar?

Close to home we have seen some hotels that have demonstrated the same hostile attitude toward unions. Most of the Trustees are likely to proclaim their respect for those unions that are trying to gain representation and fair treatment for hotel workers. These are the same union organizing efforts that CSEA has actively supported. Maybe it's just that the SMC Trustees have a problem supporting unions when it comes to their own backyard. So, while Santa Monica voters don't have control over hotel management, we do elect a board of trustees to advance our vision of what a progressive educational institution should be. Santa Monica voters put their trust in those they elected to the SMC Board of Trustees. Why have they betrayed our trust? Maybe it's time to put "community" back into our community college.

Phil Hendricks

President, CSEA Chapter 36



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Hurry up and wait to get into the holiday spirit



MODERN TIMES

By Lloyd Garver

A couple of weeks ago — on Oct. 1 — several houses in my neighborhood put up their Halloween decorations. While I was running some errands, I couldn't help thinking about the fact that I've never seen Halloween decorations so close to Labor Day. Then I went into one of those large, chain-store drugstores, and, you guessed it — they had already placed some little Santa Claus figures around the store. What's going on? Why are people in such a rush to celebrate holidays? If this trend continues, are we going to start celebrating the Fourth of July in June?

I understand why people who sell decorations, cards and gifts try to get the public to start buying early. But why are so

many people buying into buying early? Are they afraid if they don't do their Halloween shopping a month ahead of time that the stores will run out of bad candy and fake blood?

Maybe it's just another example of people always being in a hurry these days. This is an era in which people feel they have to call home on their cell phones to say that they will be home in five minutes. Some folks would rather skip a movie than stand in a short line. And while waiting for their food to cook, some people angrily think, "I can't believe how long the microwave is taking."

But I suspect the hurried holiday thing is more specific than that. I think people are in a hurry to have a good time. Maybe with all the serious things going on in the world, they're desperate for some fun or joy in their lives. They figure that if it's going to make them feel good to think about Christmas, why should they have to wait until December? If buying Thanksgiving Jell-O molds in the shape of Pocahontas and John Smith is going to give them a

warm, family feeling, why not buy them in August? If you're a life-of-the-party kind of guy, why should you have to wait until the week before April Fools' Day before buying that whoopee cushion?

I guess the feeling is that if we keep celebrating, we won't have to face reality and we'll just have one long, enjoyable holiday. But, of course, that won't work. It hasn't worked out in sports as sports seasons become longer and merge into each other. When the NBA playoffs are interminable, how enthusiastic can you get about the finals? When I was a little kid, I was thrilled when Halloween came around. I could wear a costume and go trick-or-treating at all the scary, decorated houses in the neighborhood. Now the kids next door have probably had their Halloween costumes since the summer and by the time the holiday rolls around, they will have been looking at all the "scary" houses in the neighborhood for about a month. How special will the actual day of Halloween be to them?

That's the problem. If you start trim-

ming the tree when you should be trimming the turkey, will you still be in the Christmas spirit when Jack Frost starts nipping at your nose?

So, control yourself if you get the urge to buy those cute little valentines for your kids while they're at summer camp. Don't hang those Christmas stockings or polish the menorah at least until the baseball season is over. If we don't restrain ourselves and reverse this trend of longer and longer holiday seasons, pretty soon nobody will care about any holidays. I'm going to do my part. My birthday is in June, and I will not accept any gifts one day before January 1.

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LOCAL



An undeterred Feinstein hopes to buck the trend

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itics in the Green Party, but a judge did order his bank records turned over to investigators after he didn't produce them. The order came after former GPLAC treasurer Bob Morris filed a complaint with police last March.

Glen Koontz, Feinstein's Washington, D.C.-based lawyer, says Feinstein volunteered the records to police before they were seized. Nonetheless, Santa Monica police Lt. Mike Beautz asked Santa Monica Superior Court Judge Bernard Kamins to approve a warrant for them.

An announcement on what will happen in the Feinstein case is expected at the end of the month, said Deputy DA Richard Ceballos.

Feinstein declined to comment. His lawyer insists he did nothing illegal and says it's unlikely charges will be filed. Feinstein supporters said he spent the money on party business and didn't use it personally.

Meanwhile, the AQMD election is set for Oct. 23 in Redondo Beach. Both Feinstein and LA City Councilwoman Jan Perry are expected to run for the seat.

Feinstein also ran against Perry for the AQMD seat on June 26, but neither won. Feinstein earned votes from nine of the 14

"It's skewed. It's almost impossible for someone who's not in LA to get (the seat)."

— PAM O'CONNOR
Santa Monica City Councilwoman

members present, but Perry's five votes, one of which included LA, represented an overwhelming 82.5 percent of the population.

To address the perceived inequity to smaller cities on the board, City Councilwoman Pam O'Connor joined Feinstein in a recommendation that would improve Santa Monica's representation on the AQMD governing board. The item was originally listed in the City Council agenda for Oct. 14, but was pulled by Feinstein at the last minute, according to city staff.

O'Connor said the recommendation isn't an endorsement of Feinstein's bid for the seat. Rather, she said the goal is for AQMD and other boards to have representatives from both smaller cities and LA.

"It's skewed," she said. "It's almost impossible for someone who's not in LA to get (the seat) ... They're the big 2,000-pound guerilla and they're going to hold it.

And, frankly, their issues are different than the smaller cities'. Their issues are big."

O'Connor pointed to the model used by the Metropolitan Transit Authority, which oversees transportation issues in LA County. On that board, LA has one seat and the rest of the county is divided into four regions, each of which elects one representative. O'Connor represents 16 cities on the westside to the MTA board.

But it's not just locally that officials are pushing for change.

Dennis Washburn, a Calabasas City Councilman who serves on the LA County City Selection Committee, said a recommendation is currently before the

local chapter of the League of California Cities, an organization made up city leaders, that would change the way officials are elected throughout LA County.

"Everyone is looking for equity and a fair deal," Washburn said, adding that, if approved, the proposal would next go to legislators in Sacramento. "This hasn't been addressed in 17 years."

But for the time being, the AQMD is sticking with its format for electing representatives.

Representatives from other cities to the AQMD said they didn't know Feinstein's handling of Green Party funds is under investigation. El Segundo City Councilman Kelly McDowell, who voted against Feinstein in the earlier election, said he was surprised the matter hadn't been discussed at any of the previous meetings. Manhattan Beach City Councilman Mitch Ward, who voted for Feinstein, said he needs to look into it further before he decides where his vote will go next week.

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Offshore drilling proposal could aid strapped states

PROPOSAL, from page 1

Resources Committee acknowledged that the panel's staff was working on "an idea for legislation" that would replace the existing federal drilling bans that have blocked oil and gas development across most coastal waters outside the central and western Gulf of Mexico.

Brian Kennedy, the committee spokesman, emphasized that no legislation was imminent and that Rep. Richard Pombo, R-Calif., the panel's chairman, "in no way, shape or form supports lifting the current (drilling) moratoria off the coast of California or anywhere else."

In fact, he said, Pombo has not seen the draft proposal, described largely as "talking points" being discussed by the committee staff.

According to Kennedy and other congressional sources, the proposal would replace the federal drilling moratoria in place since 1982 with a system in which states largely decide whether to accept or override energy development as far as 100 miles from shore.

States could veto all or parts of federal oil and gas leasing plans developed by the federal Interior Department. But as an incentive to accept drilling, states also would be given a substantial share in royalty payments from the oil and gas that is produced, according to a summary of the proposal.

Federal and state royalty sharing would be determined by the extent to which states allow production.

The proposal was first reported by the trade publication Energy Daily, which said it was being pushed not so much by the petroleum industry as by large natural gas consumers and the makers of ocean drilling equipment and platforms.

Some environmentalists viewed the proposal as an attempt to get support for offshore drilling from states with severe

budget problems — even states like California where there is overwhelming political support for the current drilling moratoria but also a budget crunch.

Carl Pope, president of the Sierra Club, said there is a "very strong public sentiment" for continued protection of coastal waters from oil and gas development and that he doubts many states would take the GOP bait. "This moratoria has pretty deep roots."

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Sierra Club

The petroleum industry has argued for some time that substantial gas reserves could be developed in some of the off-limits areas such as off the Carolinas and in the eastern Gulf of Mexico near Florida. Recently a report by the National Petroleum Council predicted shortages of natural gas in the near future if all potential resources, including those offshore, are not tapped.

The Bush administration has said it has no intention of tampering with the OCS moratoria that were first imposed by Congress on a yearly basis in the 1980s, and in 1990 were extended for 10 years by the first President Bush. In 1998, President Clinton extended them again to 2012.

Under the ban, waters along both the East and West coasts as well as the eastern Gulf of Mexico and some waters off Alaska are protected from oil and gas development. Waters in the central and western Gulf, where most offshore oil and gas development has occurred, are not affected.

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Jaywalking seniors blamed for rise in LA traffic deaths

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Traffic deaths jumped 42 percent in the San Fernando Valley this year, many of the victims elderly pedestrians who were jaywalking.

Police said this week that 28 pedestrians have been killed in the valley so far this year. That compares to 17 pedestrian deaths during the same period in 2002.

"These are totally preventable tragedies," said Capt. Greg Meyer, who heads the LAPD's Valley Traffic Division. People need to look both ways and understand they're not going to beat the car. In all but two of the 10 latest cases, it was the pedestrians at fault."

Meyer said the department plans to reach out to senior citizens to educate them on jaywalking dangers.

"We're doing outreach (in) the media, and we have put the word out to all police stations in the Valley to make their traffic-enforcement focus pedestrian safety," Meyer said. "The only way it's going to work is if people listen and take responsibility for their own actions."

Grandmom admits abusing boy

By The Associated Press

FULLERTON — An Anaheim grandmother faces up to nine years in prison for abusing her 3-year-old grandson.

Carole Denise McCullough, 42, pleaded guilty this week to six counts of child abuse for mistreating the boy for months, including scalding his face and using plastic bags to tie him to a bed. She will be sentenced Dec. 5 by Orange County Superior Court Judge Richard W. Stanford Jr.

The boy suffered two broken ribs, a broken collarbone, second-degree scalding burns and a cigarette burn to his chest, according to evidence presented at a preliminary hearing.

The boy is now being cared for by foster parents.

STATE



Judge says logging needs federal pollution permits

BY DAVID KRAVETS
AP Legal Affairs Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — A federal judge has ruled for the first time that forest logging is an activity that requires federal stormwater pollution permits.

U.S. District Judge Marilyn Hall Patel, in a ruling made available this week, said the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has been misconstruing the 1972 federal Cleanwater Act. Logging companies, she said, are not exempt from obtaining pollution permits for stormwater runoff.

Runoff of dirt, debris and chemicals is a major pollutant in rivers and harms fish and wildlife.

The ruling was based on a lawsuit brought by the Environmental Protection Information Center and other groups against the EPA and a Pacific Lumber Co. logging operation in California's Humboldt County. The groups charged that Pacific Lumber was violating the Clean Water Act in the same manner as a factory that dumps pollutants into a river without a permit.

"This case is about requiring the same permitting that has been applied to most other industries for polluted storm water," said Mike Lozeau, an attorney working with the Environmental Protection Information Center.

Jim Branham, a Pacific Lumber spokesman, said the Northern California logging concern was weighing its legal options, including appealing the ruling to the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco.

"Obviously, we're concerned that her ruling, which seems to take the position

that culverts, ditches and other kinds of conveyances on forest lands are point sources like pipes out of a factory. It's very disappointing," Branham said. "If, ultimately, that decision becomes the law of the land, it will create complete chaos."

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Pacific Lumber spokesman

Point sources are the legal term for storm water drainage features, such as ditches and erosion gullies that logging companies build when harvesting wood. When it rains, erosion from them runs downhill into streams.

Laura Gentile, an EPA spokesman, said the agency was reviewing the decision.

Last year, the U.S. Supreme Court said a form of deep plowing, known as ripping, could require farmers to obtain the same type of pollution permits.

The challenged logging takes place around Bear Creek, a brook just upstream of the town of Scotia in Humboldt County.

The environmental group says regulators have listed Bear Creek as "impaired" because of logging runoff that has reduced coho salmon and steelhead fish populations.

Pacific Lumber's Branham said the company should not have to obtain permits because it already follows so-called "best management practices" to reduce runoff.

ChevronTexaco cleans up act

BY DAVID KRAVETS
AP Legal Affairs Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — ChevronTexaco Corp. agreed this week to spend an estimated \$275 million to reduce emissions at five of its U.S.-based refineries and settle a federal air pollution lawsuit.

State and federal regulators had accused the San Ramon-based oil giant, the nation's second-largest oil concern, of emitting more pollution than its permits allowed and modifying refineries without government approval. The suit also charged that the company failed immediately to notify local authorities when its Southern California plant has malfunctioned and released "extremely hazardous substances" into the air.

The five plants are in the California cities of El Segundo and Richmond, Pascagoula, Miss., Kapolei, Hawaii and Salt Lake City. The accord, which settles a federal lawsuit brought here last month, was reached in U.S. District Court.

"The emissions reductions required by this settlement will lead to cleaner air and significant environmental and public health benefits," said Assistant Attorney General Thomas L. Sansonetti.

Nicole Hodgson, a ChevronTexaco spokeswoman, said the company disputes "the underlying allegations." She said ChevronTexaco settled to let it focus on reducing emissions "rather than on costly legal proceedings."

Without admitting wrongdoing, the company also agreed to pay a \$3.5 million civil penalty and to fund environmental projects in communities near the refineries.

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— JOHN PETER SUAREZ
EPA assistant administrator

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Among other things, the lawsuit accused the El Segundo plant of not immediately notifying federal authorities and local fire departments of mishaps that led to hazardous emissions releases of hydrogen sulfide, sulfuric acid, nitric oxide, sulfur dioxide and other hazardous substances.

The suit also accused the oil giant of failing to monitor leaks of hazardous materials at the five plants and accused it of emitting more hydrogen sulfide from its "flaring devices," heaters and boilers than allowed by law.

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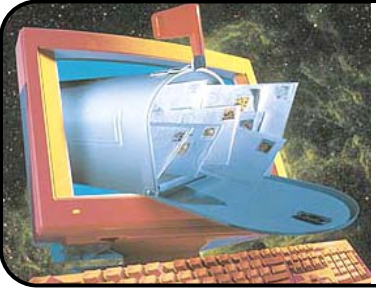
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CALIFORNIA BRIEFS

Former teacher guilty of killing teen girl
By The Associated Press

LONG BEACH — A former Wilson High School teacher was convicted this week of first-degree murder for the stabbing death of his live-in 19-year-old girlfriend. Jurors deliberated only an hour before returning the verdict against Pedro Tepoz-Leon, 35, who testified during trial that he killed his girlfriend last Oct. 24 in a blind rage after she first stabbed him in the chest and arms.

"We're very happy with the verdict and happy to know that this man will never again hurt another girl," said Martin Mora, father of victim Mayra Mora. "He'll be dealing with guys from now on."

In 1990, Tepoz-Leon was convicted of misdemeanor spousal abuse after an attack on his then-girlfriend left the 22-year-old woman hospitalized with a broken eye socket and detached retina. He served 90 days in jail.

Tijuana cop killer fingered for N. Hollywood slayings
By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Prosecutors charged a man who allegedly shot and killed two Tijuana police officers with the August murders of two people at a North Hollywood recording studio.

The district attorney's office is asking Mexican authorities to extradite Juan Francisco Munoz, 25, though it was unclear whether that would happen because Munoz faces charges first in Tijuana.

The bodies of Devin Lesser, 38, and Rosaura Amy Bone, 18, were found Aug. 7 in a warehouse near makeshift living quarters on Riverton Avenue.

Munoz had dated Bone and threatened her with violence, investigators said. Prosecutors believe he fled to Mexico after the murders.

The San Diego County district attorney's office alerted Los Angeles Police Department detectives Monday that Munoz had been arrested as a suspect in the weekend killings of two Mexican police officers.

Two Tijuana officers responding to a call for help at a hotel were shot to death and Munoz was captured after a brief chase when he fled in the police patrol car, police said. He will be tried in Mexico for allegedly killing the policemen. If convicted, he could be sentenced to 60 years to life in prison.

Deputy District Attorney Rhonda Saunders filed the felony complaint for extradition and charged Munoz with two counts of first-degree murder on Thursday, after determining that a 9 millimeter semi-automatic weapon recovered at the scene in Tijuana was the same type used to kill Lesser and Bone.

Former airport owner guilty of inflating its worth
By The Associated Press

VICTORVILLE — Jurors decided former Hesperia Airport owner Gabor Besze committed fraud when he sold the airfield and the current owners should get \$1.2 million.

The Superior Court jury determined Thursday that Besze misrepresented the property when he sold the airport to Hesperia Airport LLC, owned by Gerd and Claudia Schneider. The panel returns to court Oct. 27 to decide on punitive damages.

Besze had said the airport would be more profitable than it actually was and that capital improvement costs would be far less than what the Schneiders had to pay to fix up the airport, said Schneider attorney Jim McQueen.

Besze sold the airport to the Schneiders last year for \$975,000, and the Schneiders gave him a \$250,000 down payment. The Schneiders didn't pay the remaining amount to Besze and he threatened foreclosure.

McQueen said Besze told the couple the airport had up to 45,000 flight operations annually. The actual number was about 1,000, the attorney said.

Besze also said the airport would sell 40,000 gallons of fuel a year and the actual amount was a third of that, McQueen said.

Besze claimed only \$72,000 in repairs was needed, but the Schneiders spent more than \$200,000 for capital improvements, the attorney said.

The Schneiders were traveling in Europe and could not be contacted for comment. Besze said he was too upset to talk about the verdict.

"That was the most unfair trial I had ever seen," Besze said. "This is unbelievable. How in the state of California can somebody not pay, and sue me and win?"

Rim of the World schools on edge of financial ruin
By The Associated Press

LAKE ARROWHEAD — Removing drought-stricken, bark beetle-infested trees in the San Bernardino Mountains is hitting the school district hard.

The already cash-strapped Rim of the World Unified School District is scrambling to come up with the estimated \$1.5 million needed to remove dead trees on campuses in Lake Arrowhead, Crestline, Blue Jay and Running Springs.

The dead trees are a fire hazard.

Though the district and other agencies like Southern California Edison have already removed more than 800 trees from all eight campuses, as many as 1,500 trees still need to go, Superintendent Clint Harwick said.

"Are we worried about what this will do to us financially? Absolutely. Facing this kind of impact we're going to need help," Harwick said.

Shrinking enrollment, the rising cost of health and workers' compensation insurance, state budget cuts and costly mold abatement and repairs last year to Rim of the World High School already have the district facing a \$1.27 million budget deficit.

NATIONAL



Mystery man submits winning bid for Mustang Ranch

BY MARTIN GRIFFITH
Associated Press Writer

RENO, Nev. — The identity of a man who submitted the winning bid for the trademark and pink stucco main building of Nevada's best known bordello remains a mystery.

Bureau of Land Management officials said the man who offered to pay \$145,100 in an eBay auction for the Mustang Ranch in northern Nevada appears to be a legitimate bidder.

They said they won't identify him until after payment is made. The man, who requested anonymity, faces a noon Oct. 27 payment deadline.

A total of 85 offers from 29 bidders were submitted in the 10-day auction that concluded last week.

"The buyer has been in contact with us and payment arrangements have been made," said Cindy Becker of Oregon's Department of Administrative Services, which

handled the auction for the BLM. "We expect the deal to go through."

The Mustang Ranch was the state's first legal brothel, but was shut down in 1999 after years of tax problems. The BLM, which obtained the property 15 miles east of Reno, wants the buildings moved or razed because they're unsafe and in a flood plain.

BLM officials said they were amazed by a final flurry of bidding that pushed the brothel's selling price from \$20,500 to \$145,100 on the auction's final day.

In June, the building drew only eight offers and a high bid of \$15,090 — far below the government's minimum asking price. This time, the building was sold along with the "World-Famous Mustang Ranch" trademark and logo to sweeten the pot.

"I think that (trademark) obviously had a major effect on it," said Terry Randolph, BLM project manager.

"There's been international interest in it. We've had press on this over the last six months clear across the country."

After making payment, the winning bidder faces a 90-day deadline to remove the building from the site. The ranch land was not offered for sale. The BLM intends to restore the site to its natural condition and use it for flood control and recreation.

Dennis Hof, owner of the nearby Moonlite Bunny Ranch brothel, failed in his bid to acquire the main building and trademark. He stopped bidding at \$96,000.

Earlier in the week, Hof submitted a \$8,101 winning bid for other buildings remaining at the Mustang Ranch site. He plans to use them for a museum next to his brothel.

"Absolutely, the trademark had something to do with driving up the price," he said. "It has value because that name is known worldwide."

Hof, who said he filed with the federal government to obtain the trademark last year, pledged a legal fight.

"We will aggressively pursue our trademark at all cost," he said. "He (winning bidder) just bought into a quarter-million-dollar legal battle over the name."

Another losing bidder also pledged a fight over the name. Oscar Williams' Ambient Entertainment Inc. has a Reno business license for the Mustang Ranch name.

Alf Brandt, assistant BLM solicitor, said the government has defended its right to the trademark.

"The federal government owns the trademark because it received all the assets of the Mustang Ranch" through criminal forfeiture proceedings against former owner Joe Conforte and later owners, Brandt said.

"They (Hof) have never used the Mustang Ranch trademark and therefore they have no rights for use of the trademark for brothels, adult entertainment and escort services," he said.

The government seized the property after guilty verdicts against the Mustang Ranch's parent companies and manager in a federal fraud and racketeering trial.

Conforte took over the 104-room Mustang Ranch in 1967, when prostitution was illegal. In 1971, it became the state's first legal brothel and led to a movement that legalized prostitution in 12 of Nevada's 17 counties. Twenty-seven licensed brothels now operate.

Qwest correction shows \$2.54 billion loss

BY CATHERINE TSAI
AP Business Writer

DENVER — Qwest Communications International Inc. this week filed its long-awaited restated earnings for 2000 and 2001, saying it lost \$2.54 billion more than initially reported in those years.

The changes in company earnings reflect corrections to the improper manner in which the telephone company recorded sales of capacity on its telecommunications network, as well as equipment sales, phone book publishing and purchase accounting methods.

Qwest said the per-share loss was \$1.71 more than previously reported.

The report also revealed that CEO Richard Notebaert's base salary is \$1.1 million a year. Including bonuses, stock and other compensation, he earned \$2.19 million last year after replacing former CEO Joseph Nacchio in June 2002.

The restatement was prompted by an 18-month federal probe into accounting practices by the company, which provides local phone service across most of the Rocky Mountain and Pacific Northwest regions.

Specifically, investigators questioned certain "swaps" of network

capacity: Qwest bought capacity on another company's system and booked it as a capital expense, which is only recorded slowly over several years, while selling the same amount of capacity to the other firm and booking that immediately as revenue.

The probe has also centered on changes in publication dates for Qwest phone directories that allowed revenue from that unit to be booked in a certain quarter, as well as revenue recorded on long-term transactions involving optical capacity assets.

Chief financial officer Oren Shaffer, who arrived at Qwest last year, said the restatements reflect new interpretations of transactions under Notebaert and new auditor KPMG.

"We as a company either misinterpreted or misapplied certain (accounting) policies, and we corrected them," he said. "Accounting is not an exact science."

He said former auditor Arthur Andersen still stands by its decisions.

Broken down by year, the company's restated net loss came to \$5.6 billion, or \$3.37 per share, in 2001; and \$1.04 billion, or 82 cents per share, in 2000, Qwest said in filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Denver-based Qwest said it was in discussions with SEC staff to resolve ongoing issues.

Shaffer said the report filed Thursday gives Qwest more flexibility with lenders and for stock offerings. It also brings employees closer to being able to resume buying Qwest stock through the company's 401(k) plan, once Qwest also files quarterly financial reports.

Janco Partners Inc. analyst Thomas Friedberg said the report also would boost investor confidence.

"It's a milestone either on the road to recovery or eventual sale," he said.

The restated results were released after the close of Thursday's stock trading. Qwest's shares slipped a penny to \$3.69 in extended trading after rising 8 cents to \$3.70 during the regular session on the New York Stock Exchange.

Also Thursday, Qwest said its annual meeting will be in Denver on Dec. 16. Last year's meeting was in Dublin, Ohio, because Qwest said it wanted to accommodate shareholders outside its 14-state region, but critics said the company and then-CEO Nacchio were trying to avoid questions from angry investors.

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NATIONAL

Winter forecast for West: Warmer than normal, dry

BY RANDOLPH E. SCHMID

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Warmer than normal temperatures and continued drought are likely this winter in the West, government forecasters said this week.

The annual winter outlook from the National Weather Service contains considerable uncertainty for much of the nation with forecasters finding few strong trends to guide them.

According to the forecast, temperatures in Alaska, the far West, Southwest and Southern Plains are likely to be above normal this winter.

But, the report said, for other parts of the nation, the winter will bring equal chances of above-, below- or near-normal temperatures.

"Without a strong El Nino or La Nina signal as a guide, there is more uncertainty in our forecast, but we do expect winter to bring its typical weather variability," said John Jones, Jr., deputy director of the National Weather Service.

El Nino and La Nina are unusual conditions in the central and eastern Pacific Ocean which can affect weather around the world. In an El Nino year, Pacific water is unusually warm while the opposite is true in La Nina.

Lead forecaster Ed O'Lenic said the reason that the ocean is so important is that, where it's warm there tend to be clouds. "Clouds are like drumsticks beating on a drum and the atmosphere is the drum. If you beat it in the right place you can get disturbances over the United States," he said. But "the ocean temperatures haven't settled down and we don't

know where the clouds are going to be."

This winter's forecast does indicate that the multiyear drought in the West will probably continue, with lingering water shortages.

Jones said researchers are studying other climatic factors that influence longer-range outlooks, but these aren't yet routinely predictable on seasonal time scales.

Among the factors considered, he said, tropical ocean temperatures in the western Pacific and Indian Oceans, atmospheric circulation patterns in the Arctic and North Atlantic, snow cover in the high latitudes during the late fall and U.S. soil moisture conditions.

"While ocean temperatures in the tropical Pacific are warmer than long-term averages, and may even reach the level of a weak El Nino by late November, El Nino is not expected to exert a major influence on U.S. climate this winter," Jones said.

The result is a large amount of uncertainty in the outlook.

The forecast:

■ In Alaska, the far West, the Southwest, and the southern Plains, temperatures will be expected to be warmer than the long-term averages. Elsewhere, there are equal chances of above, below and normal temperatures.

■ The majority of the nation will have equal chances of above, below and normal precipitation, except for Texas, Oklahoma and areas of western Louisiana, southwestern Arkansas and eastern New Mexico, where above normal moisture is likely.

Local race now global event; 1,500 to start Ironman today

BY RON STATON

Associated Press Writer

KAILUA-KONA, Hawaii — John and Judy Collins remember organizing a small race with 15 participants out of their home. Twenty-five years later, Hawaii's Ironman Triathlon draws more than 1,500 athletes, with satellite races held around the world.

"I never thought it would get this big," Collins said. "I thought if it did well, we might attract 250 people."

Eighteen people paid the \$5 entry fee and showed up for the first race on Feb. 18, 1978. "Three decided it wasn't too good an idea, and 12 of the 15 starters finished," he said.

Word-of-mouth interest drew more inquiries for the 1979 race, but bad weather forced a one-day delay to a Sunday, and again 15 started and 12 finished.

On Saturday, more than 1,000 are expected to finish this year's 25th anniversary race — the 2.4-mile ocean swim, 112-mile bicycle ride and 26.2-mile marathon.

When Collins, a Navy officer at the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard, transferred to Washington, the owners of a Honolulu fitness center took over operation of the race. The 1980 race drew national interest when it was filmed by ABC's "Wide World of Sports."

The race was moved to Kona on the Big Island of Hawaii in 1981, and now is owned by a Florida-based corporation.

The race had its origins at the Valentine's Day 1977 awards program for

the Oahu Perimeter Relay, a 112-mile team run around the island of Oahu.

Discussion centered around running and swimming events, and the arguments of which had the most aerobic benefit, Collins said.

"That triggered the thought of bicycling, running and swimming all in one race," Collins said, and he got the idea to combine the 2.4-mile Waikiki Roughwater Swim, the 112-mile Around Oahu bicycle race and the 26.2-mile Honolulu Marathon into one race.

Toward the end of the ceremony, Collins announced plans for a three-part race, and said the first person to finish would be an Iron Man. The name came from a civilian engineer at the shipyard who was so steady and had a lot of endurance and was nicknamed Iron Man, Collins said.

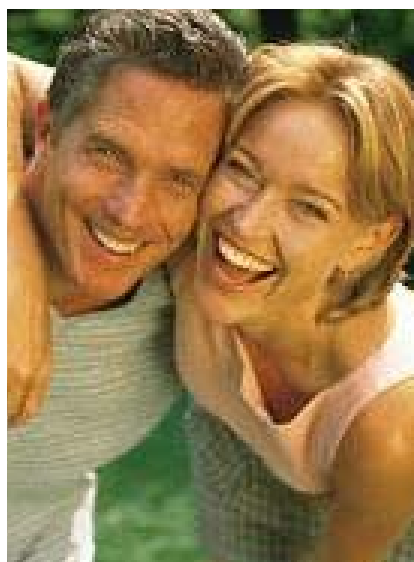
"We went home and forgot about it," he said. "But then people started bugging me, asking when we were going to do that three-part thing."

"We just wanted to add something fun to the local recreational calendar," said Judy Collins.

John Collins was among the original finishers and also finished the 20th anniversary race in 1998. His wife finally completed an Ironman race last August in the Ironman Revisited race that followed the original course on Oahu.

The couple, now retired and living on a sailboat in Panama, enjoy a bit of celebrity at the Kona Ironman, with people approaching them to say hello and ask for autographs.

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Saudis, U.S. disclose intelligence operations on terrorism

BY JOHN SOLOMON
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Stung by American criticisms that they've been soft on terrorists, Saudi officials are divulging for the first time several intelligence and diplomatic favors they have provided the United States in the war on terrorism dating to 1997.

In interviews with The Associated Press, Saudi officials said the assistance has ranged from sharing of information identifying a possible leader in the al-Qaida bombings of U.S. embassies in 1998 to intervention with Yemeni officials on behalf of Vice President Dick Cheney in the last year.

U.S. officials confirm most of the Saudi accounts, saying the kingdom's cooperation has been uneven at various times, but improving steadily.

"Since Sept. 11, 2001, the two countries have exchanged more than 3,500 memorandums dealing with counterterrorism efforts," said Adel al-Jubeir, the foreign affairs adviser to Saudi Crown Prince Abdullah. "This represents more than six memos per day and is a clear example of the intensive cooperation."

The contributions, they said, previously have gone unacknowledged in part because of concerns that public disclosure might alienate a Saudi citizenry wary of cooperation with America or affect diplomatic relations with other Middle East countries.

Officials said the Saudi desire to counter recent congressional criticisms, along with a heightened alert inside the kingdom after May 12 terrorist bombings in Riyadh killed 35 people, have freed both sides to discuss previously secret cooperation.

U.S. officials and congressional leaders say the flow of Saudi information at times has been halting or incomplete, especially when it comes to questions about the kingdom's own citizens. And they say Saudi attention before Sept. 11 to possible terrorist abuses of Saudi-based charities was lacking.

"While the Saudi government insists that it is cooperating fully with U.S. law enforcement efforts, our officials note the cooperation has been uneven," said Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, chairwoman of the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee. Her committee is investigating possible terror financing schemes.

The Saudis counter they initiated the first joint terrorism task force with U.S. intelligence as early as 1997 and say they were, at times, bewildered to receive duplicative requests from multiple U.S. agencies, all unaware that another federal agency already had the information.

"Everyone is smarter after 9-11," said Prince Bandar, the longtime Saudi ambassador to Washington. "Everyone missed the mark prior to 9-11. No one country can be blamed."

Both sides agree the process has improved, particularly with the formation of joint terrorist task forces that have centralized the exchange of time-sensitive intelligence.

The Saudis say that shortly after convicted shoe bomb terrorist Richard Reid was foiled in an attack on a trans-Atlantic flight to Boston in December 2001, Saudi intelligence passed on to the CIA information from several al-Qaida prisoners in Saudi custody.

Saudi and U.S. officials said the pris-

oners related they had been with Reid in al-Qaida training camps and remembered him as having a bad temper. The prisoners even told how Reid could be calmed with ice cream, Saudi officials said.

In early 2002, Cheney's office called Saudi officials seeking help on the Yemeni extradition of an al-Qaida operative named Abu Mu'az al-Jeddawi. Al-Jeddawi was running a cell believed to be plotting attacks, the officials said, and was mentioned in an FBI terrorism alert Feb. 11, 2002, that warned of possible imminent terror attacks inside Yemen or the United States.

The vice president spoke directly to Abdullah, Saudi Arabia's de facto ruler, and the Saudis contacted the Yemeni president to broker a deal to have al-Jeddawi extradited to Jordan, where U.S. authorities could interrogate him, according to Saudi and U.S. officials.

To help the transfer, the Saudis waived their right to have him extradited to their kingdom, clearing the way for his release to Jordan, the officials said.

One of the most tantalizing but disputed Saudi claims of assistance occurred before Sept. 11.

Saudi Arabia's former intelligence chief said in an AP interview his government determined in late 1999 or early 2000 that eventual Sept. 11 hijackers Khalid al-Mihdhar and Nawaf al-Hazmi were al-Qaida operatives involved in two terror plots.

Prince Turki al Faisal alleges his intelligence agency told the CIA in late 1999 and early 2000 that the kingdom had placed both men on its own terror watch list after learning from al-Qaida prisoners

and intelligence intercepts that al-Mihdhar and al-Hazmi might be connected to 1998 al-Qaida attacks on U.S. embassies in Africa and a 1997 effort to smuggle weapons.

"What we told them was these people were on our watch list from previous activities of al-Qaida, in both the embassy bombings and attempts to smuggle arms into the kingdom in 1997," Turki said.

CIA officials deny receiving such information until after the suicide hijackings occurred.

"There is not a shred of evidence that Saudi intelligence provided CIA any information about al-Mihdhar and al-Hazmi prior to Sept. 11 as they have described," spokesman Bill Harlow said. "There have been exhaustive examinations of our records, not only by us, but by congressional inquiries, and no such records have surfaced. We have found information similar to that which you cite which the Saudis passed to us a month after Sept. 11."

On Friday, Bandar, the U.S. ambassador, issued a clarification to Turki's account saying there were "no documents sent by Saudi Arabia regarding Khalid al-Mihdhar and Nawaf al-Hazmi prior to Sept. 11." Turki, however, said he stood by his account that the CIA was told, at least orally, about the two men as early as 1999-2000.

Saudi and U.S. officials agree they worked closely together since Sept. 11 to disrupt an al-Qaida cell run by a Sudanese who plotted to use shoulder-launched missiles to shoot down a U.S. airplane taking off from Prince Sultan Air Base inside the kingdom.



WORLD BRIEFLY

Mohamad stands behind 'Jews' quip

By The Associated Press

PUTRAJAYA, Malaysia — Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad refused to apologize Friday for a speech in which he said Jews ruled the world, accusing the West of a double standard in criticizing Muslims and Jews.

Defending himself against international condemnation, Mahathir gave a news conference a day after addressing the 57-nation Organization of the Islamic Conference, the world's largest Muslim group.

In the speech, he said that "Jews rule the world by proxy. They get others to fight and die for them."

The statement drew immediate criticism from Israel, the United States and other countries, and raised fears that it could fan violence against Jews. It got a standing ovation from the kings, presidents, sheiks and emirs gathered in Malaysia's capital, Putrajaya.

On Friday, Mahathir said Westerners such as the Rev. Jerry Falwell receive little fallout for labeling the Prophet Muhammed a "terrorist," while statements about Israel's actions against Palestinians draw immediate charges of anti-Semitism.

Falwell, a conservative Baptist minister, outraged Muslims by saying in an interview last year with CBS' "60 Minutes" that he had concluded Muhammad "was a terrorist."

Gay divide: Episcopalians ready to split

By The Associated Press

LONDON — U.S. Episcopalians who oppose plans to consecrate the first openly gay bishop next month said Friday they will form an independent network of conservative churches, even as Anglican leaders try to

find ways to ease tensions. A split in the American church appears inevitable.

Evangelicals have grown alienated from their denomination over three decades of debate about homosexuality and also are angered that some Episcopal bishops have been allowing blessing ceremonies for gay couples.

Bishop Robert Duncan of Pittsburgh, a leading U.S. evangelical, said he and other conservatives feel they have enough support from Anglican Communion leaders — called primates — to move forward with a realignment of the Episcopal Church, which is the U.S. branch of Anglicanism.

The 37 primates concluded a two-day emergency summit on homosexuality Thursday by warning that the Rev. V. Gene Robinson's scheduled consecration Nov. 2 as bishop of the Diocese of New Hampshire will "tear the fabric" of their global association of churches.

Robinson said in a statement Thursday that he will not give up the position.

The leaders acknowledged they had no power to directly intervene in the U.S. denomination since each Anglican province is self-governing, but they did ask all the churches in the 77 million-member communion to make "adequate provision" for members who disagree with ordaining gays.

Rite Aid counsel was in the wrong

By The Associated Press

HARRISBURG, Pa. — The former chief counsel of Rite Aid Corp. was convicted Friday of taking part in a conspiracy to falsely inflate the drugstore chain's earnings and mislead federal investigators.

The verdict against Franklin C. Brown marked the first conviction by a jury since the string of scandals that have rocked the business world, although the Rite-Aid

scandal broke a year before the wave of corruption uncovered after the Enron collapse.

"We're all satisfied. This jury did what one hopes juries will do. They looked at the evidence and they fairly and truly tried the case," Assistant U.S. Attorney Martin Carlson said.

Brown, 75, was convicted of conspiracy, several obstruction charges, witness tampering and five counts of lying to the Securities and Exchange Commission. He was acquitted of wire fraud.

Prosecutors said Brown conspired to inflate income at the drugstore chain in the late 1990s; helped backdate severance letters so that he and other senior executives could collect big payouts; and tried to mislead internal and federal investigators.

Brown's attorneys said he was a zealous company lawyer, but never a lawbreaker. Defense attorney Reid Weingarten also suggested that some of the former executives who testified against Brown had lied.

Modern-day Ma Barker jailed for 15 years

By The Associated Press

TOMS RIVER, N.J. — A woman who drove the getaway car in a bank robbery pulled off by her twin 14-year-old daughters was sentenced to 15 years in prison Friday.

Kathleen Wortman Jones, 35, tearfully apologized for her role in the holdup, which was aimed at saving her home from foreclosure but instead tore her family apart.

"They're all going to jail over one aberrant, stupid day in their lives," said defense attorney Lawrence Welle.

Wortman Jones pleaded guilty to armed robbery and using a juvenile to commit an offense. She could have gotten 30 years from Judge James Citta.

Using masks and a toy pistol painted with nail polish to make it look more realistic, her daughters walked into a bank last Oct. 29, appearing so harmless a teller thought they were in Halloween costumes. They took \$3,550 in a trash bag and ran back to the family car, idling around the corner.

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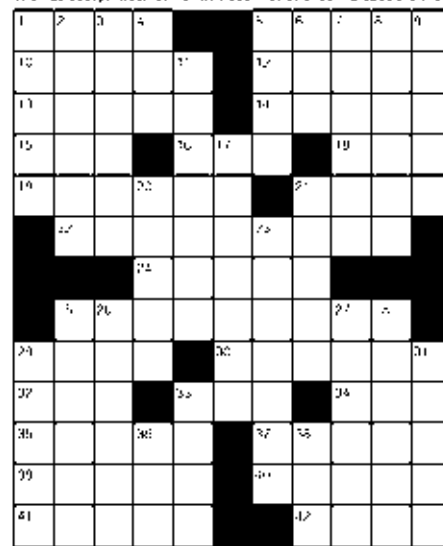
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EVENTS

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Family Holiday Bazaar

Next Saturday, peruse a vast selection of gifts, jewelry, boutique items, plants, baked goods, attic treasures, stationary, clothing, children items and household goods. This bazaar will support Habitat for Humanity and is sponsored by Mission and Youth Groups. It will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 25 and is open to the public. Also, there will be a Scottish Meat Pie Luncheon from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. which costs \$6 for adults and \$3 for children. Free parking will be available in the underground parking structure located on the north side of Arizona, between Ocean and Second with a validation stamp obtained at the church's Desk. First Presbyterian Church, 1220 Second St.

Pumpkin patch and bake sale

Ghosts, Goblins and the Great Pumpkin will be haunting Canyon Charter School's ninth annual Pumpkin Patch and Bake Sale on Thursday, Oct. 16. More than 500 pumpkins

of all shapes and sizes will be offered for sale, and there will be a contest for students and shoppers to guess the size of an enormous pumpkin - the winner will get to take it home. Purchases, including the "spooky delicious" array of home baked goods are tax deductible and proceeds benefit Canyon's Beautification Committee. The event will be held from 2 - 5 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 16, and from 3 - 5 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 17. For more information, contact the school at (310) 454-7510, Debbie Alexander at (310) 454-2566 or Maria Gardner at (310) 393-8334. Canyon Elementary Charter School, 421 Entrada Dr.

CULTURE

A Hansel and Gretel Halloween

The Santa Monica Playhouse presents a light, sing-along musical that takes the audiences through the mysterious Black Forest. Suitable for all ages, this play is written and directed by Chris DeCarlo and Evelyn Rudie. Birthday parties are available. Tickets for kids 12 & under cost \$9; adults \$10; they are available at (310) 394-9779 ext. 2. Showings Saturday and Sunday at 12:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. Santa Monica Playhouse Main Stage, 1211 Fourth Street

Puppetolio!

Watch a puppet show at the Santa Monica Puppet and Magic Center. This is a great place to take the kids and to unwind after a long day. Showings on Saturday and Sunday at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Admission: \$6.50. 1255 2nd St. (310) 656-0483

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The Life and Loves of Sholom Aleichem

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Dirty Pretty Things - 2:00, 4:35, 7:10, 9:45
Wonderland R - 1:45, 4:25, 7:05, 9:45
Station Agent - 1:00, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45, 10:00

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Pieces of April - 2:00, 4:30, 7:30, 10:00
Returner - 1:30, 4:00, 7:00, 9:45

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1441 Third Street Promenade
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Lost in Translation R - 10:45 a.m., 11:20 a.m., 1:10, 1:50, 3:45, 4:30, 6:10, 7:15, 8:40, 9:45
Mystic River - 12:00 p.m., 12:45 p.m., 3:50, 6:30, 7:15, 10:30

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1310 Third Street Promenade
House of the Dead R - 2:05, 4:15, 7:05, 9:25
Out of Time PG-13 - 2:15, 4:35, 7:10, 9:45
School of Rock PG-13 - 11:45 a.m., 2:05, 4:50, 7:35, 10:00
Intolerable Cruelty PG-13 - 11:45 a.m., 1:55, 4:25, 7:00, 9:35
Under the Tuscan Sun PG-13 - 11:50 a.m., 2:25, 5:05, 7:45, 10:15
The Texas Chainsaw Massacre R - 12:15 p.m., 1:00, 2:45, 3:50, 5:20, 6:45, 8:00, 9:15, 10:40, 11:30

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1313 Third Street Promenade
Good Boy! PG - 11:45 a.m., 2:15, 4:45, 7:10, 9:45
Veronica Guerin R - 12:15 p.m., 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 9:55
Matchstick Men PG-13 - 11:30a.m., 2:10, 5:00, 7:50, 10:30
The Rundown PG-13 - 11:15a.m., 2:00, 4:55, 7:30, 10:20
Runaway Jury PG-13 - 1:30, 4:30, 7:40, 10:40

If you know of an upcoming event which may be included in the calendar please send the information to calendar@smdp.com or fax it to (310) 576 9913



PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Springer having second thoughts about political run

By The Associated Press

■ **AKRON, Ohio** — It seemed Jerry Springer's final thought on politics was, he wasn't going to get involved again.

Now he's talking about running for governor of Ohio.

The talk show host, who's a Democrat, spent about \$1 million this year to determine voter support for a possible U.S. Senate run in a primary, and eventually a possible campaign against Republican incumbent Sen. George Voinovich.

Springer decided against it in August, saying he realized he couldn't be elected as long as he remains host of the raunchy "The Jerry Springer Show."

This week, Springer told students at the University of Akron that he's open to the possibility of running for Ohio governor in 2006. If he decides to join the race, he'll quit doing his Chicago-based syndicated series, which he called the "silliest show ever."

More than 300 students gathered at the university's student center to hear the 59-year-old former Cincinnati mayor urge students to become more politically active. He said education would be a major plank in any future campaign platform.

"Education has to be the top priority of Ohio," Springer said. "If I ran for governor, I would have a clear commitment to early childhood education, particularly in troubled school districts."

■ **TAIPEI, Taiwan** — American celebrity chef, writer and TV star Anthony Bourdain likes to dig into such exotic dishes as live beating cobra hearts in Vietnam and boiled iguana in Mexico.

The author of the best-selling book "Kitchen Confidential" told Taiwan's CTI cable news that he

thinks the scariest food is served up daily at McDonald's.

"What could be more frightening than walking into a McDonald's and looking at a Chicken McNugget. What the hell is a Chicken McNugget?" the New York chef said in a CTI interview that aired Friday.

Later in the interview, Bourdain thought of another scary dining experience: "Walking into Planet Hollywood and seeing Bruce Willis' underwear hanging over your plate. I mean that to me is the most disturbing and frightening."

Bourdain also lamented that American fast-food chains seemed to be ubiquitous worldwide.

"When I go to a tiny little town in Morocco in the middle of nowhere and there's a damn KFC or a Planet Hollywood or a Hard Rock Cafe, that to me is the most frightening and disturbing," he said.

Bourdain, the executive chef at New York's Les Halles restaurants, was in Taiwan this week promoting his TV series and companion book, "A Chef's Tour." The program, shown on Taiwanese cable television, features Bourdain's journeys to exotic places to sample local cuisine.

■ **NEW YORK** — "Johnny Cash In His Own Words," a memoir based on conversations with the country star shortly before his death, is coming out in December from Random House.

Financial terms were not disclosed.

Filmmaker Mari-Lynn Evans interviewed Cash in July for a documentary she was making about the Appalachians. She said the conversation lasted three hours and included the country singer's thoughts about his life and career. The book is a written version of that discussion.

Cash, 71, died Sept. 12 of respiratory failure caused by complications from diabetes.

"He gave so much more ... than we ever could have used in that film. We just couldn't bear to leave it on the editing room floor," Evans, whose documentary will air on PBS next spring, said in a statement issued Friday by Random House.

The book will include a foreword by longtime friend Kris Kristofferson, and a compact disc featuring 30 minutes of interview highlights, excerpts from two songs and a complete version of "Forty Shades of Green."

■ **PRAGUE, Czech Republic** — Former U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright arrived in her native land Friday to launch the Czech edition of her best-selling memoir.

Albright, who was born in Czechoslovakia, left the country with her parents for the United States after World War II and went on to become secretary of state under President Bill Clinton — the first woman to ever hold that office.

The book, published last month in the English original as "Madame Secretary," mixes autobiographic details with a personal account of her time as secretary of state. It's being published in Czech as "Madeleine: The best of all possible worlds."

Albright is scheduled to appear at a book-signing ceremony Monday in a Prague cafe, with her friend, former Czech President Vaclav Havel, in attendance.

During her five-visit stay in Prague, Albright also will appear as a guest on television talk shows.

On Saturday, she's scheduled to take part in a conference on NATO and the Middle East organized by PASS, the Program of Atlantic Security Studies, an international think tank.

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