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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

by Chuck Shepard

■ In August, U.S. Customs confiscated an SUV being used to smuggle Mexican immigrants into the country, but later admitted that their thorough search of it had overlooked a 13-year-old girl hiding inside; she was discovered 42 hours later.

■ In July, Adrian Rodriguez was imprisoned (but released by an appeals court a month later) because Mexican authorities found 33 pounds of marijuana that U.S. Customs had failed to find in a vehicle it had just sold to him at auction. That was the third time recently that someone had bought a vehicle from U.S. Customs that contained overlooked marijuana and for which the purchaser spent at least some time in prison (in one case, one year) before things were straightened out.

REMINDER

Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour before going to bed on Saturday night!

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Pilot killed in WWII finally laid to rest



(Left) United States Army soldiers on Friday carry the remains of Lt. Phillip Miller to his gravesite at Woodlawn Cemetery in Santa Monica. (Right) Army Chaplain Alan Hendrickson hands the ceremonial flag to David Miller, Lt. Miller's son, while Sarah Burch, David's mother and Lt. Miller's former wife, looks on. Lt. Miller was missing in action for over a half century until crews found his plane's wreckage in Indonesia.

BY CAROLYN SACKARIASON

Daily Press Staff Writer

More than 58 years after his death, Army 1st Lt. Phillip Miller was buried with full military honors at Woodlawn Cemetery in Santa Monica on Friday.

Santa Monica resident David Miller, just 2 years old when the bomber pilot's plane crashed during World War II, was finally afforded the opportunity to say good-bye to the father he never knew.

On Sept. 8, 1945, just days after the war officially ended, Lt. Miller and seven other Army Air Force servicemen took off from Australia and headed for Biak Island, Indonesia. But the plane, piloted by the

28-year-old Lt. Miller, never made it there. Miller's family, including his wife, Sarah Burch, were told that the plane was assumed to be lost at sea in the South Pacific Ocean because of bad weather.

Some 56 years later, Burch got a phone call in September of 2001 from Army personnel, who told her that her husband's plane had been found on top of a mountain in New Guinea.

For more than 50 years, Lt. Miller and his crew had been classified as missing in action. In 1995, a helicopter flying over a 13,000-foot-tall mountain spotted the wreckage. But because civil unrest in Indonesia delayed salvage efforts, U.S. military

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Carolyn Sackariason/Daily Press



Lt. Phillip Miller

Feinstein loses bid for seat on air quality board

BY JOHN WOOD

Daily Press Staff Writer

Santa Monica City Councilman Mike Feinstein lost his bid for a leadership post with a regional smog-fighting agency on Thursday.

L.A. City Councilwoman Jan Perry beat out Feinstein, 13-8, for the four-year seat on the governing board of the South Coast Air Quality Management District.

The 12-member AQMD governing board meets monthly and controls a \$100 million annual budget. Members often participate in a handful of sub-committees and are paid \$100 per meeting.

Feinstein, a member of the Green Party, launched an ambitious campaign for the seat earlier this year. In order to win the seat, a candidate has to win the majority of votes and those votes have to represent a majority of the total population of the western area.

Feinstein, who is currently being investigated by the L.A. District Attorney's Office for his handling of \$10,000 in Green Party funds, did not return calls seeking comment. While some of the other AQMD representatives said the

ongoing investigation affected their vote, others said it did not. Others contend they didn't even know Feinstein was being investigated.

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Man escapes carjacking unscathed

By Daily Press staff

A man was shot at twice after a failed carjacking attempt early Friday at the corner of 10th Street and Santa Monica Boulevard.

The man, who escaped uninjured, was approached by a white man in his mid-20s. The suspect pointed a gun at the victim, who was seated in his vehicle. As the victim got out of the car and the suspect got in, the victim ran south on 10th Street. That's when the suspect opened fire, police said. But

instead of stealing the car, the suspect fled on foot northbound on 10th Street.

The suspect is described as being between 5'8" and 6'0" tall, with a thin build, and was wearing a dark hooded sweatshirt and dark pants. The vehicle in question is described as a late-1990's, silver Mercury Sable.

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♈ ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Deal with others in the manner you would like to be dealt with. You come from a different point of view. You have a new beginning and are able to talk about and discuss what might be considered hot issues. Someone reveals what he or she has been holding back. Tonight: Accept a special invitation.

♉ TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Others come forward with plenty of ideas and suggestions. You might be a lot happier if you take your time and make stronger choices. New beginnings become possible if you express your preferences. Join friends later on. Tonight: Opt for a spontaneous party.

♊ GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Deal on a one-on-one level with a child or loved one. Be imaginative as to what you are doing with this person. Finally, doors open, making the impossible occur. You find that discussions flourish, giving you the responses you want. Tonight: Easy does it.

♋ CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You make efforts that ultimately make a difference in what goes on. How you see someone could radically change depending on what might be happening within a relationship. Slow down and don't push someone so hard. Tonight: Put on your dancing shoes.

♌ LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Stay close to home, but don't be surprised by the amount of visitors who could drop by your door. You might not feel entirely comfortable at first, but someone has something important to share. You might need a while to rethink a decision. Tonight: Out and about.

♍ VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Investigate another approach, and you'll come up with good answers. You will see that others do care, even if they have an odd way of manifesting it. You get past problems quickly, because everyone is ready to talk. Tonight: Listen to an ailing friend.

♎ LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Experience what someone else has to share. Investigate what news comes forward, though if it comes from someone you consider a bit grumpy, take another look. Empathize with this person. He or she might be having a hard time. Tonight: Go with the flow.

♏ SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Sometimes you see situations much differently than others do. Share your perceptions, but also be willing to hear someone else's. You like what goes on around you. Another emotes caring. Tonight: Plans can and will change.

♐ SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22- Dec. 21)
★★★★ When someone decides to show his or her true colors, he or she really does. You might be taken aback by another's sharing. Your perspective changes as a result. This person might be having a harder time than you think. Tonight: Take a step back.

♑ CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Keep aiming for more, now that you have the universe's attention and willingness. Others cheer you on, but they also do whatever they can do to help you. Use your imagination in a discussion involving a house project. Tonight: Let a partner air out a problem.

♒ AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You might understand more than you think as you attempt to move in a new direction. Your sense of humor combined with an easiness helps you get past a little hump in your day. A loved one speaks his or her mind. Tonight: A must appearance.

♓ PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Reach out to someone at a distance whom you care about. Your ability to talk about a problem helps you get through a problem. In fact, once the talking starts, it might be hard to end. New beginnings become possible. Tonight: Start thinking "winter vacation."

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LOCAL



Photo courtesy of Randy Williams

Randy Williams, a freelance sports event manager and Santa Monica resident, stands before Mt. Kilimanjaro in Tanzania, Africa, last month. Williams was one of about two dozen climbers who ascended the world's second-tallest peak in efforts to raise money and awareness for prostate cancer research.

Man goes to great heights for prostate cancer research

BY JAIME WETHERBE
Special to the Daily Press

Santa Monican Randy Williams watched day break on Sept. 18 at the closest spot on earth to the sun — Mt. Kilimanjaro.

But Williams, 45, said he didn't scale the world's second-highest mountain just for the exercise, but also to raise awareness for prostate cancer. And he did it despite not knowing anyone who has fallen victim to the disease that kills tens of thousands of men each year.

As part of the second international Prostate Cancer Climb, Williams and a group of about two dozen men and women — including three prostate cancer survivors — scaled Kilimanjaro, a 19,340-foot peak that lies close to the equator at the northeastern tip of Tanzania, Africa.

The trek of more than 72 miles lasted six and a half days, with climbers and guides ascending through five different climates, ranging from the jungle lowlands to the glacier-covered summit.

Though Williams isn't a prostate cancer survivor himself, after hearing about the climb through a friend he chose to participate because he felt it would prove to be an interesting way to draw public attention to prostate cancer.

"Instead of a benefit drive, climb a mountain," Williams said.

He also said he wanted to raise awareness for the necessity of early prostate cancer detection measures, including regular prostate checks and blood tests, beginning as early as 30 years old.

"If what I did can save one life because it draws awareness to prostate cancer, it will all be worth it," Williams said.

Each year, more than 200,000 men are diagnosed with prostate cancer in the United States, and close to 30,000 die from the disease, making it the second-leading cause of cancer deaths in men, according to the American Cancer Society.

However, prostate cancer is "one of the most treatable cancers if you get to it (in time)," Williams said.

The climb — sponsored by the non-profit Prostate Cancer Research Institute of Los Angeles — was established three years ago with the goal of raising \$1 million for prostate cancer research and public education.

Terry Weyman, a Los Angeles sports medicine doctor, started the Prostate Cancer Climb in 2000 after his father, Hap, a Hollywood production manager, died of the disease in 1990.

To date, about \$350,000 has been raised for the Hap Weyman Memorial Fund, with climbers and cancer survivors ascending Mt. Aconcagua, Argentina, in

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In order to participate, all 26 climbers had to raise at least \$2,000. Williams raised \$3,000.

"Randy Williams was one of our biggest fundraisers for the recent Kilimanjaro climb," said John Loesing, the Climb's project director.

As a freelance sports event manager, Williams has worked two world cups — in Japan and Los Angeles — and each of the last five summer Olympics.

Williams, who had no previous experience as a climber, trained for three months

before the climb. He also sought advice from a familiar source.

"My dad had done it in 1983," Williams said, adding that he made the climb at the age of 60. The younger Williams' climb marked the 20th anniversary of his dad's reaching Kilimanjaro's pinnacle.

This summer, the climb's expeditions will continue with an effort to reach the summit of Mt. Rainier, Wash. And in 2005, the third "Seven Summit" climb will see participants tackle Europe's highest peak — Mt. Elbrus, Russia.

As for Williams, he's keeping his eyes in the sky, setting his sights on reaching summits such as New Zealand's Mt. Cook.

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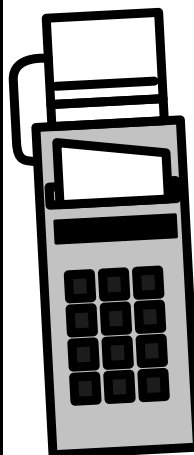
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LETTERS

Feinstein made his case for board seat

(Editor's note: This letter was written in June by Michael Feinstein to the representatives of the South Coast Air Quality Management District, a regional smog-fighting agency. It was given to the Daily Press by surfsantamonica.com, a Web site that features local news.)

Dear Editor:

I am writing because I seek to represent your city, and mine, on the South Coast Air Quality Management District Board, as representative from the Los Angeles County Western Region.

We all have an enormous interest in clean air — for our personal health, our environment and our economy.

I believe that clean air can best be achieved by combining a commitment to economy, environment, social justice and democracy. This would be a guiding principle for me on the SCAQMD Board.

The SCAQMD has jurisdiction over both stationary, area and some mobile sources of air pollution. I believe in strong environmental standards, in conjunction with economic policies that reward businesses that do the right thing.

On mobile sources, I'd prioritize investment and fleet rule incentives to promote alternative-fueled vehicles, including expanding the fueling infrastructure. Since diesel is such a significant part of our mobile source pollution, it is critical that we press for technologies to reduce and ultimately replace diesel emissions.

On stationary sources, addressing acute toxic hot spots across the region would be a priority. Toxic air emissions from refineries, metal platers, auto bodies and other practices can devastate communities. The principle of environmental justice has to inform our decisions right from the beginning.

There are also some specific challenges facing our region before the AQMD that will demand immediate attention.

While significant improvements in air quality have been made over the past two decades, Southern California continues to exceed the National Ambient Air Quality Standards, and often has the worst air quality in the nation. Our region is also in danger of failing to meet several federal pollution reduction standards in 2006 and 2010, as most of the substantial and feasible emission reductions have already been implemented.

Hence, our region is starving for emission reduction strategies, and there is an urgent need for new and innovative solutions. I come from a city with a strong, innovative record on air quality issues — an effort that I have played a leading role in. Santa Monica has been a municipal leader on sustainability and air quality issues, while maintaining a strong local economy and an AAA bond rating for our city government's finances.

At the same time that I would share the successful experiences of my city, I would also bring forward an important regional perspective.

As you well know, the nexus between air quality on one hand and transportation and land use on the other is critical. As the region's population growth places further pressure on development and air quality, the importance of sustainable land use patterns will only increase.

I have served on the Southern California Association of Government (SCAG) Energy and Environment Committee since 1997. That committee focuses on the energy and environmental implications of SCAG's regional transportation planning efforts.

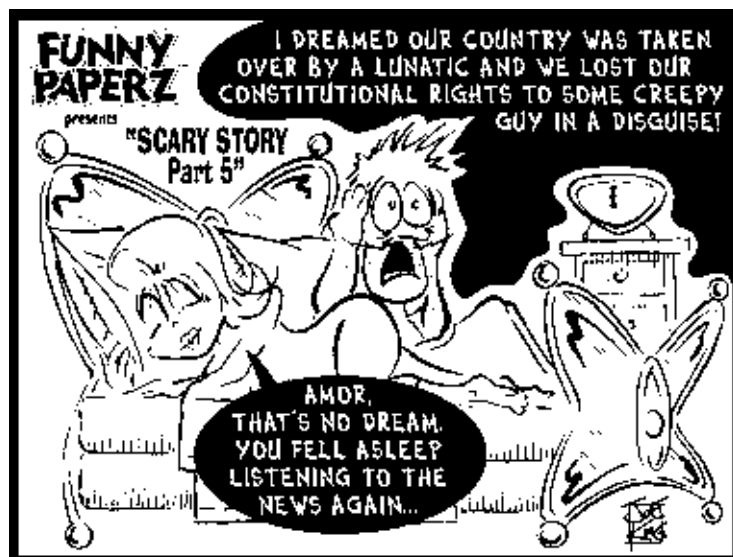
In 2001, I was also appointed to SCAG's Regional Growth Visioning Committee. That committee has been tasked with establishing a first-ever comprehensive land use plan for the entire six-county SCAG region, combining public transportation, job/housing balance and other land use strategies.

I have also served as a member of the California League of Cities Housing, Community and Economic Development Committee, as well as being active with ICLEI — the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives — an organization which shares successful approaches to sustainability from among more than 400 cities planet-wide. As such, I am well-positioned to bring important sustainability perspectives from local and regional governance to the SCAQMD Board.

Finally, I would also bring the personal political skills to help make this happen. Twice I have been elected to the Santa Monica City Council and once served a two-year term as Mayor. I bring a strong ideology/philosophy to my work, but I am also known as someone who listens to all sides. I have a reputation for being thorough, energetic and for getting things done in a unifying manner.

If you choose me as your representative, I will work hard to represent your city, our region and whole AQMD area.

Sincerely,
Michael Feinstein
City Councilmember



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Action, Jackson: New twenties getting star treatment



MODERN TIMES

By Lloyd Garver

In the past few weeks, you have probably seen those commercials advertising the new twenty-dollar bill. You may have also seen the full-page magazine ads promoting the new, improved twenty. In addition to some security features, the new bills have a colorful background. And if you tilt them up and down, the color in the number 20 in the lower right corner changes from copper to green and back to copper. The advertising campaign is fun and breezy.

I just have one question — Why is there an advertising campaign for money? Is the government afraid that if they don't do a good marketing job, we'll get our twenties someplace else?

Generally, advertising involves a product that somebody wants you to buy from them instead of from their competitor.

But there's no competition here. If we don't like the way these bills are printed, we can't exactly get our new twenties from Kinko's.

What are we going to see next, commercials for air? "The new air — It's cleaner. It's safer. Go breathe it."

What choice do we have?

And these are not cheap commercials, not like those from your local car dealership with the guy with the bad rug and a beer belly, videotaped by his son. These are high-quality commercials in prime time. The government is spending a lot of our new bills promoting our new bills.

They even have a web site about the new money. I checked it out by clicking onto www.moneyfactory.com/newmoney. So in case you people at the Treasury Department were wondering, I was the one who went to your web site.

Once there, I learned that the main reason for these new bills is to combat counterfeiting. But I also learned that "currency counterfeiting has consistently been kept low for more than 100 years." They estimate that the level of circulation of counterfeit notes is somewhere between

1/100 and 2/100 of 1 percent. I'm not saying that this is an acceptable level, and we shouldn't try harder. But how necessary was this change and the commercials that laud it right now? If you go around the country asking people what their biggest problems are, I don't think "getting stuck with counterfeit money" would be at the top of too many lists. I know it happens in the movies all the time, but I've never once returned to my hotel room with a suitcase, only to be disappointed that the million dollars in it is bogus.

I also learned that there will be changes in other bills soon. They plan to introduce new designs of bills every 7 to 10 years. So our money will become like a Volvo — they'll change it just enough so that we'll know it's a new model.

The web site also has a fun trivia game. That's where I learned that Martha Washington is the only woman whose portrait has appeared on paper money in the United States. I found that quite interesting and an important part of our history, a lot more interesting and important than the fact that our money is going to have new colors.

The timing of this thing is way off. Just when there are so many economic problems in the country, the government decides to print new money and advertise it as if it's something we all should cheer. Most people don't care what color money is as long as it's in their pockets. What would really make us cheer would be a new twenty-dollar bill that would actually buy more than the old one.

I'm going to send a copy of this column to John W. Snow, the Secretary of the Treasury. I'll let you know what he says about this whole thing. I'm aware that he may not respond. He probably has other things to do besides answer a disgruntled columnist. And I certainly wouldn't want to take him away from doing something really important, like picking out a tie in a new color.

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

LOCAL



Feinstein's attempt to buck big boys falls short

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Perry, who declined to comment on the investigation, launched a relatively intensive campaign for the agency seat, sending out a 23-page faxes to members and urging L.A. Mayor Jim Hahn to place calls on her behalf. An earlier election was held June 26, but neither Feinstein nor Perry won. Though Feinstein earned votes from nine of the 14 members present, Perry's five votes, one of which included L.A., represented an overwhelming 82.5 percent of the population.

Because of L.A.'s massive population — at 3.7 million, it controls 78 percent of the population in the western region — one of its council members has always held the seat. Most recently, former L.A. City Councilman Hal Bernson vacated it.

Rolling Hills Estate City Councilwoman Judy Mitchell said before the election she was still undecided. She had supported Feinstein in the past but didn't want to see the post stay vacant if the election was again continued. Mitchell said she was concerned about the investigation, but she questioned whether Feinstein has actually done anything wrong. She ended up voting for Feinstein.

El Segundo City Councilman Kelly McDowell said he was bothered by the investigation but that he had a better reason to vote against Feinstein — he needs Perry as a political ally to protect El

"... Plus, this thing about Feinstein bothers me. No one else seems really aware much of it."

— KELLY MCDOWELL
El Segundo City Councilman

Segundo residents from any further expansion at LAX.

"It's hard to collect those votes," he said. "That kind of support we like to reward because it's tough to find ... plus, this thing about Feinstein bothers me. No one else seems really aware much of it."

The western area is made up of 25 cities — Agoura Hills, Avalon, Beverly Hills, Carson, Compton, Culver City, El Segundo, Gardena, Hawthorne, Hermosa Beach, Hidden Hills, Inglewood, Lawndale, Lomita, Los Angeles, Manhattan Beach, Palos Verdes Estates, Rancho Palos Verdes, Redondo Beach, Rolling Hills, Rolling Hills Estates, Santa Monica, Torrance, West Hollywood and Westlake Village.

"I'm extremely excited," Perry said. "I have a strong environmental agenda and a great understanding that these issues of air quality and water quality don't stop at Florence or Alameda."

Responding to critics who say the board doesn't reflect the interests of the smaller

cities, Perry promised to work with an effort by the California League of Cities to change the way the board is comprised. One possible solution would be to model it after the board of the Metropolitan Transit Authority, which oversees transportation issues in L.A. County. The MTA has one seat for L.A. and the rest of the county is

divided into four regions, each of which have their own representative. Santa Monica City Councilwoman Pam O'Connor represents 16 cities on the west side to the MTA board.

Perry said she is committed to helping the smaller cities in their quest for representation on the AQMD board. She defended herself against concerns that she may follow in Bernson's footsteps and not play an active role on the board.

"As one who represents a very active area ... we have to prioritize our issues," she said.

"This is an important issue to me and once I make a commitment, I intend to stand by it."

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Man says good-bye to the father he never knew

MILLER, from page 1

crews couldn't reach the area until 1999. After crews finally retrieved the remains and personal items, DNA from family members enabled Miller to be identified. The entire crew was then flown home in 2000.

For Burch, an 85-year-old widow of three husbands — all of whom were bomber pilots — the burial of her first husband conjured up feelings of grief, sadness and relief.

"It's a nice feeling on a sad occasion," said Burch, who lives in Walla Walla, Wash. "I was really shocked because I never knew what happened ... My mind kept going over the life we had lived together."

Lt. Miller's body was the only one of the eight crew members that was identified. He was honored during a crew funeral in June at Arlington National Cemetery, where the unidentified remains of the soldiers were laid to rest and given a final salute.

The body of Lt. Miller was flown from Honolulu to Los Angeles this week so Miller and his family members could bury him in Santa Monica, where he was first stationed. He flew up and down the coast installing radar equipment.

"In the last two years, I have been developing emotions that I didn't think I was capable of. It's kind of an odd feeling," said the 60-year-old Miller, who works as a tax advisor on Wilshire Boulevard. "It happened so long ago, it didn't really affect me ... at the time I was growing up, it was just a given that children who didn't have fathers were killed in the war.

"But this has caused some emotions to come up."

As the sun peaked through a solar storm that lingered over the cemetery, Miller sat next to his son, David Miller II, 21, and his mother while Army soldiers, including a firing squad and a lone bugler, gave Lt. Miller a ceremonial burial. Miller's three sisters — Rose Ross, Mary Lue Hart and Katherine Casseday, all of whom live in Washington — also attended, as well as extended family members.

About 25 people, including a handful of Army uni-

formed personnel, attended funeral services at First United Methodist Church of Santa Monica on 11th Street, where Chaplain Alan Hendrickson of the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment spoke of a man he knew only through stories told to him.

"In some ways, as we celebrate today, he has returned home to Santa Monica, California," he said, standing in front of the casket covered with a United States flag, and flanked by red and white flowers. "We bury him today and we remember him today. We render military honors to one who has served his country."

Lt. Miller, who was born in Yuba City, Calif., in 1917, worked for the Oregon State Highway Department as a surveyor in Pendleton, Ore. He met Sarah at church and the two attended Oregon State College. They were married in 1937.

By the time Pearl Harbor was attacked by the Japanese in 1941, Lt. Miller had finished two years of college in civil engineering, but wanted to join the military to fight for his country. Over the protestations of his father, Lt. Miller joined the Army on the promise he wouldn't become a fighter or bomber pilot. In 1942, he graduated from officer's training in Illinois, specializing in communications. While he was stationed in Santa Monica, Lt. Miller was sent to Hawaii and received orders to take flight training. He was sent to the Philippines soon after and flew a C-47, flying radio equipment into a captured Japanese airbase. He was on his way to Hawaii from the Philippines in a B-25H, transporting soldiers, when it was lost.

The region where the plane was found is known to have consistently bad weather — fog and clouds can hover over the mountaintops for weeks. Apparently, treacherous winds took Lt. Miller's plane and slammed it headlong into the mountainside at full throttle.

Along with the United States flag that was draped over the coffin, the Army on Friday provided Miller with a new set of wings, symbolizing his father's old ones, which were mangled in the wreckage.

"I guess he slammed into the dashboard," Miller said, adding the site of the wreckage was gruesome, with remains spread along the rocks of the mountaintop. "The irony of it is he got all



Carolyn Sackariason/Daily Press

(Above) David Miller holds a picture of his father, Lt. Phillip Miller. The Santa Monica resident on Friday buried his father, who received full military honors, including a firing squad.

the way through the war and got killed by a storm."

Burch said she had received a letter from Australia by her husband just three days before he died. The correspondence said a new generator had been installed in the plane and that he was on his way to Hawaii.

"I never did hear from him again," she said, adding that the last time she spoke with him was a few weeks prior, when he was in Hawaii.

In 1946, Burch received a letter from an Army Air Force commanding general that informed her that her husband was assumed dead.

"May your sorrow be in some measure alleviated by the knowledge of the esteem in which your husband was held," the letter read.

Lt. Miller was regarded as a competent pilot who had earned the reputation for diligence and an earnestness of purpose, according to the letter.

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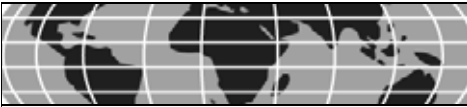
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WORLD BRIEFLY

Palestinian gunmen kill three Israelis, officials say

By The Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Palestinian gunmen infiltrated a Jewish settlement in Gaza, killing three Israelis and wounding two others early Friday, Israeli officials said, adding one of the attackers was shot to death.

The attack came as Israel disclosed that a security barrier being built along the West Bank could become a unilaterally imposed border annexing the strategic Jordan River Valley to Israel, a development that could further strain the peace process.

Military officials said that around 4 a.m. the infiltrators cut through a fence of the settlement at Netzarim, southwest of Gaza City, entered the settlement and opened fire. Two Israeli women and a man were killed.

Soldiers shot and killed one of the Palestinians, who was armed with an automatic rifle, the officials said. Troops were looking for another, but heavy fog was hampering the search, the officials said.

In a phone call to The Associated Press, the militant Islamic Jihad said one of its members carried out the shooting together with a gunman from Hamas.

Bush bookends world tour by soliciting re-election funds

By The Associated Press

HONOLULU — President Bush ended a whirlwind tour of Asia and Australia just as he began it: raising money for his own 2004 re-election campaign.

Bush stopped for 12 hours in Hawaii on Thursday on his way back to Washington, taking a tour of Pearl Harbor, visiting an elementary school, catching up on the World Series in his hotel room, meeting with Pacific island leaders and attending a fund-raising dinner that added \$600,000 to his campaign coffers.

"After eight days and 18,000 miles in the air, it's great to be back in America," Bush told contributors. "I visited with some of our strongest allies in the war on terror, some of the nation's most important trading partners. We made progress on a broad agenda."

Bush was to be back in the Oval Office on Friday, after a whirlwind tour of six Eastern Hemisphere nations.

Hawaii was the last stop on a fast-paced trip to Asia and Australia to thank Iraq war allies and to attend a 21-nation Asia-Pacific economic summit.

Criminal charges may slow ferry crash investigation

By The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The possibility that criminal charges will be filed in the Staten Island ferry crash may slow the search for the cause of the accident, a former senior transport official said.

The ferry captain, whose actions are part of a criminal investigation, has defied a subpoena to talk to National Transportation Safety Board officials.

That makes the Staten Island probe one of a growing number of safety investigations complicated by their subjects' fear of criminal prosecution, the NTSB's former managing director said Thursday.

"You cannot ask an individual to voluntarily give up his right against self-incrimination simply because the NTSB has a safety investigation to complete," said Peter

Goelz, who was managing director from 1996 to 2000.

"It just is becoming more and more common that there's at least a threat of criminal prosecution. It's having a very chilling effect on the safety investigations."

Capt. Michael Gansas did not appear for either of two scheduled interviews with the NTSB this week. Mayor Michael Bloomberg called his recalcitrance "an outrage" and began the process of firing him.

The Staten Island district attorney's office said this week it was sending out subpoenas in its probe of the Oct. 15 ferry crash, which killed 10 people and injured dozens.

Wal-Mart reportedly knew workers were illegals

By The Associated Press

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Wal-Mart had direct knowledge of immigration violations involving its cleaning contractors at stores across the country, federal law enforcement sources said.

Federal agents raided Wal Mart's headquarters and 60 of its stores across the nation Thursday, arresting more than 300 illegal workers in an immigration crackdown at the world's biggest retailer.

The workers were members of cleaning crews hired by outside contractors, but federal law enforcement officials who spoke on the condition of anonymity said Wal-Mart knew of the violations. They cited recordings of meetings and conversations among Wal-Mart executives, managers and contractors.

"We have seen no evidence of this from the INS, and, if that turns out to be true, we will cooperate fully with law enforcement officials," Wal-Mart spokeswoman Mona Williams said.

The workers were arrested as they finished their night shifts at Wal-Mart stores in 21 states.

The arrests were made at stores in Alabama, Arkansas, Arizona, Connecticut, Delaware, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Maryland, Michigan, North Carolina, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina,

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

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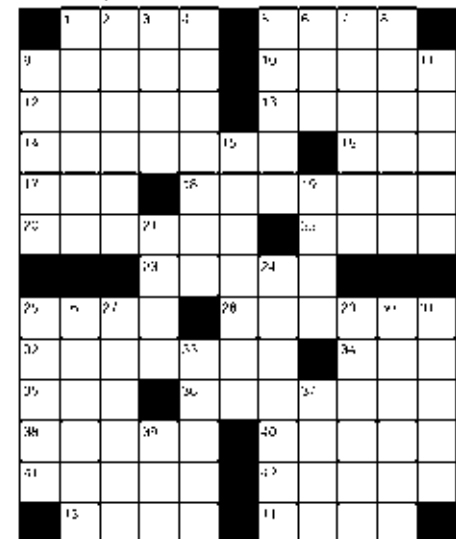
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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Singer Shakira's new venue: Ambassador for UNICEF

By The Associated Press

■ **GENEVA** — Shakira has been appointed a goodwill ambassador for UNICEF, the United Nations children's agency said Friday.

The 26-year-old singer is the youngest person and the first Colombian to serve as UNICEF ambassador.

"UNICEF has done tremendous work in my home nation ... and I have seen firsthand the difference UNICEF makes," Shakira said in a statement.

"It's rewarding to know that I join such a great list of stars supporting UNICEF, and can personally contribute to improving the lives and futures of children."

Since 1954, when the late comedian Danny Kaye became the first goodwill ambassador for the United Nations Children's Fund, leading personalities in the arts, sports, literature and public life have traveled the world advertising the world body's work.

Shakira, who lives in Miami and has won a Latin Grammy and numerous MTV awards, joins a list of past and present UNICEF ambassadors that includes the late Audrey Hepburn, Harry Belafonte, Roger Moore, Vanessa Redgrave, Jessica Lange and Mia Farrow.

Currently, there are about 100 goodwill ambassadors chosen by various U.N. agencies. Other youthful ambassadors include 28-year-old actress Angelina Jolie, who has represented the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees since 2001.

■ **NEW YORK** — One fashion icon is partnering with another: Nicole Kidman is the new face of Chanel.

The French luxury house announced Friday that Kidman is the new celebrity spokeswoman for Chanel No. 5, the top-selling fragrance in the world. The iconic perfume was introduced in 1921.

"Ms. Kidman was chosen because she represents a

unique standard of elegance and embodies the spirit and modernity of Chanel," the company said in a statement.

Baz Luhrmann, who directed the 36-year-old actress in the musical "Moulin Rouge," is creating, directing and producing the ad campaign, which will be ready in the fall of 2004.

Kidman isn't the first celebrity to be featured in Chanel ads, but the company has used stars, including Catherine Deneuve and more recently Estella Warren, when they were still up-and-comers — unlike Kidman, who's at the height of her celebrity after winning the best-actress Oscar this year for "The Hours."

While this three-year deal links Kidman to Chanel's beauty division, she's no stranger to the brand. When she wore a pink Chanel couture gown designed by Karl Lagerfeld to the 2002 Academy Awards, Tom Julian, the official fashion commentator for Oscar.com, said Kidman had created "a fashion moment."

Kidman's latest film, "The Human Stain," comes out Oct. 31.

■ **NEW YORK** — When Ashton Kutcher started dating Demi Moore seven months ago, he didn't just get a new girlfriend.

Kutcher has become a sort of surrogate father to Moore's children with Bruce Willis: Rumer, 15; Scout, 12; and Tallulah Belle, 9. He drives them to school and soccer practice and has even attended parent-teacher conferences at their schools.

The co-star of the Fox sitcom "That '70s Show" says he wouldn't have it any other way.

"Being a part of molding anyone's life is an incredible thing. It's an unbelievable addition to my life," Kutcher tells TV Guide for its Nov. 1 issue. "I feel like they've been shafted in the deal. I get four of them (including Moore), and all they get is me. They got the

short end of the stick."

Kutcher, 25, and Moore, 40, have been gossip-column fodder because of the difference in their ages, but he's unabashedly romantic about the "G.I. Jane" star.

"She's everything to me," Kutcher says. "Funny, sweet, she's anything she wants to be."

■ **NASHVILLE, Tenn.** — Bluegrass picker Del McCoury will be inducted into the Grand Ole Opry this weekend, more than 50 years after Earl Scruggs and Bill Monroe inspired him on the famed radio show.

"I've listened to the Opry as far back as I can remember," the 64-year-old McCoury said Thursday. "My dad and my older brother listened, the whole family really. It's just something we had to do on a Saturday night."

On the Opry he heard Monroe, Scruggs and Lester Flatt — men who would become his friends and mentors.

"I heard Earl Scruggs play that three-finger roll, and it's what got me into music really," he said.

His first performance on the show was in 1963 while a member of Monroe's Blue Grass Boys.

"Oh boy, I'm telling you that was probably the most nervous I've been because I had listened to it since I was a little kid," he said. "I always figured it was the greatest show on earth."

McCoury performs Friday and Saturday night on the Opry, with his induction set for Saturday.

He's the patriarch of the Del McCoury Band, a traditional bluegrass group that includes his two sons, Ronnie and Rob.

The band has been embraced by Grateful Dead-inspired jam bands drawn to their playing. Leftover Salmon, String Cheese Incident and Phish are among the groups that have performed or recorded with McCoury, giving him broader exposure than most bluegrass outfits.

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