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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

The Los Angeles County child-support agency, on the losing side of a June California Court of Appeal paternity decision, asked the state Supreme Court to officially not tell anyone about the decision, so as to discourage additional paternity challenges. (Normally in America, if a man acquiesces that he is the father of a child, he is permanently responsible for child support, until adulthood, even if a DNA test later proves he is not the father. Going against the grain, the appeals court overturned Manual Navarro's paternity order based on a DNA test, and the agency petitioned the high court in August to "de-publish" that decision, fearing that other "fathers" might get negative DNA tests and thus stop paying support.) (Update: The state enacted a statute in October permitting such paternity challenges.)

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"No one is so eager to gain new experience as he who doesn't know how to make use of the old ones."

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SM homeowners split at the polls

(Editor's note: This is the second article in a series examining how local neighborhoods voted in the Nov. 2 City Council election.)

BY JOHN WOOD

Daily Press Staff Writer

NORTH OF MONTANA — If it were up to voters here, Tuesday's Santa Monica City Council election would have had decidedly different results.

Residents of the broad, tree-lined streets north of Montana Avenue voted overwhelmingly for change in City Hall, throwing their support behind a group of

three challengers and one incumbent that were also backed by local merchants.

Meanwhile, across town in Sunset Park, a neighborhood comprised of single-family homes surrounding Santa Monica College, voters had a different take. Election returns show Sunset Park residents voted in line with much of the city, backing three incumbents

See **TWO TAKES**, page 4

Governor taps local man as his cabinet secretary

By Daily Press staff

SACRAMENTO — A Santa Monica man was appointed this week by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger to serve as his cabinet secretary.

Terry Tamminen, 52, has served as secretary for the state's environmental protection agency for nearly as long as Schwarzenegger has been in office.

"Terry has been a bold and innovative counselor to me as a

CalEPA secretary over the past year," Schwarzenegger said. "He has a contagious passion for public policy and will be a tremendous advocate to translate my vision for California into action. I look forward to his guidance and advice as we work together with my cabinet secretaries to shape policy that benefits all of California and keeps our state on the path to economic recovery."

See **TAMMINEN**, page 9

Film a tough sell in Texas

Filmmaker presses the flesh with community

(Editor's note: This is the second installment in a series following the efforts of local resident Matt Stanton to produce an independent feature film.)

OPLIN, TEX. — The towering elk stood steadfast with its steely stare, unmoved by the obvious outsiders causing a commotion

just beyond its high-rise retaining fence. The flickering red light of the video recorder only fed into its cool resolve.

As filmmaker Matt Stanton warned the doomed animal to make a break for it, before its fate would be determined by millionaire trophy hunters, it was hard to tell whether the Santa Monica resident was speaking to the animal or himself, now on the precipice of filming an independent feature

See **TEXAS TWO-STEP**, page 5

Sweet nothings



Susan Tam/Special to the Daily Press

Actress Daryl Hannah spends some quality time on Friday with one of the horses from 'Cavalia.' Hannah was under the big top, located at the beach parking lot north of the Santa Monica Pier, for a dress rehearsal for the performance, which opens on Wednesday.



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CALL OF THE WILD: A black panther keeps careful watch of the Oplin, Texas, ranch where a Santa Monica production team hopes to film an independent movie.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★ Your morning mood could go down the drain because of an unexpected upset or insight. A misunderstanding or need to change plans might be at the base of the problem. Relax and do what you need to do to chill out. Are you overreacting? Tonight: Make it easy.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★ You might want to stay home, but even more important is indulging a child or loved one. Sometimes you might need to say "no" to friends. Dedicate your day to those you love. A partner might not understand your attitude. Have a long-overdue talk. Tonight: Let your hair down.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Pressure builds around your home. Demands come from the outside world. Learn to say "no." You might upset several people. Take care of your immediate circle. A partner or loved one is confused. Make sure you schedule a talk or discussion. Tonight: Close to home.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Handle finances directly. You might be concerned about unexpected news from a distance. Change plans. Use the extra time to get out and do something you have wanted to do. You need to do some reorganization at home and with plans. Tonight: Catch up on news over dinner.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You need to finish or do what is important in the morning. Later on in the day, you might want to do some price comparison about a new purchase for a child or loved one. Investigate options and set a financial boundary. Risking could backfire. Tonight: It's your treat.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Your energy picks up as the day gets older. You have more charisma than you are aware of. Don't worry, but open up a chat within your domestic or personal circle. You don't want a misunderstanding to exist. Tonight: Whatever makes you happy.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★ Know when to vanish, like today. You might have something on your mind that is upsetting you. Take care of yourself. You cannot function with your nerves fried. Don't take another's comments personally, which might be quite hard to do. Tonight: Do your thing.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Friends push you; they want your company. Unfortunately, you could upset a child or loved one if you do what you want. Count on making it up to this person. Schedule time for something that means a lot to him or her. You can have a win-win situation here. Tonight: Don't overspend.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ You might be juggling more than you can handle. You might need to put in extra time at work or with a community project. You find that a family member creates uproar, as he or she wants you home. Be clear in order to avoid a misunderstanding. Tonight: Call it a night as early as possible.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ If you want to take off and do something different, go for it. Still, last-minute hassles might force you to cancel your adventure. It will be difficult to understand why a person is acting as he or she is. Let go of an immediate knee-jerk reaction. Try to understand. Tonight: Rent a movie or go where there is music.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Once more, you pull the wild card financially. An associate might not be as easygoing as you would like. Understand what is happening with friends and loved ones. Try to sort through a misunderstanding. You can gain if you play it conservatively. Tonight: Let a friend or loved one lead.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You react, and others become controlling. You might find people all over the place emotionally and intellectually. Sort through a misunderstanding with someone you have to answer to. Let others run the show. Go along for the ride. Tonight: Accept an invitation.

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LOCAL



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

For the Arts kicks off fundraising season

By Daily Press staff

Give local school students a chance to pick up a paintbrush or a musical instrument by attending one of the events put on by the Education Foundation of Santa Monica.

This holiday season, five events that bring together artistic expression across all mediums to benefit For The Arts, a community-wide effort to ensure that every student in local public schools receives a broad introduction to the arts.

“To many people’s surprise, Santa Monica’s student body is 43 percent minority,” said Linda Gross, executive director of the education foundation of Santa Monica-Malibu. “A third have yearly household incomes of under \$22,500; a third receive subsidized lunches. This is a very diverse community with real educational challenges that the Ed Foundation and For The Arts are trying to meet.

“Many kids have never been to a live performance, never seen dance, and never been shown paintings or art,” she added.

The Education Foundation was established 22 years ago to provide funding for public school programs in Santa Monica and Malibu. For The Arts, launched two years ago, raises money to establish arts programs throughout the school district.

Upcoming events:

■ Sam Francis online art auction: Nov. 8–14.

An on-line auction featuring the sale of 25 signed color lithographs and eight signed black and white lithographs from the Sam Francis collection. The works range through the 1970s, ’80s and ’90s. The collection is to be auctioned on E-Bay from Nov. 8-14. Log on to: <http://stores.ebay.com/fortheartsartauction>.

■ For The Arts will present a special benefit performance of Westside Ballet’s “The Nutcracker” on Friday, Dec. 10, at the Wadsworth Theater. The holiday classic will feature young dancers from the community, as well as professional guest stars. All monies raised from this special performance will support ongoing funding for dance programs in Santa Monica and Malibu schools. VIP tickets with preferred seating, \$100; adult supporter, \$50; children 12 and under, \$25.

■ Grammy Jam: Earth, Wind & Fire, Saturday, Dec. 11 at The Wiltern LG.

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■ For The Arts holiday gift cards.

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To order cards or purchase tickets, call The Ed Foundation at (310) 396-4557, or e-mail smmef@smmusd.org.

Lulu sets example for St. Joseph Center

By Daily Press staff

Success is sweet when you’re Maria de de Lourdes “Lulu” Sobrino.

Fourteen mentors, teens and staff from St. Joseph Center’s Sisters For Success (SFS) program visited Lulu’s Dessert factory on Oct. 23 and learned the secret for success from Sobrino. Sobrino arrived from Mexico in 1982 and has built from her own kitchen a \$15 million-a-year business making and selling 50 different kinds of ready-to-eat low-calorie gelatin desserts.

“Gelatin is consumed by the most vulnerable of our society,” says Sobrino, who serves as chair of the Hispanic/Latin American Council for Business Women’s Network in Washington, D.C.

St. Joseph Center’s SFS mentoring program started at their family center in 1996 and strives to give youth from working poor families a chance to meet and interact with adults who are successful in their careers, and who are positive in their behavior and outlook.

Sisters For Success activities include camping trips, visits to businesses, health

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SURF REPORT

Today, look for NW swell to fade as new, SW and NW swells build. Northern LA spots see the SW swell for inconsistent knee-waist high surf at many breaks with occasional sets up to chest high at standout spots. South Bay breaks drop into the knee-high range with occasional waist-plus sets at best combo breaks in the north half of the bay. Winds are variable out of the S in the morning, building SW 6-10 knots for the afternoon.

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SUNDAY	11:57	2.1	11:51	0.7	6:08	4.7	5:29	4.4
MONDAY	N/A	N/A	12:33	1.4	6:25	5.1	6:18	4.5
TUESDAY	12:20	0.8	1:08	0.7	6:44	5.5	7:05	4.5
WEDNESDAY	12:49	1.0	1:45	0.0	7:08	6.0	7:51	4.5
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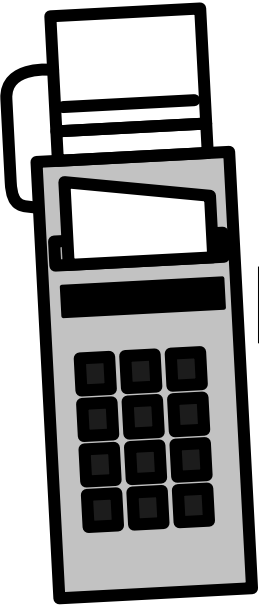
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LOCAL

Dinolfo enjoyed strong showing in Sunset Park

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and one challenger.

The two wealthiest neighborhoods in Santa Monica did agree on two candidates, however. One was Bobby Shriver, a Kennedy family descendant and California parks commissioner who garnered more votes than any other candidate in both communities. The second was the incumbent Herb Katz, an architect who has long represented the council minority.

Shriver, who lives north of Montana, and Katz, a Sunset Park resident, came in first and third, respectively, in the city-wide vote. Mayor Richard Bloom and City Councilman Ken Genser rounded out the top four, and each will have a seat on the seven-member City Council through 2008. Genser lives north of Montana. Bloom resides in Sunset Park.

Nearly 70 percent of Santa Monica’s 61,000-plus registered voters cast ballots on Nov. 2, with roughly 8,500 voting by absentee ballot.

Rather than vote for the incumbents Bloom and Genser, residents north of Montana threw their support behind challengers Matt Dinolfo and Kathryn Morea, an analysis of election returns from that neighborhood’s 10 voting precincts shows.

Genser wasn’t surprised.

“Clearly, it’s an attitude difference,” he said. “How to describe it, I’m not sure ... It’s just traditional. The northeast corner of the city is traditionally the most conservative.”

Shriver, on the other hand, said he thought there was more significance to the results, adding the quantity of votes he received was unprecedented.

“For someone in 2 and 1/2 months to beat guys who have been in politics for a long time, in their home precincts, by a substantial margin, there must be an idea there,” he said. “People do not respond to things because people have a nice smile. I never believed that. Otherwise every single member of family would win every time they run, and there have been members of my family who haven’t won.”

Shriver, Katz, Dinolfo and Morea belonged to a slate backed by the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce and were buoyed by support from local business interests. The group’s mantra was change, and it criticized City Hall for being overly bureaucratic and too soft on homelessness. Dinolfo finished sixth in the polls citywide. Morea came in eighth.

In Sunset Park, the race was tighter. Though residents from Sunset Park’s 11 voting precincts backed the four that ultimately won seats, challenger Dinolfo came within 16 votes of replacing Genser for the fourth position. Morea fell back by more than 200 votes, to eighth, trailing challengers Maria Loya, a Pico neighborhood activist, and Patricia Hoffman, a former school board president who ended up fifth in the polls citywide.

Though some candidates said where they lived played only a small role in the votes cast, Katz suggested it may have made a bigger difference, especially for Bloom, who founded the Friends of Sunset Park group. Other factors were at play north of Montana, according to Katz, who said many

Divided we stand

Day at the Park

Here’s how the top 11 City Council candidates fared among Sunset Park voters:

1)	Bobby Shriver	3,151
2)	Richard Bloom	2,139
3)	Herb Katz	2,072
4)	Ken Genser	1,635
5)	Matt Dinolfo	1,619
6)	Maria Loya	1,567
7)	Patricia Hoffman	1,442
8)	Kathryn Morea	1,321
9)	Michael Feinstein	1,132
10)	David Cole	537
11)	Bill Bauer	426

The NOMA way

Here’s how the top 11 candidates fared with voters north of Montana:

1)	Bobby Shriver	2,983
2)	Herb Katz	2,096
3)	Matt Dinolfo	1,977
4)	Kathryn Morea	1,559
5)	Richard Bloom	1,126
6)	Ken Genser	851
7)	Patricia Hoffman	799
8)	Maria Loya	551
9)	Michael Feinstein	510
10)	David Cole	442
11)	Bill Bauer	277

(Source: An analysis of Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder election returns from the voting precincts in Sunset Park and the neighborhood north of Montana Avenue.)

(Note: In each neighborhood, one of the voting precincts tallied also juts into a neighboring community. However, an analysis of the returns show the ranking of the candidates would not be affected if that entire precinct were not considered.)

voters were galvanized against City Hall after being targeted for having tall hedges.

“I think that had a lot to do with that,” he said.

Shriver had a different take.

“There are just as many hedges in Sunset Park as in north of Montana,” Shriver said, adding residents all over the city were eager for change.

Bloom, Genser, Hoffman and Loya belonged to a slate backed by the powerful tenant group Santa Monicans for Renters’ Rights, which has endorsed a majority of City Council candidates for 19 of the past 26 years. Though it lost one council seat this past election, SMRR already had two members on the council and, therefore, maintained a 4-3 majority.

The race wasn’t nearly as close north of Montana as in Sunset Park. Shriver took a dominant lead with nearly 3,000 votes, followed by Katz with 2,096 votes, Dinolfo (1,977) and Morea (1,559). Bloom came in a distant fifth (1,126), followed by Genser (851) and Hoffman (799), returns from the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder show.

INTERESTED IN YOUR DAILY FORECAST?

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LOCAL



Michael Tittinger/The Daily Press

TONGUE-IN-CHEEK: Wayne Campbell, a member of Santa Monica filmmaker Matt Stanton's production team, goofs around with an armadillo that met its demise while scouting film locations in Western Texas.

Where the wild things are: Film crew messes with Texas

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in a faraway land.

"Bless you, bro ... I hope you run, run with all your might when they set you out there," he said, holding still the Sony palmcorder. "People are ready to blow your ass away."

Recently, Stanton and sidekick Wayne Campbell, whom he aptly describes as his "comic relief," recently completed their second trip deep into the heart of Western Texas, a region of open expanses where Stanton hopes to shoot his script dubbed "North Starr."

His other hope is that the people will be equally open-minded.

Having already secured numerable locations on which to shoot the project during a three-day blitz in early August, this stop in Bush country was all about the people. Sitting across from a dozen or so local residents in the Oplin High School gymnasium — all that remains of the now-defunct Oplin High School — Stanton laid his cards on the table.

"I have a wonderful story to tell, but I'm not gonna sit here and try to sell you," he told the collection of ranchers, housewives and students. "I honestly think we can make one of the best films of the year."

"We're gonna make a winner ... because the script's a winner and your town's a winner."

Convinced he needs the town's approval, as well as assistance, in order to see the production through, Stanton enlisted Campbell's estranged father, Doug Campbell, to spread the word of the Tuesday night gathering. The younger Campbell, who now resides on the outskirts of Cleveland, Ohio, hadn't spoken with his father for more than a decade before the film project began to gain some momentum, just one of the many sidebars that makes this decidedly un-Hollywood project an intriguing tale in its own right.

The makeshift production team spent close to two hours explaining the intricacies and necessary sacrifices involved in filming a full-length feature film. Told to expect in upwards of 30 people at the meeting, an unfazed Stanton addressed

the handful on hand with equal aplomb and enthusiasm, showing no signs of disappointment in the meager turnout.

"That's OK, the word is gonna spread," he said while smoking a Camel outside the meeting place. "Next time, there will be twice as many. That's the way it works down here ... people are gonna want to be a part of this."

At least, Stanton hopes so.

In addition to a short biography, script summary and Daily Press news article detailing his first visit to the area in the summer, his town meeting handout also included a request list seeking contributions such as location use, farm equipment and even meals for a hungry crew.

If the reaction of those on hand was any indication, the fledgling filmmaker can expect to receive considerable assistance from the community, with the majority signing a contact sheet and reviewing the request list as they filed out into the warm autumn night.

Doug Campbell, whose dedication to daylong-cooked brisket and his quasi-Neil Young sideburns make him a natural to portray the film's bar owner "Slag," carefully studied the request list overnight, telling Stanton the following day "some of these things might be hard to put together."

In Stanton's eyes, any assistance from the locals is welcome.

"We are so lucky," he often tells Wayne Campbell.

During the course of the meeting, Stanton repeatedly reassured those on hand that his was not a vanity project, nor a money-driven scheme. In what could be construed as a Hollywood pitch intended to tug on the heartstrings of the local community, he promised they would share in any rewards reaped from the effort, touting the possible donation of such things as a new fire truck.

But the notion was earnest. Towns like Oplin and Baird and Putnam, Texas, are just such places that drip with Americana, the types of towns that do yearn for a shiny new fire truck, the kind of people who will drive 20 minutes to deliver a

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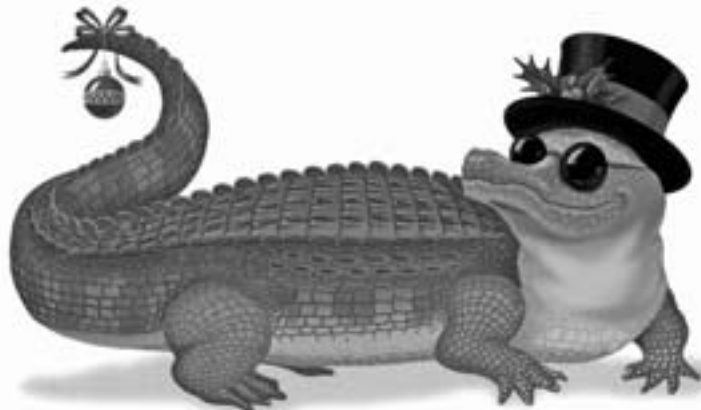
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OPINION

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Former candidate offers congratulations

Editor:
 Congratulations to Bobby, Richard, Herb and Ken (almost in the order I predicted). Good luck.
 I did about what I expected after running an extremely negative campaign against development, tourism, traffic, airport pollution, SMMR, subsidizing the homeless industry and Prop. S.
 I will never again run for City Council as a member of the Green Party, but I will continue to lobby for grassroots, participatory, electronic democracy to empower the residents of Santa Monica and exclude special interests.

Jon Mann
 Santa Monica

Setting kids up for failure

Editor:
 In your article on Nov. 1, some of the school districts claim they are being held to unreachable goals. That is just not true. We are setting up these students to fail by teaching them in Spanish and not allowing them the opportunity to be fluent in English.
 My public elementary school didn't have any classes in Spanish in 1980. My teachers found the time to teach me English when my family could not. I listened to tapes, read along with books and took practice tests every week. Within six months after arriving in the U.S. from El Salvador, this 10-year-old was fluent in English, and later went on to graduate from college.
 "No Child Left Behind" is a wonderful title — it's too bad that too many children will be left behind because we have a system that robs them of the chance for a better education. Why are the schools so determined to keep Latinos from learning in English and becoming successful? The article claims that it takes years to teach a new language to Spanish-speakers. I know from personal experience that you can give a child six months with immersion in English, and they can be fluent.
 Why can't Spanish-speaking students read the tests? It's shamefully clear from the

article that we're not teaching them to. Why are the schools determined to hold these students to lower expectations than children from the rest of the world? Why do we need a Spanish-language test in California? We know that when these children grow up and want to go to college or get better and higher paying jobs, they will be required to have a command of the English language.
 Coachella Valley Superintendent Foch Pensis should be embarrassed to admit that at Oasis Elementary tests show most students know less than 15 words of English. Stop wasting taxpayers' money and resources on lawsuits and start teaching these kids more than 15 words of English.
 Victoria Ciudadreal
 Brentwood

English as a second language needs standards

Editor:
 In regards to the article "Lawsuits expected against no child left behind" (SMDP, Nov. 1, page 14).
 I am a child of immigrant parents. To teach a student using any language other than English in the United States is to force that student to become a day laborer, dishwasher or gardener. This practice is shameful and un-American. Principle Elizabeth Clipper and her staff of racists are wrong to think it takes "four to seven years to teach a child the language" if they are Latinos. The exchange student program has proven for years that children can learn languages very fast. The Mormons send students every year on missions all over the world with less than a year of language training, yet they can convert people to their faith and speak fluently. To assume that Latinos are stupid and require a special test is insulting. No special test is being made for the large Asian population that is flooding the university system.
 It is about time we have standard testing that holds the teachers accountable to make sure all children can read, write and do arithmetic in English. English is the language that will get them higher paying jobs, and a better life for them and their family. Viva La Raza!
 David Alsabery
 Santa Monica

Dems can't find their way through an open door



MODERN
TIMES
BY LLOYD GARVER

I can't take the pressure of waiting for the results of another close election. A landslide would have been nice, but even a good old overwhelming victory would have put an end to this year's drama by bedtime. And both parties could have done it, but they blew it.
 For the second election in a row, the Republicans practically handed the Democrats a straight flush. The incumbent got us into a war for reasons other than those that he told us before the war. He ran up a huge deficit. The war isn't going well. People are out of work. Humanitarian programs have been cut.

Social Security is in jeopardy. Elderly people are standing on street corners with signs that read, "Will work for flu shots." And right before the election, the public learned that 380 tons of explosives disappeared on Bush's watch; 380 tons is the equivalent of more than 60 elephants. I have the feeling that if the Zookeeper-in-Chief of the United States couldn't explain why he lost 60 elephants, he wouldn't be re-elected.
 And yet, despite all this, the Democrats couldn't pull it off. If the Democrats ran unopposed, they'd find a way to lose.
 George Bush also had the opportunity to win by an even bigger margin. Instead of admitting and acknowledging even one mistake over four years, he was "stead-fast" in saying that everything was going well. Think about how people would view you if you never apologized for anything and insisted that everything you did was

right. If he had just said, "I made some mistakes, things aren't going exactly as I'd like, but I think I can turn things around, and I'd like you to give me that chance," he might have had the respect of many more people.
 If he had dialed back his position that he rules by Divine Right a bit, he might not have scared off some voters. If he had let Colin Powell out of house arrest and permitted him to speak, maybe he would have gotten more votes from the center. If he had asked Dick Cheney to just be a teeny bit less mean, maybe those people who winced when the mud was flung wouldn't have voted Democratic.
 But, these things didn't happen.
 So, I don't think either side deserves any future big recounts, lawsuits, or putting us through the tension of a close election again. From now on, let them just toss a coin. The winner gets to be presi-

dent, the loser gets to make zillions from writing a book.
 Of course, if they tossed a coin, it would probably land on its edge. Or if it didn't, the instant it landed one way, the other candidate would childishly say, "Best two out of three." Conspiracy theorists would point out that an independent party did not provide the coin. All the coins in the nation would have to be tested for fairness.
 And, yep, we'd all be saying, "Oh, no. Not again."
 (Lloyd Garver has written for many television shows, ranging from "Sesame Street" to "Family Ties" to "Frasier." He writes the "Modern Times" column for CBSnews.com's opinion page and can be reached at smdp@lloydgarvermodern-times.com).



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OPINION



The QLine

GRIM EXPECTATIONS AFTER CITY ELECTIONS

This past week, Q-line asked:

What do you expect from your City Council in the coming years?

Here are your responses:

☉ From Bloom, Katz, Holbrook and O'Connor, I expect more of the same that they have done in the past, which residents have been complaining about for a long time. From McKeown and Genser, I expect concern for residents' issues, which they have shown in the past. From Shriver, I hope he can deliver on at least some of which he talked about. And I hope some of the candidates that did not get elected, such as Morea and Feinstein, will stay involved, because they have a lot to contribute but were squeezed out by the big money and power groups in the city."

☉ "It seems that Bobby Shriver is the new god or something in Santa Monica, and he said that he was going to take care of the homeless. So I hope that this new god will take the time to take care of the homeless. We don't need just another figure head. We need the homeless situation to be taken care of."

☉ "For the incoming City Council: Get these freeloading, filthy bums out of our city. Undo the traffic causing nightmares of the previous administration. Hold the overbuilding and the traffic and parking congestion this causes, and is causing, plus many more horrors that will have to be undone, due to the previous, inept, administration. And a sense of a responsibility — they should all have signs in their offices, a la Harry Truman, 'The Buck Stops Here.'"

☉ "I do not expect anything from the City Council at all. Anyone with a microscopic iota of gray matter understands that municipalities are under the control of the various department heads of the city — namely, the city manager, the city attorney, planning and building departments, the chief of police, and the managers of the city yards who maintain the city. The council functions on recommendations made by these departments. In a life or death situation, I call the 911 emergency line. If I see a pothole, I call the city yard. I cannot ever in my whole life recall calling a city council member for anything. I also find it interesting that city members know the names of the city councilmen, but not the names of the department heads. Trust me, this is a mistake, if a resident needs something done in an expeditious manner."

☉ "Yes, I hope we have a serious change in the City Council, because most of them are a bunch of a-holes. And I hope that we'll get some new influx of blood, and all kinds of other good things, and maybe shape up and smell the coffee."

☉ "What I expect from the City Council in the coming year, since all but one incumbent was re-elected, is more of the same that everyone complains about."

☉ "I expect more of the same and I hope, however, that they will synchronize the traffic lights. I like low density. I'm glad they have a four-story height limit for most of Santa Monica."

☉ "More of the same. More hassling of businesses, more coddling the bums and letting them take over the Third Street Promenade, and all the parks, and everywhere else."

☉ "Yes, I think the No. 1 priority is to get the villains, a.k.a, homeless, off our streets, our doorsteps, our parks. We can't walk our dogs or go for an early morning or early evening walk without having to be accosted by one of these villains. And that should be the No. 1 priority of the City Council."

☉ "Worse, and more of it."

☉ "Same old, same old. The City Council functions mainly as a megaschool board. With three incumbents re-elected, what's the big difference? The newcomer and top vote-getter poured in enough money and family connections for a run for congress. Two very different young women from the Pico district ran for City Council and the third one ran for the school board. None made it. So I'd rather not, I'm afraid if we're going to bring about anything, we're going to have to go district elections."

☉ "What I expect the City Council to do is to ensure safe drinking water, which means no fluoride. Fluoride is a toxic waste product that companies would otherwise have to pay to dispose of safely. And they get paid for it by putting it in our water. Such a sweet deal. And by the way, forced medication doesn't sound very 'pro-choice' to me."

☉ "As a Santa Monica resident, I believe it would be right for the City Council to support the following planning ideas. Move small branches of important city and county offices such as the department of social services, social security administration and the police substation to the downtown Third Street Promenade and adjacent office buildings. Second, to add a few fishing piers. It is odd that in the whole city we only have one fishing pier and to offer free fishing lessons to the general public offered at the pier. Also, I would hope we would add many more beach showers. They are rather sparse for the budget that we insist upon. Plus, a few hot and cold laundry things in the same location as the showers. Add more parking lots, possibly some free ones for use of low income people. Finally, to place city planning suggestion boxes on each block of the Third Street Promenade for the use of the general public."

GUEST COMMENTARY BY DAN DUNN

Re-election leaves left coast in state of 'shock and awe'

My first thought upon entering my local polling place on election day was that I was about to do something as important as anything I'd ever done: Cast a vote for John Kerry and, more significantly, against the failed policies and regressive ideology of George W. Bush and his administration.

My next thought was, "Damn, where'd all these old people come from and how would they feel about a younger guy cutting line?" But there were lots of young people at the polls as well — more than I recall seeing in any other election. For one day at least, my hopes for a fresh start were buoyed. Surely this influx of new participants in the democratic process augured for the end of the politics of fear and division in this country. Surely, after four years of deceit and treachery that has eroded the very fabric of freedom Americans have cloaked themselves in for more than two centuries, citizens were turning out in droves to remind the suits in Washington that honesty and decency are qualities we require to some discernible degree from our leaders.

Then Bush won the election.

Bush won the election. The words fall onto the page like horse droppings impacting a sloppy track.

That's George W. Bush, Philistine-in-Chief. The "man of the people" with the silver spoon in his nose. The guy who put the "W" into nonexistent WMDs, then sent thousands of poor young boys and girls to Iraq to die in a war for oil masquerading as a freedom crusade. The guy who is setting stem cell policy while still debating this so-called "evolution" thing and wouldn't likely support newborn stem cell collection unless we re-named it newborn-again stem cell collection.

At this writing, it's Wednesday, Nov. 3, and John Kerry has just called the President to concede defeat. Bush reportedly was gracious in victory and promised reconciliation with the vanquished Democrats (and alienated Republicans) — 48 percent of this country's electorate who voted against him. At the risk of being a cynic, I must say such civility isn't likely to last very long. There has been a fundamental shift in America ... er, a fundamentalist shift, I should say. We profess to be one nation under God in the pledge of allegiance, but a majority of Americans have really taken that controversial verse to heart. Make no mistake, when the pols talk about restoring "family values," what they're really promoting are Christian values and the blurring of the line that's supposed to separate church and state.

I'm seeing red right now. Red states, that is. It's funny, last week we were celebrating Red Sox Nation, and today we coronate the Redneck Nation. Senate Majority leader Bill Frist, likely the man

the GOP will tab to succeed Bush in four years, is on the TV right now talking about how the election results have given Republican leadership a "mandate" in this country. Does anybody else see the irony in a bunch of raging homophobes using the term "mandate?"

"With a bigger majority, we can do even more exciting things," House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, the ethically challenged right-wing extremist from Texas, gushed minutes ago on CNN, reminding us all of the ancient Chinese curse "may you live in interesting times." Those DeLay "things" include extending tax cuts for the uber-wealthy, promoting employee-unfriendly pro-business policies (just wait until folks start catching on to the new overtime regulations — you, too, are a manager), appointing anti-abortion judges (unless they just go for a constitutional amendment) and, of course, a full-court press to secure a constitutional amendment to ban gay marriages. Can't you just feel the excitement?

The e-mails I've been getting from like-minded people speak to the disillusionment so many people are feeling right now.

"I'm about to bear a child into this mess, a baby boy, and I'm already afraid for him" writes Beth. "Feel free to forward any and all book titles on 'How to raise a conscientious young man who can also kick right-wing butt.' BTW, you may have to send them to me in France ..."

My pal Chili Cru, one of those "Hollywood types" the Bushies hold in such contempt, was moved to write a letter to Ohio's largest newspaper: "Who are you people? Your unemployment rates are at record highs, your economy is worse off than it was four years ago and your personal liberties are being thrown out like a stale old piece of toast. All of this and more brought to you by a lying, hypocritical, egotistical bigot who the citizens of your state apparently couldn't wait to put back in the nation's highest office. Ohio deserves everything that's coming its way over the next four years; too bad you helped bring the rest of the country down with you. Thanks a lot Ohio, you should be real proud of your ignorance, just like your failed leader."

But the note that really caught my attention came from Gita in New York, who wrote simply, "I'm ready for a second Revolutionary War." Seems to me that war started four years ago, and the Forces of Reason just got their asses handed to them again.

Here's hoping there's still something left worth fighting for in 2008.

(Dan Dunn can be reached at Dunn714@yahoo.com)



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Texans of all walks keep wary watch on producer

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piece of homemade blueberry pie to a friend.

"Hey, this is gonna be a good time for all of us" Wayne Campbell assured those gathered. "You guys are all gonna be out there watching us, helping out. This is gonna be an experience for all of us."

SWIMMING WITH SHARKS

On the rock-n-roll pain train
After the lights go down
I live out in the woods now
It helps me keep my feet on the ground

— Kid Rock

"Rock-n-roll Pain Train"

"So, is this really gonna happen?" KTXS-TV journalist Joe B. Fry asked Wayne Campbell after an interview with Stanton for his network's "Entertainment Spotlight" program. The buzz about town has begun to get the hopes up of more than a few area residents, including Paula Windham, who has opened the doors of her massive Sand Hills Ranch to Stanton and company.

Windham arranged the interview with Fry before Stanton had even touched down on tarmac en route from Los Angeles.

Sitting in Windham's living room between a pair of 16-inch thick cedar posts, Stanton discussed his project with Fry while Wayne Campbell played a steady diet of southern rock and country songs in the background, flipping through homemade CDs emblazoned with the title "Don't mess with Texas." The Texas-coined motto was something of a mantra for the crew this trek into rattlesnake country as they worked to ingratiate themselves with a cautious community.

"I just want to get everyone on the same page," Stanton told Fry during the

TV piece. "It's so important to get the community together, look each one of them in the eye and sincerely tell them what it is we're doing, and how privileged we are to be here."

"I want them to feel they are helping us and we are helping them. It's about connecting and feeling one another."

Fresh off the Oplin-style press junket, it was time to let off a little steam — Oplin-style — by swimming in one of the land runoff collection pools referred to as "tanks." Avoiding rattlers amid the brush while walking to the tank is supposed to be the greatest threat in one of these swims, that is if you discount the contaminated waters routinely inhabited by cattle and whatever else lies beneath the algae.

However, another native was watching with wary gaze. Reveling in the burgeoning legitimacy of their film project following the interview, the group hadn't noticed the suddenness with which the nearby cattle scurried off, obviously spooked by something wicked this way comes.

"That Joe Fry's gonna be a nice spoke to the wheel," said an oblivious Wayne Campbell, floating belly-up and basking in the positive publicity "North Starr" had just received. "We're gonna make that wheel and roll that bitch, and look out! ... Uphill, downhill — we gone!"

In Hollywood, they often liken wheeling and dealing within the cutthroat "industry" to "swimming with sharks." But after Stanton and company had towed off and headed back to Windham's ranch house, it was obvious that, in Texas, the budding filmmakers were dealing with a different animal entirely. A 5-foot-long black panther emerged from the brush and reclaimed the tank for himself.

Don't mess with Texas.

(For more information about "North Starr," log onto fatbessyfilms.com.)

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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Movie studios launch attack against pirates

BY ALEX VEIGA
AP Business Writer

LOS ANGELES — Hollywood studios said this week they will file hundreds of lawsuits later this month against individuals who swap pirated copies of movies over the Internet.

The move is a reversal of the studios' earlier reluctance to follow the aggressive legal path taken by the music industry.

Internet piracy of movies is not nearly as rampant as in the music industry, largely because huge movie files can take hours to download, in contrast to less than a minute for most songs.

But Dan Glickman, the new head of the Motion Picture Association of America, said the lawsuits were necessary now, before high-speed Internet access makes downloading pirated copies of movies easier.

"This was not an easy decision, but it must be done now before illegal online file sharing of movies spins out of control," Glickman said Thursday.

The MPAA claims the U.S. movie industry loses more than \$3 billion annually in potential global revenue because of physical piracy, or bogus copies of videos and DVDs of its films.

Videotaped copies of films in theaters often are digitized or burned off DVDs and then distributed on file-sharing networks accessed with software programs like eDonkey, Kazaa and Grokster.

The MPAA does not have an estimate for industry losses due to online piracy, Glickman said.

In October, there were a little more than 44 million digital files that made up full-length feature films being shared on peer-to-peer networks, according to BigChampagne LLC, which tracks activity on file-sharing networks.

By comparison, more than 1.3 billion audio files were being shared at any given time last month, according to BigChampagne.

Glickman did not say how many lawsuits would be filed, although sources who spoke on condition of anonymity said several hundred individuals would be named in the first round. Glickman said the legal campaign would be ongoing.

The lawsuits would seek civil penalties of as much as \$30,000 per download and as much as \$150,000 if the infringement is proven to be willful.

Some critics of the music industry's legal efforts question whether they are effective. They also question the negative backlash that comes from suing people who may have downloaded one or two songs.

"The recording industry lawsuits don't appear to have reduced file sharing to any meaningful degree," said Fred von Lohmann, a senior intellectual property attorney with the Electronic Frontier Foundation.

The lawsuits will be accompanied by an ad campaign featuring a photo of a finger on a computer mouse and the obscured screen names of people the MPAA says are breaking the law.

"Is this you?" the ad reads. "If you think you can get away with illegally trafficking in movies, think again."

Tamminen the shrewd: Gov. selects new cabinet secretary

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Tamminen has a diverse range of experience, with expertise in business, farming, education, non-profit management, the environment, arts and government. Prior to serving as the state's EPA secretary, Tamminen served as executive director of the Environment Now Foundation in Santa Monica, a private foundation dedicated to protecting, preserving and restoring the environment of California. Tamminen founded Santa Monica Baykeeper, serving as its executive director for six years, and co-founded Waterkeeper programs in San Diego, Orange County, Ventura and Santa Barbara.

He began his career in the 1960s with a family-run tropical fish breeding business in Australia, continuing with studies on conch depletion in the Bahamas, manatee populations in Florida coastal waters and mariculture in the Gulf states with Texas A&M University.

From 1976 to 1983, Tamminen managed the largest sheep ranch east of the Mississippi, assisting the University of Minnesota in developing new methods of livestock disease control, and managed a successful real estate company. As a small business owner from 1984 to 1991, Tamminen owned and operated a successful recreational services business. From 1991 to 1993, he owned and operated his own consulting firm, through which he assisted Nigeria with the creation of its first solid waste recycling program.

In addition, Tamminen has served on many civic and charitable boards and commissions, including as chair of the Public Advisory Committee to the Southern California Wetlands Recovery Project and on the U.S. Navy Pt. Mugu Naval Air Station Restoration Advisory Board, the Los Angeles/Long Beach Harbor Safety Committee and on the board of the Wishtoyo Foundation, a group that preserves natural resources through Chumash Indian traditional teachings. Tamminen, who has authored numerous technical papers and several theatrical works on the life of William Shakespeare, is fluent in German, Dutch and Spanish.

"Over the past year, I have worked with Gov. Schwarzenegger to shape policy that balances resource conservation and environmental protection with economic benefit," Tamminen said. "I look forward to using my background in not only environmental policy, but also my experience as a small business owner, as a consultant, in agriculture, and in education to work with the governor and his cabinet to create and implement policy that keeps California moving forward."

The new position does not require Senate confirmation, and Tamminen will be paid an annual salary of \$123,255.

The cabinet secretary is a direct liaison between the governor and cabinet members, including all agency directors and department directors.

Tamminen is expected to assume the cabinet secretary position Dec. 1.

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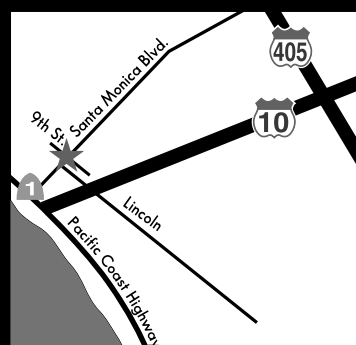
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Surfer candidate rides wave of write-in votes

By The Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Surf is definitely up in San Diego politics.

Donna Frye, a surfer who sports long blond hair, is riding a wave of write-in votes for mayor that could sweep aside two graying 60-something Republicans and carry her into City Hall.

A mix of circumstances led voters in this city of 1.3 million people to turn out for this most unlikely of candidates: a Democrat in a historically Republican town that produced former Gov. Pete Wilson; a Southern Californian who refuses to get a driver's license.

The votes have not been completely tallied, but so far, the write-in ballots lead with 35 percent of the vote; Mayor Dick Murphy has 34 percent. The overwhelming majority of write-ins are expected to be for Frye, 52, who is "extremely optimistic" she will win once all the ballots are counted.

Frye, who campaigned on a platform of open government, benefited from a hankering for change in the nation's seventh-largest city.

Murphy, 61, was beset by a deepening scandal that has prompted federal investigations into whether officials hid bad news about an underfunded retirement plan from investors and taxpayers.

Do Not Agree: Opponents irate over DNA measure

By The Associated Press

SACRAMENTO — Opponents said this week they will sue to block a voter-approved measure expanding California's DNA database to all suspected felons regardless of whether they are convicted.

But state officials said they are moving ahead to implement Proposition 69, favored by nearly two-thirds of voters Tuesday.

"Certainly we'll be challenging the provision where the government takes DNA from people who have never even been charged with a crime," said Maya Harris, a staff attorney with the American Civil Liberties Union.

The same battle was fought 90 years ago when fingerprints first came into use as identifiers, and opponents have lost every legal challenge since, said Bruce Harrington, who bankrolled the initiative 24 years after his brother and sister-in-law were slain by a mystery killer dubbed the Original Nightstalker.

"We're going to take your mug shot, we're going to take your fingerprint, and now we're going to take your DNA 'fingerprint'," Harrington said.

The Alienator: Schwarzenegger in standoff with Indians

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger may have beaten back ballot measures aimed at expanding gambling in California, but he hasn't succeeded in striking deals with a majority of casino-owning Indian tribes to share revenue.

After the divisive election, the governor and tribes remain in a standoff, with neither side willing to be the first to head to the bargaining table.

The tribes are still bitter over Schwarzenegger's campaign remarks that they were "ripping off" the state. Their demand for an apology has gone unanswered.

"Let them come to me and negotiate," Schwarzenegger said soon after the election, predicting tribes will eventually want to work out a deal.

Some tribes, however, said they don't need to bargain.

Deron Marquez, chairman of the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians, said his tribe is content with operating 2,000 slot machines — the maximum allowed under current law.

"We can stay with the current compacts or we can wait for the governor to leave office," Marquez said. "We certainly have the leverage. The governor, if he wants to negotiate, he has to come to us. He needs us."

Low 'ranking' for San Francisco ballot counters

By The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — A mysterious malfunction with the custom computer software San Francisco is using to count ballots cast under the city's new "ranked-choice voting" system could delay efforts to declare the winners of four races for county supervisor.

When the San Francisco Department of Elections on Wednesday tried to test run the program that is supposed to redistribute voters' second and third-place preferences among candidates who weren't eliminated in the first round, some of the votes didn't get counted and skewed the results, said director John Arntz.

"All the information is there. It's just not arriving the way it was supposed to," he said.

San Francisco is the first major city to implement ranked-choice voting, which is designed to eliminate run-off elections and to encourage third-party participation by allowing voters to list their first, second and third-place choices for municipal offices. If no candidate secures a majority of first-place votes outright, the results are retabulated to include the second and third picks until a winner emerges.

A technician from the Omaha, Neb. company that designed the software is in the city trying to diagnose and fix the problem. Since officials needed several more days anyway to verify about 60,000 late absentee and provisional ballots, the unexpected snag has not yet delayed the final results, according to Arntz.



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Concerned Californians set record for ballots cast

BY JIM WASSERMAN

Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO — Californians voted in record numbers during Tuesday's election, shattering the previous record set in the November 1992 presidential election, the secretary of state's office confirmed this week.

County and state elections officials identified 11.7 million ballots cast since voting began Oct. 4 — 400,000 more than the California vote that helped elect President Clinton a dozen years ago.

The count was expected to rise still higher in days ahead as more counties identify and report totals of absentee and provisional ballots they must count before a Nov. 30 deadline.

"I think it's pretty conceivable we're going to get pretty close to that 12 million figure," said Carol Dahmen, spokeswoman for Secretary of State Kevin Shelley.

Shelley last week predicted 12 million people would vote Tuesday, approximately 73 percent of the state's 16.5 million registered voters.

As the dust settled from the election, county elections offices continued to count what could be up to 2 million or more absentee and provisional ballots.

Los Angeles County, home to nearly 4 million registered voters, reported 285,000 ballots still being hand counted as of Thursday. San Diego County reported 250,000 being counted, and Registrar of Voters Sally McPherson estimated the

number could rise.

In addition to hand counting those ballots, McPherson's staff is also counting thousands of write-in ballots for San Diego mayoral candidate Donna Frye, who still held a lead Thursday over Mayor Dick Murphy.

Santa Clara County reported 207,000 ballots still being counted, some of them in a 21st Assembly district race, where Republican Steve Poizner has refused to concede to Democrat Ira Ruskin. That district also covers part of San Mateo County, which hasn't reported how many absentees and provisional ballots it must still count.

Northern California's Sierra County and Plumas counties were the only ones to report Thursday that they had counted all its votes. More than eight in 10 of the Sierra County's 2,404 voters cast ballots Tuesday. Plumas County reported 10,851 votes.

County elections officials said it is not unusual to count thousands of ballots after election night. Many absentee voters drop off their ballots at polling places on election day. Thousands more voters who show up at the wrong polling place cast provisional ballots to be opened later. Both must have their signatures verified against signatures on voter registration forms before being counted.

"We have to wait until we're a little farther past the election to do that verification," said Al Fawcett, spokesman for the Sacramento County Registrar of Voters Office.

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New Arizona law sends fear through immigrant community

By The Associated Press

PHOENIX — Immigrant parents have been flooding Hispanic community leaders with calls, wondering if an Arizona ballot issue approved by voters Tuesday means they should keep their children in school or avoid going out, Latino leaders said.

Proposition 200 requires proof of citizenship when seeking public benefits or when registering to vote. Government employees are required to report suspected undocumented immigrants seeking public benefits.

Phoenix-area Head Start leaders said attendance dropped dramatically Wednesday as worried parents kept their children home from the federally funded preschool program. In one classroom, only two children showed up instead of the usual 20.

Rachael Schultz, spokeswoman for Maricopa County Human Services, which oversees Head Start centers, said Spanish-speaking teachers and staff members called parents to assure them their children are safe at school, and by Thursday, attendance returned to normal.

Roughly 2,700 children in the Phoenix area are enrolled in Head Start. Citizenship is not a requirement.

Representatives of Latino groups said they are urging people not to panic.

"It's a very reasonable fear," Thomas Saenz of the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund said. His group is expected to seek a court order barring enforcement of the measure after the results are certified. Election officials have 30 days after the election to certify the results.

Martin Delgado, a legal resident, said he fears for his wife who is here illegally. She is among the estimated 300,000 to 350,000 illegal immigrants in Arizona.

"She fears even to go out to walk because anyone can ask her for legal papers," said Delgado, 33. "She doesn't have any type of identification, and now it will be hard-er to go around."

Similar fears sprouted in California a decade ago after it passed Proposition 187, prompting many undocumented immigrants to keep their children away from school and doctor appointments.

Leaders worry the same thing may happen here. "There is apprehension and a lot of fear," said Elias Bermudez, executive director of Centro de Ayuda, a Phoenix nonprofit agency that advocates on behalf of immigrants.

Undocumented immigrants are calling his office worried, he said.

"I tell them not to fear," Bermudez said. "I tell them the courts will eventually strike down this law."

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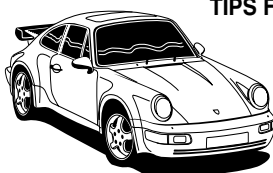
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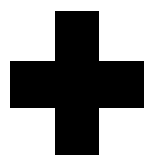
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NATIONAL



Bush: Full steam ahead in Iraq, war on terror

BY TERENCE HUNT
AP White House Correspondent

WASHINGTON — Bolstered by a hard-fought election victory, President Bush says the United States will vigorously pursue wars in Iraq and against terror and will not retreat from trying to spread democracy through the Middle East.

“I understand, in certain capitals and certain countries, those decisions were not popular,” Bush said at his first post-election news conference Thursday. But he was unapologetic about the course he has set and said he would not back down.

Before flying to his retreat at Camp David to rest after the grueling campaign, Bush took congratulatory calls from world leaders and met with his Cabinet to discuss his second term. He said he has not made any decisions about personnel changes, although some turnover is inevitable in his Cabinet and White House staff.

The first job to change hands could be attorney general, since John Ashcroft might leave even before the second term begins, senior aides said Thursday. Others

expected to leave — although maybe not immediately — include Secretary of State Colin Powell, Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson and Transportation Secretary Norman Mineta.

As U.S. forces in Iraq mobilize for an all-out offensive in Fallujah and other Sunni militant strongholds, the president refused to say how much the war would cost or whether he planned to increase or cut troop strengths. “I have yet to hear from our commanders on the ground that they need more troops,” the president said.

He is expected to ask Congress early next year for up to \$75 billion for Iraq, Afghanistan and operations against terrorism.

The White House said it saw a new opportunity to advance Mideast peace now that Bush has won a second term and Israel has taken steps to withdraw from Gaza after nearly 40 years of occupation.

“I think it’s very important for our friends the Israelis to have a peaceful Palestinian state living on their border,” Bush said. “It’s very important for the Palestinian people to have a peaceful, hopeful future.”

Bush did not go as far as British Prime Minister Tony Blair in declaring that the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is the world’s most important political challenge.

“I agree with him that the Middle East peace is a very important part of a peaceful world,” said Bush. One factor in Mideast peace talks is Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, whom a senior Palestinian official said was in a coma in a French hospital.

Bush reaffirmed his policy, enunciated in June 2002, of an independent Palestinian state existing at peace with Israel. The U.S.-backed plan for peace, known as the road map, called for the new Palestinian state in 2005. “My hope is that we’ll make good progress,” Bush said.

The president sees the war in Iraq as part of a drive to establish a stable democracy in the Middle East, a model for the rest of the region. “And I fully understand that that might rankle some, and be viewed by some as folly,” Bush said. “I just strongly disagree with those who do not see the wisdom of trying to promote free societies around the world.”

After a U.S. election in which voters said the primary issue was moral values,

Bush cautioned against suggestions that the United States was becoming politically divided by religion.

“I will be your president regardless of your faith, and I don’t expect you to agree with me necessarily on religion,” Bush said. “As a matter of fact, no president should ever try to impose religion on our society. ... The great thing that unites is the fact you can worship freely if you choose, and if you — you don’t have to worship.”

Bush was the first president in 68 years to win re-election while his party gained seats in both the House and Senate. He said Americans have embraced his conservative agenda.

“I’ll reach out to everyone who shares our goals,” said Bush. A day earlier, he had promised to try to win over those who voted for his Democratic opponent.

“I’ve earned capital in this election — and I’m going to spend it for what I told the people I’d spend it on, which is — you’ve heard the agenda: Social Security and tax reform, moving this economy forward, education, fighting and winning the war on terror,” the president said.

Presidential race polls on the mark after season of discontent

BY WILL LESTER
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Public opinion polls didn’t have another “Dewey Defeats Truman” moment this year despite months of widespread grumbling about challenges facing the industry.

In fact, polls taken just before the voting forecast the presidential election results quite accurately.

The polling business came under fire recently because of worries about cell-phone-only users who are not polled, low response rates to traditional telephone polling and unpredictable heavy voter turnout. Some polls a few months before Tuesday’s election showed widely divergent results.

“There was a lot of concern about whether some of these trends would affect pollsters’ ability ... but the polling profession was relatively optimistic all along,” said Nancy Belden, president of the American Association for Public Opinion Research.

Despite the optimism, some political analysts predicted the polls would totally misfire in their election forecasts.

The most famous blunder in election polling came in 1948, when the Chicago Daily Tribune erroneously declared Republican Thomas Dewey the winner over President Harry Truman. That was in part because pollsters had stopped surveying before the election when Dewey still had the lead. As a result, Truman got to grin for news photographers as he held up the “Dewey Defeats Truman” headline

right after the election.

Elections are one of the best chances to measure polling results against reality. And this year, there were no surprises.

“There was potential for greater uncertainty because of larger turnout,” said Lee Miringoff, president of the National Council of Public Polls. “But nothing showed up in the polling that was out of the ordinary.”

Most national polls taken just before the election showed President Bush with a slight lead, while others showed the race even.

The final poll by the Pew Research Center for the People & the Press projected 51 percent for Bush and 48 percent for Sen. John Kerry — exactly where the results stood the morning after the election.

The George Washington University-

Battleground Poll had the same final result as Pew. Ipsos-Public Affairs, which polls for The Associated Press, forecast a finish of Bush 50, Kerry 48.

Polls done by CNN-USA Today-Gallup, CBS News-New York Times and ABC News-Washington Post had Bush up within the margin of error and other polls had the race tied within the margins.

State polls collectively offered a realistic picture of the fight for electoral votes.

“From one perspective, this was a spectacularly successful year for the final pre-election polls,” said Jon Krosnick, a public opinion researcher at Stanford University. “That does not take away from the fact that some of the polls were disagreeing with each other earlier in the campaign.”



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Quarter pounder: Kerry doomed by Reid voters

BY SCOTT SONNER

Associated Press Writer

RENO, Nev. — One-fourth of the Nevadans who voted overwhelmingly to re-elect Democratic Sen. Harry Reid also backed President Bush, a trend that doomed John Kerry's hopes in rural Nevada counties.

"I believe rural Nevada carried President Bush to victory," said Republican Rep. Jim Gibbons, who won a fifth term in Nevada's sprawling 2nd District.

Bush carried the state 50 percent to 48 percent for Kerry. Reid got 61 percent of the vote in his election.

Democrats made significant gains in GOP-dominated Washoe County, where Reno is located. Kerry did far better than Vice President Al Gore did four years ago, and Reid prevailed for the first time en route to capturing a career-best nine of Nevada's 17 counties.

But any success they had persuading moderate Republicans in Reno-Sparks to break ranks to vote for Kerry was more than offset by conservative Democrats and others in rural Nevada who helped re-elect the president.

"When we were canvassing rural Nevada, we heard that a lot — a 'no' for Kerry and a 'yes' for Reid," said Mary Connelly, Reid's state director.

In addition to Clark and Washoe, Reid carried Carson City, Humboldt, Mineral, Nye, Pershing, Storey and White Pine counties.

Kerry won only in urban Clark County — Las Vegas — and by a margin smaller

than Gore's. More important was how badly he lost in the rural counties.

"Washoe County and rural counties are still Republican counties, so you do your best given the cards you are dealt," said Pam duPre, executive director of the county's Democratic Party.

"We need to take a close look at what concerns those folks. We've known for a long time that in rural areas there are certain issues that are more important," she said. "A lot of them are divisive issues that don't really impact most people directly, like gay rights issues and abortion rights issues."

Exit polls conducted for The Associated Press and television networks showed dramatically different views among those Reid backers who voted for Kerry and those who voted for Bush, especially on the importance they placed on the threat of terrorism, the war in Iraq and "moral values."

One of Kerry's worst showings was in Elko County, where 54 percent of the registered voters are Republican, 26 percent Democrat and 20 percent independent or third party. Bush won there with nearly 80 percent of the vote.

"I'm sure the crossover was the result of several things, but Democrats in Elko County are just traditionally more conservative," said O.Q. "Chris" Johnson, former chairman of the Elko County GOP.

"They are more for family values and moral values and so they had to go for Bush," he said. "Kerry had voted for partial birth abortion so I'm sure that rubs a lot of people the wrong way."

And the beat goes on: State still waits for election results

BY DAVID AMMONS

Associated Press Writer

OLYMPIA, Wash. — Three days after Election Day, Democrat Christine Gregoire clung to a narrow lead Friday in the nation's last undecided race for governor — a cliffhanger contest that could drag on for weeks while the votes are counted.

Gregoire, Washington's attorney general, led Republican former state Sen. Dino Rossi by about 18,000 votes out of nearly 2.2 million counted. Election officials figured more than 600,000 absentee and provisional ballots remained to be counted before a Nov. 17 deadline.

A Gregoire victory would mean the Democrats would preserve their 22 governorships nationwide. The Republicans already are assured of at least maintaining their 28.

Gregoire and Rossi have stayed out of sight since Election Day, resting and spending time with their families while they await the verdict.

"We are definitely optimistic that as more of the later absentees come in, we will continue to trend upward," said Rossi spokeswoman Mary Lane.

Gregoire campaign adviser Christian Sinderman said: "We remain cautiously optimistic. The investment in turning out Democratic absentee voters seems to be paying off in the late ballot count."

Rossi and GOP groups hit Gregoire hard over a costly mistake in the attorney general's office that resulted in the state having

to pay a multimillion-dollar judgment.

Gregoire, 57, played up her experience in serving three terms as attorney general and her role in securing a settlement of over \$200 billion from Big Tobacco to compensate states for health care costs. She is seeking to become only the second woman governor in state history.

Rossi, 45, a real estate agent and self-made millionaire, was known for crafting a no-new-taxes state budget during a deep recession.

A third candidate, Libertarian Ruth Bennett, has played a potential spoiler role. The Seattle businesswoman ran as an "out" lesbian who advocated gay marriage, tailoring her message to Seattle liberals who otherwise would have voted for Gregoire.

The ballot count in Washington state is complicated by the fact that most residents cast absentee ballots through the mail.

A recount is automatic if the race ends up within one-half of 1 percentage point apart and within 2,000 votes. That could cause the count to last for weeks longer.

Democrats have held the Washington governor's mansion for the past 20 years. Gov. Gary Locke, the country's first Chinese-American governor, did not seek a third term.

The contest is reminiscent of a cliffhanger after the 2000 Senate race. It took almost a month for Democrat Maria Cantwell to learn that she had defeated Republican Sen. Slade Gorton by about 2,200 votes.

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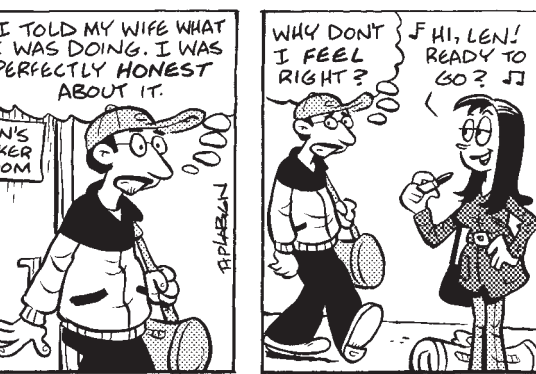
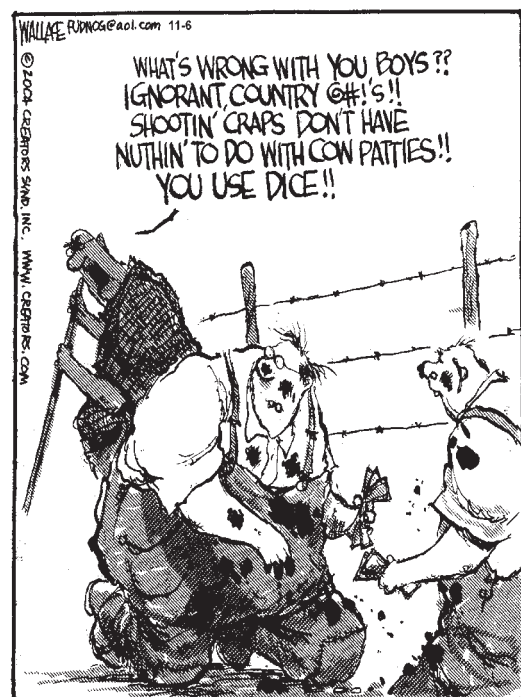
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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Rev. Sharpton and his wife agree to disagree

By The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Rev. Al Sharpton and his wife, Kathy Jordan Sharpton, have announced their separation after 23 years of marriage.

The Sharptons said in a statement Friday that they "will remain on the best of terms."

The pair "have extremely active careers and their separation allows them to continue pursuing their work interests," the statement said. "They will continue to work together in their civil rights work and in their other business ventures, including those in the entertainment industry."

"Together they have successfully raised two daughters, one of whom started college this year, and the other of whom will be graduating high school in June," the statement said.

SEATTLE — Former big band leader Artie Shaw is among seven artists who have been named National Endowment for the Arts Jazz Masters.

Since 1982, the National Endowment has awarded the title to a handful of living jazz musicians and promoters to recognize their contributions to the music form.

Those honored also include guitarist Kenny Burrell, clarinetist-saxophonist Paquito D'Rivera, composer Slide Hampton, singer Shirley Horn, keyboardist Jimmy Smith and jazz impresario George Wein. The announcement was made Thursday at a gala hosted by Seattle's Earshot Jazz Society.

The seven will officially receive their awards at a Jan. 7 concert and ceremony in Long Beach, Calif.

"Jazz may well be considered America's most treasured and most influential export," said NEA Chairman Dana Gioia. "From its earliest days until now it has continued to grow creatively — yet the people who have given us this art form deserve far greater recognition."

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. — Loretta Lynn and The Chieftains will make their debut appearances next year at MerleFest, the Americana music festival begun by bluegrass legend Doc Watson.

Dozens of acts are to perform at the 18th annual festival, from April 28 to May 1, including returning favorites Ricky Skaggs and Kentucky Thunder, and Alison Krauss and Union Station.

Lynn won album of the year and artist of the year from the Americana Music Association earlier this year for "Van Lear Rose."

"The really neat thing about it is it appeals to young people and old people and everybody in between," said Claire Armbruster, MerleFest's artist-relations coordinator. "It's just a great piece of work. It's rooted in country, not the slick country of today, but the roots of country."

The Chieftains, longtime performers of Celtic music whose more recent albums have featured many popular and country artists, will headline two nights of performances.

Guests will include artists who performed on "Down the Old Plank Road," such as Skaggs, Bela Fleck, John Hiatt and Earl Scruggs.

The music festival raises money for the Eddy Merle Watson Garden for the Senses, named like the festival for Watson's son and fellow musician, who was killed in 1985 when a tractor rolled over on him.

MerleFest is held at Wilkes Community College in Wilkesboro.

LOS ANGELES — Eleven films, including "Shrek 2," "Shark Tale" and the Japanese movie "Ghost in the Shell 2: Innocence," are eligible to be nominated for the best animated feature film Oscar, the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences announced.

Just three of them can be nominated.

The competing movies include four that hadn't opened by Thursday, when the list of eligible films was released: "The Polar Express," "Sky Blue," "The

SpongeBob SquarePants Movie" and "The Incredibles."

Also on the list: "Home on the Range," "Clifford's Really Big Movie," "Disney's Teacher's Pet" and "The Legend of Buddha."

Nominations for the 77th Academy Awards will be announced in January.

The Oscars will be presented Feb. 27 at the Kodak Theatre in Hollywood.

MIAMI — A judge should order the destruction of two condo towers being built for an oceanfront resort that carries the name of Donald Trump, according to a lawsuit filed by a Miami architect who claims the billionaire and a hotel developer took his design.

The lawsuit filed by Paul Oravec says he was "shocked and dismayed" to see design photos of the towers at Trump Grande Ocean Resort and Residences in the newspaper after similar ideas he created were turned down by Trump.

The resort is under construction in Sunny Isles Beach on the Atlantic Ocean, just a few miles northeast of Miami.

Trump, the corporation, the architect for the Trump Palace and Trump Royale towers and two development companies were named as defendants. The lawsuit, filed Tuesday, alleges copyright violations and seeks unspecified damages. It also calls for a judge to halt construction or order the destruction of the buildings.

Norma Foerderer, a spokeswoman for Trump, said he couldn't comment because he hadn't seen the filing. A spokeswoman at Dezer Properties, a prominent hotel builder in New York and the Miami Beach area that partnered with Trump on the towers, said legal counsel wasn't available for immediate comment.

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