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## NEWS OF THE WEIRD

by Chuck Shepard

The Federal Communications Commission ruled in October that the "F word," used as an adjective with the "ing" ending by U2 singer Bono during the live telecast of the Golden Globe awards ceremony in January, is not obscene language because Bono was not using it sexually but rather to enhance the word "brilliant." And two weeks later, Texas's 3rd Court of Appeals ruled that making the well-known middle-finger gesture is not illegal because it is not so provocative these days as to incite immediate violence.



## QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Nothing exceeds like excess."

— Unknown



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## Local police move off the Promenade



John Wood/Daily Press

Visitors to the Third Street Promenade walk by the police kiosk Friday evening. The station will begin relocating to Second Street starting next week.

*Cop kiosk is relocating to Second Street*

BY JOHN WOOD

Daily Press Staff Writer

By the beginning of the year, the police will no longer be stationed on the Third Street Promenade.

The police kiosk that for years has been located in the middle of the Promenade just south of Santa Monica Boulevard is moving to a new location on Second Street.

In its place will be a panini cafe owned by West Hooker, the restaurateur who runs Locanda del Lago, an upper-end Italian restaurant on the Promenade.

Mayor Richard Bloom said the move is in line with the long-term goal of boosting restaurant growth, and specifically outdoor tables, along the Promenade.

While some have questioned whether it's wise to move the fixed police presence off the popular pedestrian thoroughfare, Bloom said visitors won't notice any change.

"There is still going to be a high level of visibility," Bloom said. "Virtually every time I see an officer on the Promenade they're on patrol. And I think that's the way it ought to be ... having somebody sitting at a desk is not really particularly meaningful, other than the public to have access, and there's just as much access from the parking structure."

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## Accused arsonist in store fire faces trial

*Ex-LA/Oakland Raider in custody on \$1M bail*

BY JOHN WOOD

Daily Press Staff Writer

After firing his attorney and a judge denying a reduction of his \$1 million bail, the man accused of setting fire to Simply Sofas furniture store on Lincoln Boulevard is scheduled to stand preliminary trial next week.

Anthony Wayne Smith, 36, a standout defensive end for the Raiders in the 1990s, is charged

**"If the jury ever understands Anthony's personality and gets familiar with it, they'll (see that) he wouldn't do that — argue, threaten."**

— TED YAMAMOTO  
Attorney

with one count of felony arson for the Feb. 13 fire. His preliminary trial is scheduled for Wednesday before Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Katherine Mader at the Airport Courthouse near LAX.

Smith, of Marina del Rey, has

been in custody since his July 15 arrest. He relieved attorney Ted Yamamoto from the case last month, apparently because he didn't like Yamamoto's investigator. Yamamoto lost an earlier bid to reduce Smith's bail from the court-

ordered amount of \$1 million.

"We were ready," said Yamamoto, adding he had retained a second investigator and a fire expert. "I don't want to get into the reasons why he didn't like my investigator. I think it's kind of a personal thing. I don't think it was a reflection on me."

But Yamamoto said he was surprised by the move.

"I think, personally, we had a winner," he said.

David Houchin, Smith's new attorney, didn't return calls. It's unknown if he will ask to have Wednesday's trial continued to get more familiar with the facts of the case. Preliminary trials allow a judge to decide if enough evidence exists for the case to warrant a regular trial.

The case is being tried by Los Angeles Deputy District Attorney Jean Daley, who is part of a special arson unit. Probably the two most important pieces of evidence likely to be used against Smith is an argument he had with Simply Sofas owner Marilyn Nelson shortly before the fire and

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## Gloom and doom on weather horizon?

BY DON THOMPSON

Associated Press Writer

**SACRAMENTO** — Global warming will substantially affect California in about 20 years, experts say, warning that the state is more vulnerable because of its coastline, its climate and its dependence on Sierra Nevada snowpack for water and hydroelectricity.

"It's going to affect all of us," said Robert Wilkinson of the University of California, Santa Barbara, School of Environmental Science and Management, who wrote a 432-page treatise on the

impact on California.

It means a shorter ski season in the Sierra, and poorer habitat for endangered salmon in lower streams. It may mean more wildfires and more floods. Extreme heat waves, easier spread of diseases and increased air pollution all could imperil health.

Oceans that rose 4 inches to 8 inches over the last century could rise up to 3 feet this century, swamping San Francisco Bay estuaries and endangering pumps sending freshwater from the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta to the Bay Area, San Joaquin

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You might find this to be an unusual year, as matters work out in ways that you would never have anticipated. Changes, especially at home, could make all the difference in what goes down. You will get what you want, ultimately. Just hang in there. Network and expand your horizons. New friends are likely to pop into your life. If you are single, doors open in new directions. Decide what type of relationship you really want. You can have it this birthday year. If you are attached, you and your partner need to juggle your different needs sometimes. Establishing new boundaries might be important to both of your happiness. TAURUS can be challenging.

#### ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ A sudden change within a friendship could surprise you in the next month—or as early as today. Stay steady, but talk about your dreams with a dear friend who cares. A project that you have had on the back burner has been there too long. Do it! Tonight: Your treat.

#### TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Be careful with a significant other in the next few weeks, as well as today. You might not be aware of some of the changes that might be heading your way. Avoid any decisions right now, even if you feel like you want to put your foot down. Tonight: Use that charisma.

#### GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★ Knowing when to step back can and will make all the difference in the world. Cut the heavy spending, understanding what needs to happen here. Unexpected news might have you thinking for a long time. Stay anchored. Tonight: Lie back.

#### CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Where your friends are is where you want to be, especially as a partner or friend might act up. Avoid "make or break" situations right now, and look to the long term. You might not have the full story yet. Tonight: Do only what you want.

#### LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★ You might be quite surprised by what someone else does or says. You also might not be exactly happy, either. Curb or resist the need for an immediate reaction. Hang in a space, even if you do feel a bit uncomfortable. If you need to distance yourself or take off, do so rather than react. Tonight: In the limelight.

#### VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Reach out for someone you really care about. Not everyone is as much at ease as you are with different situations. Read between the lines with a difficult associate or loved one. Understanding will come, as long as you lie back. Tonight: Do something new and unusual.

#### LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ What and who you can count on makes all the difference in what goes down. You soon might be a lot more comfortable with a partner than you have been for a while. A child or loved could stun you with his or her reaction. Tonight: Opt for some togetherness.

#### SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Don't challenge another, even if you want to hit him or her on the head with a frying pan. Unexpected reactions might be a lot different and long-term than you anticipated. The less you do, the better at this time and point. Tonight: Let others rule right now.

#### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22- Dec. 21)

★★ Juggle a situation or situations. The less done now, the happier you will be. You might decide that a partner is crabby, that a friend is touchy and that you'd like to jump up and down and scream. Get as much done as possible. Get into a hobby. Tonight: Stay cool.

#### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Sudden changes could mark your relationships. You could find that a money matter dominates your thinking. Decisions and risks made at present could have greater impact than you think. Use your creativity, but don't make agreements today. Tonight: Go along with another's suggestions.

#### AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★ Tension mounts, and you might want to do something in a most unexpected manner. As you reverse course, others could really be taken aback, if not reactive. A partner keeps coming toward you and pitching in. Tonight: Stay close to home.

#### PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ What you hear might have you shaking your head. You also might gain an insight into a loved one's personality. Not everything falls as you think it will. Give people time and understanding. Much will change quickly. Tonight: Howl with the Full Moon!

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## LOCAL



## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

## Electric Lodge lights up

By Daily Press staff

A local arts center is rounding up support to help fund its facility. The Electric Lodge, an arts and education community center, will hold its first-ever benefit fundraising party from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. on Nov. 22.

The festive event will feature a silent art auction of works by such prominent artists as Woods Davy, Bill Attaway and Terrell Moore. There also will be music, performances and a raffle. Raffle prizes, appetizers and refreshments are being donated by Venice area stores and restaurants. The Electric Lodge is located at 1416 Electric Ave.

"This is truly a celebration of what started as a dream and grew into a magical space for the extraordinary arts community of Venice," said Joel Shapiro, a physician and performer who is owner of the Electric Lodge as well as its artistic director.

Funds raised from the benefit party will be used to improve the lighting system and make other capital improvements to the facility. The suggested donation is \$10.

Several leading artists, all but one of whom is from Venice, have donated works for the silent auction, which will be held from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. They include Tony Barone, Michael Illes, Kenny Harris, Gary Palmer, Masami Tsuchikawa, Trace Palmer, Marianne Magne, Matt DeMerritt, Brad Miller and R.S. Yeager.

In addition, the event will feature live music as well as performances at 8 p.m. and 9 p.m. in the lodge's performance space.

The Electric Lodge, which opened in 1997, has become known not only for its rich artistic offerings, but also for its environmentally conscious design. One of the first solar-powered performing arts facilities in the country, the Electric Lodge has won attention and praise from such publications as L.A. Weekly, L.A. Times and The Argonaut. The lodge also supports environmental organizations such as Physicians for Social Responsibility, of which Shapiro is a member.

Shapiro purchased the facility, a former Masonic lodge, in 1996. He spent the next several years doing an extensive renovation to the building, which now includes a light-filled atrium lobby/art gallery, state-of-the-art "black box" 99-seat theater, and a dance studio that is also used for various classes and workshops and as an art exhibition space.

## Cancer patients needed for experiment

By Daily Press staff

Researchers in Santa Monica are looking for volunteers with advanced colorectal cancer to participate in two final phase studies from UCLA's Jonsson Cancer Center that test the cancer-fighting powers of an experimental pill designed to cut off the blood supply that feeds oxygen and nutrients to the tumor.

The experimental drug, called PTK/ZK, is paired with what is considered the best chemotherapy combination available for advanced colorectal cancer, so all study volunteers will receive the highest standard of care, hospital officials say. All volunteers enrolled in the studies will get chemotherapy, with half also receiving PTK/ZK while the other half is given a placebo. Researchers hope the PTK/ZK will cut off the blood supply that tumors develop so they can grow and spread.

In addition to offering the studies at the Westwood campus, the clinical trials also are available at the Santa Monica offices of UCLA oncologist Dr. John Klein. Santa Monica residents can receive the study in their own communities, instead of having to drive to West Los Angeles.

## How to get there from here

By Daily Press staff

Success is around the corner at Santa Monica College.

Emmy Award-winning television journalist and author Yolanda Nava will give a free lecture, "You CAN Get There from Here: 10 Steps for Success," at 11:15 a.m. on Nov. 20 in the art lecture hall 214, at Santa Monica College, 1900 Pico Blvd.

The inspirational talk, which will draw from her award-winning book "It's All in

# surf report

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the Frijoles," will focus on things that Nava says she wishes she had known when she was in school.

Aside from her work as a television journalist and author, Nava is an educator, consultant and community leader. She was a co-founder/owner of Ponce-Nicasio Broadcasting in Sacramento, the first Latino-owned and operated television station in the U.S., and she writes a column for Eastern Group Publications, the nation's largest chain of bilingual newspapers.

Frijoles is a book of virtues, based on a rich compilation of anecdotes from heroes whose teachings have helped mold character for generations.

Nava was honored in 2001 as one of five key Latino leaders in California by the state's Hispanic Heritage Month Cal Teach Campaign to encourage people to enter the teaching profession.

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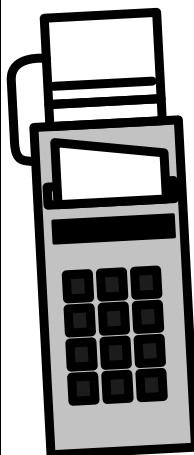
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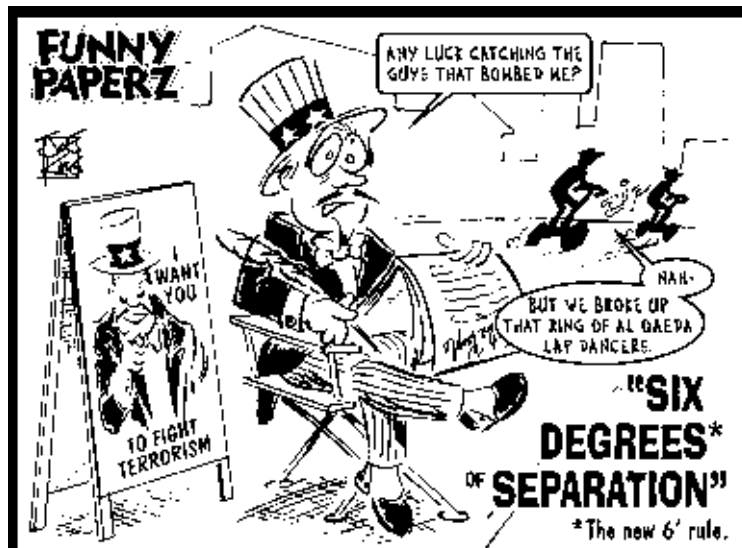
## Thankful for schools

## Editor:

In the spirit of thanksgiving, I am writing to thank our community for our fine public schools. In recent hard times, the cities and citizens have responded to our requests for help in funding public education. As a parent and community member, I am most grateful. Happy Thanksgiving!

Nan Borchering  
Santa Monica

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## Local readers write back with some choice words



## MODERN TIMES

By Lloyd Garver

It's time again for your words to fill up this column instead of mine. Below are some of the responses I've gotten to some recent columns. If you sent me comments and they aren't printed below, please try again.

In one column, I discussed THE "DO NOT CALL" LIST for telemarketers.

JIM wrote, "There's one interesting fact that I thought you missed. ... Did you know that political fundraising calls are exempt from this legislation? Seems a bit hypocritical to me."

LARRY, a telemarketer, wishes that if people don't reassess their positions about the list, he hopes that they will "... go through the same pain you're causing so many others just trying to make a living." JO ANN said that the telemarketing situation, "Makes one long for the good old days of door-to-door salesmen."

■ THE MEETING OF MINDS: ARI FLEISCHER MEETS BAGHDAD BOB was a mock dialogue between the recently resigned Ari Fleischer and the recently resigned Baghdad Bob:

I had a feeling that MARGARET had some minor problems with that particular column when I saw that the subject line in her e-mail read, "You disgust me."

DANIEL wrote, "Bravo Lloyd Garver, your Ari-Baghdad Bob piece is a hoot ... it's a grim world and sometimes people like you make it a bit more bearable."

■ In ANTI-TERRORIST PROPOSALS FROM OUTSIDE THE BOX, I discussed the hastily scuttled Pentagon futures plan that would have allowed people to bet on terrorism targets and dates.

ZULK wrote, "I was truly amazed at the stupidity of this idea. Of all places, the Pentagon, and of all people, the best brains in the country, come up with this terrorist-inviting venture."

JEANNE commented: "Sometimes I can't tell the difference between reality and your creative mind. Maybe reality is as funny as you are?"

JAMES: "Your writing is not humorous. You are apparently a fool."

■ During the RECALL CAMPAIGN, I suggested that the recall smacked of bad sportsmanship.

MARK, a Republican, said, "I couldn't agree with you any more! ... (They are a bunch of pouting 3-year-olds.)"

TITO, said "... You know darn well most people are just a bunch of losers with nothing better to do with their lives and

money but to try for 15 minutes of fame. If there's something wrong, it's the process but it is NOT the recall. The process can be changed next time."

■ In ACTION, JACKSON: NEW 20'S GETTING STAR TREATMENT, I wondered if it was really worth the government spending millions of our dollars on slick commercials to advertise our new \$20 bill.

BRETT: "The commercials are not trying to sell anything, just inform so you don't end up losing your shorts with counterfeit money."

JIM asked, "Why is the government trying so hard to sell us on this? Were this an Oliver Stone movie, there would be a huge conspiracy with secret microchips to trace our daily movements by the currency in our pockets."

DAN: "I saw the new \$20 bill recently and discovered that it's about 3 mm (.1 inch) shorter than the old new \$20 bill (which is the same size as the old old \$20 bill). So, it's really true the dollar just doesn't go as far as it used to!"

In my column about the overuse of the words, "I'M SORRY," I talked about all the insincere apologies that we seem to be hearing these days.

In an obviously heartfelt reply, PAM wrote, "I want to apologize for not writing to you sooner. I've read your column

weekly, but nothing inspired me to send a comment. I'm sorry."

CARL said, "Frankly, I wish Arnold (Schwarzenegger) had the guts not to apologize (for his behavior towards women) and instead call attention to what those allegations really were — a last-minute smear campaign by yet another weasel liberal about to get thrown out on his ass."

■ Two other e-mails illustrate the range of opinions that I receive:

In response to my column on the recall, DUFFY wrote, "Great article, Lloyd. Lloyd Garver for President!!!"

But before my head swelled too much (and before I put together a campaign committee), I had to deal with GILBERT'S response to my column on apologies:

"Lloyd: I am sure sorry I read this ..."

And Gilbert, I am sure sorry you feel that way.

Readers, keep writing.

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

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## LOCAL



# SMPD will keep current levels of patrol on mall

KIOSK, from page 1

Santa Monica Police Department Lt. Frank Fabrega said the police will begin moving into a ground-level storefront in the parking structure at 1433 Second Street next week. The Promenade kiosk will remain open through the holidays.

Under the new arrangement, the panini shop will take over the police kiosk as well as half of the space currently used by its neighbor, clothes-retailer Mudra. Mudra will keep about 250 square feet and the restaurant will use another 500 square feet, said Kathleen Rawson, executive director of the Bayside District Corp., the nonprofit that manages downtown.

"Most of the questions those police get are, 'Where are the ATMs' and 'What do you recommend for an Italian restaurant?'" she said. "And for those type of questions we're working with the Santa Monica Visitors and Convention Bureau."

Rawson added that though discussions have only just begun, she's hopeful the visitor bureau will be present in the area so a worker can answer visitors' questions.

A team of community service and police officers are dedicated to patrolling the Promenade. They are supervised by SMPD

**"Virtually every time I see an officer on the Promenade they're on patrol. And I think that's the way it ought to be."**

— MAYOR RICHARD BLOOM

Sgt. Ira Rutan. Those officers won't reduce their patrols as a result of the move.

The new SMPD's new location is bigger and will provide extra office space and room for people to be interviewed by police in private, Fabrega said. The current kiosk is too small for either of those uses and officers use an additional, cramped space in a downtown parking structure to fill out their reports.

"We'll have the visibility, though the actual kiosk will be gone," he said. "That can be remedied with proper signage. I think it's all positive for us moving. We believe that we will be able to provide a higher level of services to that area."

## Trial scheduled for next week

ARSON, from page 1

evidence found after the blaze that allegedly links Smith to the blaze, Yamamoto said.

It is unclear what that evidence is, though prosecutors are expected to present it at the preliminary trial.

"It's a situation where there's a logical, reasonable explanation for all of that," Yamamoto said. "I can't talk about it, because if it leaks to the prosecution they may try to shortcut it and diffuse it."

Smith played for eight seasons with the Raiders. He was a first-round draft pick from the University of Arizona in 1990 and played in the NFL from 1991 to 1997. During his pro career, Smith amassed 178 tackles and 58 sacks.

Nelson, owner of Simply Sofas, said she had no idea Smith was a suspect in the fire, which caused \$4 million in damage, until shortly before his arrest. Smith had sold personal items, such as swords and marble obelisks, on consignment in Nelson's store after moving out of a large

house in Playa del Rey.

Nelson said the relationship between her and Smith deteriorated over a money dispute relating to personal items he was trying to sell at the store.

Friends and family members have repeatedly stressed that Smith is a family man with strong values and a commitment to the community.

Vito Rotunno, Smith's business partner and godfather of his oldest daughter, said it doesn't make sense that Smith would set a fire over a \$500 or \$600 dispute. He added that Smith volunteered at area schools and was a regular participant at St. Augustine's By-the-Sea, an Episcopal church on Fourth Street.

Yamamoto said one legal strategy for beating the arson charge would be to put Smith on the witness stand for as long as possible.

"If the jury ever understands Anthony's personality and gets familiar with it, they'll (see that) he wouldn't do that — argue, threaten," Yamamoto said.

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## STATE

# The WTA Tour Championships are in full swing

## Sports

BY TOM A. MCFERSON

Special to the Daily Press

With the Lakers, Clippers and Kings all on extended road trips this week, downtown Los Angeles is playing host to the top women in tennis.

The WTA Tour Championships, which continues through Monday evening at Staples Center, features the top eight ranked women in singles and the top four ranked teams in doubles. Qualifiers this year include American Jennifer Capriati, French Open and U.S. Open winner Justine Henin-Hardenne, and No. 1 ranked Kim Clijsters.

After the lukewarm response and meager attendance

experienced last year, tournament organizers are hopeful that new sponsors and an aggressive marketing campaign will change things this time around. Those hopes were dealt a severe blow when Serena Williams, Venus Williams and Lindsey Davenport, all former top ranked players and all local fan favorites, withdrew due to serious injuries.

The withdrawals were not a complete surprise. Serena Williams and Davenport are both still rehabilitating from recent surgeries, and Venus Williams has been battling a severe abdominal strain since early spring.

Tournament organizers are now hoping that the fight for the much coveted year-end No. 1 ranking, up for grabs between top ranked Clijsters and second ranked Henin-Hardenne, will be enough to entice fans to come

fill the seats.

The last group of singles round robin matches will be played today, with the semi-finals Sunday, and the final Monday evening. Doubles action, featuring a back from retirement Martina Navratilova, begins Sunday.

Saturday's matches are as follows:

Elena Dementieva vs. Chanda Rubin

Justine Henin-Hardenne vs. Ai Sugiyama

Jennifer Capriati vs. Anastasia Myskina

The top qualifiers this year are Kim Clijsters of Belgium, Justine Henin-Hardenne of Belgium, Amélie Mauresmo of France, Jennifer Capriati of USA, Anastasia Myskina of Russia, Elena Dementieva of Russia, Ai Sugiyama of Japan, and Chanda Rubin of USA.

## Global warming could mean longer growing seasons

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Valley and Southern California.

It will mean more fights over water throughout the West.

"Climate change is upon us. In 20 to 25 years, we really will be working with a different climate," said Michael Dettinger, a U.S. Geological Survey research biologist and researcher with the Climate Research Division at Scripps Institution of Oceanography.

Every scientific model predicts warmer temperatures, with the bulk projecting an increase in the range of 3 degrees to 6 degrees by 2100.

But the computer models split on whether California will become wetter or drier. Either way, warmer temperatures mean a shift in California's water cycle.

The Sierra snowpack that functions as the state's largest reservoir could shrink by a third by 2060 and to half its historic

size by 2090. Runoff that fills reservoirs will start in midwinter, not spring. And rain falling on snow will trigger more flooding, scientists said Thursday at a seminar hosted by the Water Education Foundation.

Models projecting a drier California predict a sharp increase in critically dry periods, said Alan Hamlet, a water resources engineer with the University of Washington.

"We're going to have exacerbated conflicts over water, both in California and the Colorado Basin" that also supplies six upstream states, he said. Fortunately for California, it is rare — but not unheard of — for the Sierra and the Rockies to have a simultaneous drought, so usually there is substantial water for Southern California from one or the other.

The trends are already in play. Spring temperatures have increased 2 degrees to

3 degrees since 1950, peak spring snowmelt comes two to three weeks sooner, and vegetation blooms one to three weeks earlier and stays green longer, scientists earlier told a state Assembly committee on water and climate change.

While more dams and reservoirs could capture vital runoff and control flooding, there are substantial questions where or if to build them given the uncertain long-range weather pattern forecasts. Experts predicted the state will have to rely more on conserving and reusing water, desalinization, groundwater storage, and water trades and transfers between regions.

As with the ebb and flow of the Ice Age, warmer temperatures mean grass and oak woodlands and chaparral will grow higher into the mountains over the next 100 years, while conifer forests can grow above the current tree line, said Susan Ustin, an environmental and

resource science professor at the University of California, Davis.

But 100 years is a blink in geologic time, and the relatively quick change will disrupt ecosystems that need millennia to adapt, she said. Invasive species that already threaten native plants and animals may be quick to fill that void.

Earlier snowmelt means less spring runoff for salmon, and water could get too warm for them to spawn. Already, runoff into the Sacramento River has dropped 11 percent over the last century.

But warmer weather means longer growing seasons, which could help agriculture — as long as there's enough water for irrigation, said Rick Snyder, a biometeorologist at UC Davis. While many of California's crops could benefit, its famed wine grapes need a precise combination of temperatures and could suffer, said Snyder and Wilkinson.

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## STATE



## CALIFORNIA BRIEFS

**San Diego wildfires could wipe out winged-inhabitants**

By The Associated Press

**SAN DIEGO** — The wildfires that ravaged San Diego County have proven deadly to some of its smallest inhabitants — fragile, endangered butterflies that live in the coastal regions and mountains and virtually nowhere else.

Probably thousands of butterflies were killed in the fires because they were in the egg or larval stage and unable to fly away, researchers said.

The populations were already squeezed by development, and whether the fire will become a path to extinction for the insects or a chance to expand into new habitat is still very much up in the air.

State and federal wildlife officials are only now beginning to canvass the huge burn areas to see if anything survived. It could take a year or two to determine whether the butterfly populations can rebound.

"It's just kind of a wait-and-see... there's just a huge amount of area that's been burned," said Dan Marschalek, a University of California, San Diego, graduate student working with the state Department of Fish and Game.

Would losing a species or two matter? It would to butterfly lover and biologist Michael Klein, who visited the area on Friday. It would be tragic, Klein said, because butterflies are beautiful.

**Calif. treasurer warns Schwarzenegger**

By The Associated Press

**SACRAMENTO** — Reacting to a proposal from advisers to Gov.-elect Arnold Schwarzenegger to borrow as much as \$20 billion this year, California Treasurer Phil Angelides warned Thursday that the state is already at its debt limit and cannot sustain such a large loan.

"We've already authorized too much debt," said Angelides at a press conference where he also released an annual report on state borrowing. "In no event should we authorize any additional deficit borrowing. It will be crippling to the state's fiscal integrity."

The treasurer noted that prior borrowing and planned bond issues already approved by the Legislature to help balance the budget — including more than \$19 billion authorized for this year — requires payments by the state that exceed 6 percent of state's general fund. Angelides said the 6 percent figure is a benchmark that financial experts warn should not be exceeded.

Advisers to the incoming governor have said one idea being considered is a big bond issue — as much as \$25 billion — that would be coupled with a spending cap — both of which would be put before voters in March.

The bond measure, as proposed, would add about \$8 billion to the borrowing already authorized by the Legislature.

**Testimony continues in Lacy Peterson case**

By The Associated Press

**MODESTO** — On the day he bought the fishing boat that would provide his alibi when his pregnant wife vanished two weeks later, Scott Peterson told his mistress he was a widower planning his first Christmas alone, a police officer testified Thursday.

Modesto detective Allen Brocchini, who launched the Christmas Eve investigation into Laci Peterson's disappearance, said Scott Peterson bought the boat Dec. 9 — the same day Fresno massage therapist Amber Frey later told the officer that she confronted Peterson about being married.

While Brocchini did not link the two events that happened that day, he provided the pieces of the puzzle prosecutors are assembling to show Peterson was plotting the demise of his wife weeks before he returned from his Dec. 24 fishing excursion and reported her gone.

Brocchini's testimony on the sixth day of testimony in the preliminary hearing revealed the details he gathered from the day Peterson claimed he was motoring his 14-foot skiff on San Francisco Bay to the day he was arrested nearly four months later in San Diego with his hair bleached and driving a car he bought using a bogus name.

**Contractor may be sued for violating do-not-call list**

By The Associated Press

**SACRAMENTO** — A California contractor is believed to be the first company sued for violating the federal do-not-call list, Attorney General Bill Lockyer said Thursday.

About 60 people complained that telemarketers from American Home Craft, Inc., called them even though they had signed up for the list, Lockyer said. The lawsuit was filed Thursday in U.S. District Court in San Francisco.

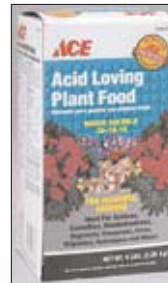
"We hope that the legal action will put all telemarketers on notice that they should get a copy of the do-not-call registry and take the law seriously," Lockyer said. "If they don't, it's our intention to protect the privacy rights and family time of the millions of Californians who signed up for the registry."

Representatives from American Home Craft didn't immediately return a call seeking comment. The Hayward, Calif.-based company sells vinyl siding, texture coating, patio doors and cabinet refacing services, according to its Web site.

The complaints came from consumers in 12 different California area codes, Lockyer said.

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# Fire victims and political leaders search for answers

BY ANGIE WAGNER  
Associated Press Writer

**SAN DIEGO** — The Southern California wildfires have been vanquished, but the second-guessing is in full swing.

Politicians and residents have a lot of questions about how the wildfires managed to do so much damage, scorching more than 740,000 acres, burning about 3,600 homes and killing 22 people. They were the most destructive wildfires to ever hit California.

In hard-hit San Diego County, they want to know whether a lack of coordination and equipment hindered the firefighting effort and prevented communities from being saved. President Bush, Gov. Gray Davis and a 1932 state law have all come under criticism.

"There's a distinct amount of anger, fear, confusion and concern," said San Diego County Supervisor Dianne Jacob.

Unlike other large counties in California, San Diego County does not have a consolidated fire agency. Instead, more than 50 agencies serve the county, including small volunteer departments, city crews and the U.S. Forest Service. But when wildfires hopscotch across boundary lines, communication and coordination can suffer.

"I think the county should step up to the plate and take responsibility for fire protection," said Kevin Dubler, fire chief of the Julian Cuyamaca Fire Protection District.

Jacob has pushed consolidation for years, but said it has been opposed by many communities, especially rural ones. A county task force is to issue a report in December, something Jacob hopes will lead to a combining of county firefighting resources.

The lack of air support at times, and the red tape involved in putting firefighting planes in the air, have also led to scrutiny.

The first helicopter to spot the big San Diego fire radioed for backup, but never got it. It was too late in the day and state rules regulating night-flying prohibited it. Officials and residents say the rules need changing.

Rep. Duncan Hunter, R-Calif., who lost his home in the fire, criticized Gov. Gray Davis for not deploying available military planes. But the Davis administration cited a 1932 law that requires civilian

resources to be exhausted first. Now many say those restrictions need to be scrapped.

The one helicopter the city of San Diego had on hand was not used because the city and county let the lease expire and it was sent to the fires in San Bernardino, earning Mayor Dick Murphy his share of criticism.

"It's just a matter of which is more important," Murphy said. "More firefighters? More firetrucks? Or a helicopter? You have limited resources."

The Board of Supervisors voted Wednesday to create a regional aerial fire protection district. The county wants to put the measure before voters by March. The Legislature would also have to sign off on the idea.

But in the past two decades, most ballot measures that would have raised money for county fire protection were rejected.

State officials are also pointing fingers at the Bush administration, saying it was slow to combat the threat posed by tinder-dry trees killed by a bark beetle infestation. The governor asked federal emergency officials in April for \$430 million to clear the dead trees, but the request was rejected just as the wildfires began to spread.

"This finger-pointing is not going to do anybody any good any more," Homeland Security chief Tom Ridge said in defending the decision.

The government said it turned down Davis' proposal largely because Congress had already agreed to provide \$43 million this year for fighting the beetle infestation and the sum seemed appropriate at the time.

Bruce Cain, director of the Institute of Governmental Studies at the University of California at Berkeley, said the finger-pointing between state officials and Washington is "a legacy of the bitterness that we've had in our politics over the past couple of years."

It doesn't much matter to Marcia Seiler-Christy, whose daughter, Christy-Anne Seiler Davis, 42, died in the fires.

"They need to stop blaming each other and learn from what happened and correct the problem," Seiler-Christy said. "I'm sure it could have been done better, but I just can't see blaming. It doesn't help anything."



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# Contractors in short supply as fire victims seek to rebuild

BY RON HARRIS

Associated Press Writer

**SAN BERNARDINO** — Contractors, electricians, masons and other tradesmen are in such short supply that victims of the Southern California wildfires may have to wait years to rebuild their homes.

"Contractors are stretched thin today. In Southern California, business is healthy, and it's difficult to get good contractors in normal economic situations," said LaDonna Monsees, vice chairman and president of La Jolla-based Newland Homes, a developer that sells lots to builders.

The wildfires destroyed more than 3,600 homes and killed 24 people.

Contractors and workers in the construction trades were busy even before the wildfires. While many workers are expected to pour in from other states, the number is expected to be far too small to handle the thousands of new customers.

"It's going to be tough," said bulldozer driver Jim

Birdsell. "There's only so much of us to go around."

Most homebuilding in Southern California is done by companies that erect tracts of dozens or hundreds of homes at a time. They buy vast parcels of land, acquire materials in bulk, offer a limited number of designs and work fast.

The big builders plan to take part in some of the larger-scale reconstruction. But those types of builders are ill-suited to help the many homeowners who lived in the countryside in scattered ranch-style homes or mountain cabins.

"If all the folks who lost their home decided to rebuild their home on their lot, that is going to take a lot longer than 12 to 18 months, because the production builders like myself are not going to be involved in that process," said Steve Doyle, president of San Diego-based Brookfield Homes.

Newlyweds Gilbert and Jessica Flores lost their home in the San Bernardino Mountains and hope to rebuild in the same neighborhood. They worry that the onset of winter

and scarcity of quality contractors will delay those dreams.

"I'll probably wait until the spring, and I'm sure everyone else will be looking to do the same thing," Gilbert Flores said.

He also is concerned that wealthier fire victims will be able to get a head start on rebuilding, securing the best contractors early.

"I've never built a house, so it's going to be a learning process, as well," he said.

California's last catastrophic wildfire, in 1991 in the Oakland Hills, destroyed 3,175 homes and apartments. The quick rebuilding led to allegations of shoddy workmanship. Similar pitfalls could lie ahead this time.

Fire victims should "watch out for people asking for large down payments and then taking off with the money," said Bob Tuck, a board member of the Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning National Association.

Even if homeowners find a builder, delays in getting started are expected to be frequent. It could be weeks before some areas are even safe enough to enter. The flames destroyed guardrails, and the heat was so intense it boiled the oil out of the pavement, leaving some roads unstable.

In some easier-to-reach areas, production builders plan to offer groups of homes with similar floor plans and materials. The strategy is designed to keep labor and material costs low at a time when they're expected to rise because of the sudden demand.

Such a plan could work in areas such as Scripps Ranch, a northeast San Diego subdivision where 150 homes burned. Some fire victims already are working together, asking builders to offer three or four floor plans, said Cheryl Shaw, an escrow officer who lost her Scripps Ranch home and plans to rebuild on the same lot.

Some of her neighbors want custom homes and are scrambling to find contractors.

"I'd rather walk into someone's model and say, 'This will work for me,'" Shaw said.

## Washington winemakers call cabernet queen of the 2003 wine grape crop

BY SHANNON DININNY

Associated Press Writer

**PROSSER, Wash.** — Wine grape growers in Washington harvested less fruit this year than expected, but the smaller quantity means more intense flavors and an exceptional 2003 vintage, growers and winemakers say.

The crop estimate by the Washington Association of Wine Grape Growers for the 2003 growing season was 124,000 tons at the end of July, the highest ever. Harvests, though, have been coming in anywhere from 15 percent to 25 percent below that figure, Executive Director Vicky Scharlau said.

"We knew we would come in shorter than the estimate. We just didn't know how much," Scharlau said. "But that just really focuses the flavor and the taste on the grapes that are there."

Industry leaders said weather was the biggest factor this year: a cooler spring, a scorching summer that kept the berry size down, followed by a spell of warm weather in the autumn that lengthened grapes' hang time on the vine and improved flavor.

"Awesome!" said Bill denHoed, a grower in the Yakima Valley. "If you're not happy this year, as a winemaker, you're probably never happy. I think this will be a very serious vintage."

The harvest marks the sixth consecutive season Washington wines have had a good year, said Chris Upchurch, winemaker and partner of DeLille Cellars of Woodinville.

"It's tough to say, 'Yep, it's another good year,'

because I'm starting to worry about whether people believe me or not," Upchurch said. "I don't know if it's good grape-growing karma or global warming or not, but whatever it is, we've had a few good years in a row."

Winemakers are most pleased this year with the cabernet grapes, which thrive in the hot weather Washington state had this summer.

"In a cooler year, merlot tends to shine, and it still looks good this year. Our whites look really good, too. But I would say that cabernet is the star," Upchurch said.

Wine is a \$2.4 billion business in the state, with more than 200 wineries and 300 wine grape growers here, according to the Washington Wine Commission. The state is the country's second-largest producer of wine, behind California.

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## NATIONAL

# Marine life, national security a concern with sonar system

BY PEGGY ANDERSEN

Associated Press Writer

**SEATTLE** — The sound was picked up by underwater microphones: a blasting shriek every 25 seconds or so.

About the same time, 20 killer whales that had been quietly feeding in Haro Strait became agitated. As many as 100 porpoises leaped through the water, apparently panicked.

"They were all going the same direction, and they all looked like they were getting out of there," said Tom McMillen, owner of Salish Sea Charters, who was in the waterway between Victoria, British Columbia, and Washington state's San Juan Islands that day in May.

The Navy later confirmed that the guided-missile destroyer USS Shoup had been training in the area using mid-range sonar, which emits signals at a frequency range that includes human speech and industrial whistles.

Mid-range sonar has been used in some form since World War II, although it's not known how whales responded to those early systems. People were less aware of such problems and the systems were used for deep-sea Cold War surveillance, far from public view.

The Navy and the National Marine Fisheries Service, however, have linked mid-range sonar to the deaths of seven whales in the Bahamas in 2000. Tests are still being conducted on 13 porpoises found dead around the time of the Haro Strait incident.

Environmental activists worry that the effects of low-frequency sonar, which came into use about 10 years ago, could be more widespread. They challenged its use by suing successfully in federal court, prompting Navy agreement to peacetime restrictions.

While court approval of those restrictions is pending, the Pentagon is asking Congress for a broad range of exemptions from federal environmental law, including the Marine Mammal Protection Act.

For an environmental impact statement, the Navy has conducted only limited scientific studies on the effect of low-frequency sonar on marine life.

Navy Vice Adm. Charles W. Moore Jr. told a Senate

subcommittee in July that "there is no evidence of any negative impact on marine mammals in the single ocean area" where tests of low-frequency sonar are being conducted.

Low-frequency sonar can send signals hundreds of miles in water before it dissipates. Operating at a range that includes higher-frequency thunder and some whale communication, it is felt, more than heard, by humans.

## "This agreement safeguards both marine life and national security."

— JOEL REYNOLDS  
Pentagon spokesman

When the Navy tested the system off California in 1994, it could be heard on underwater mikes in Alaska and Japan. The system could transform the acoustic landscape into a jumble of signals in the range used by whales to navigate, search for food and find mates, environmental advocates say.

Environmentalists became aware of the system in 1994, when it was being tested around the world and in U.S. coastal areas.

"It soon became clear the Navy had been conducting tests of the system for a number of years without any kind of environmental review," said Michael Jasny of the Natural Resources Defense Council.

The case raises an interesting question: How can the environmental impacts of defense systems under development be evaluated when they are usually classified — and thus hidden from the scrutiny of those whose priority is the natural world?

Jasny contends that classifying defense information as secret or top secret only aggravates a problem common to governmental agencies: Programs are planned and resources committed before the environment is considered. If review occurs, it happens when development is under way.

"That kind of back-end analysis tends to make for bad environmental planning," he said. Add classification, "which essentially shields the Navy from much of the public scrutiny that other agencies receive," and the problem worsens.

A Pentagon spokesman refutes Jasny's contention that the environment gets short shrift when new defense systems are in the planning and development stage.

"Throughout all stages of their development, trials and operational use," Navy systems are subject to the appropriate environmental review, said Lt. Cmdr. Cappy Surette.

But the defense council questions the effectiveness of such reviews.

"It just doesn't do much because there's no effective oversight," said Joel Reynolds, another spokesman.

The National Marine Fisheries Service issued the Navy a five-year permit last year for use of low-frequency sonar, allowing deployment over 75 percent of the world's oceans.

After environmentalists challenged the permit, U.S. Magistrate Judge Elizabeth LaPorte in San Francisco ruled it illegal, a decision finalized in August. She acknowledged the compelling public interest in ensuring the military can detect hostile submarines, but said peacetime Navy testing should be limited to low-risk areas with few marine mammals and endangered species.

The parties agreed to an area along the east coast of Asia, with seasonal restrictions to protect whale migrations. The restrictions would not apply in wartime.

"This agreement safeguards both marine life and national security," Reynolds said. "It will prevent the needless injury, harassment and death of countless whales, porpoises and fish, and yet allow the Navy to do what is necessary to defend our country."

LaPorte signed a permanent injunction Oct. 14.

The Navy had been braced for the worst since earlier this year when LaPorte set similar, temporary limits.

"The court's opinion underscores shortcomings in the MMPA (Marine Mammal Protection Act) that apply to any worldwide military readiness activity," Moore told the Senate subcommittee.

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### EVENTS

#### Animal adoption

Animal adoption featuring rescued dogs and cats. Steve Truitt, host of HGTV's "Ground Rules" and NBC4 personality, will be a celebrity volunteer. The event will be hosted by Bodies in Motion, and Much Love Animal Rescue, and will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Bodies in Motion, 2730 Santa Monica Blvd.

#### Expand your business contacts

The Women's Referral Service, Southern California's leading business and professional organization for men and women, holds their "Saturday Brunch Chapter monthly Networking meeting," at 9:30 a.m. Buy tickets at the door or call (818) 995-6646 to make reservations.  
Four Points Sheraton, 530 West Pico Blvd.

### CULTURE

#### Craft Faire and Boutique comes to SM

The students and faculty at Pilgrim Lutheran School will host a Craft Faire and Boutique to raise funds for classroom improvements. Items for sale include jewelry, pottery, woodwork, handmade clothes, hats, handbags, Christmas ornaments, holiday gifts, baked goods and more. The sale will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Interested vendors are welcome to rent a booth for \$55. For more information, call (310) 829-2239.  
Pilgrim Lutheran School, 1730 Wilshire Blvd.

#### Writing workshop

Joanne Kyger leads a writing workshop which focuses on

everyday writing — by looking at examples of the uses of notebooks from Sei Shonagon and Basho to Jack Kerouac and Philip Whalen. The workshop will help writers "put their personal breath line on the page." The workshop will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and costs \$40. For more information, call (310) 822-3006.  
Beyond Baroque, 681 Venice Blvd.

#### 2003 Los Angeles Decorative Arts fair

Discover an eclectic mix of exquisite antiques, contemporary art and more at the second annual Los Angeles Decorative Arts fair from Nov. 7 to Nov. 9. Designed for homeowners, private collectors and holiday shoppers, the show will appeal to those who seek unique, quality and authentic decorative pieces for the home. More than 60 top international dealers representing art, antique and design will exhibit at the event. Tickets for the event are \$10 per person. The show will be held from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 7 and Saturday, Nov. 8, and from noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 9. There will also be a preview event tonight from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., during which guests will be offered the first chance to view and purchase the artwork on display. Preview night tickets cost \$40 and include admission throughout the weekend. For more information, call (310) 455-2886 or visit [www.caskeylees.com](http://www.caskeylees.com).

#### The Lower Topanga poets

The Lower Topanga poets will read from their Idlers of the Bamboo Grove collection from their 50-year-old community. The collection explores the beauty and loss experienced by the residents of the Lower Topanga artists' com-

munity, who were evicted to make room for a State Park. The readings will begin at 4 p.m. and will cost \$7, \$5 for students and seniors.  
Beyond Baroque, 681 Venice Blvd.

#### The Other Shoe: Original Short American Plays

The Edgemar Center for the arts will present a compilation of musical and comedic plays. The program begins at 7:30 p.m. and costs \$20. Reservations can be made at (310) 392-7327. Edgemar Center for the Arts, 2437 Main Street

#### Because of You:

##### The Life and Loves of Sholom Aleichem

Evelyn Rudie and Chris DeCalo created 'Because of You' a musical based on the letters and stories of Sholom Aleichem, the creator of the characters in "Fiddler on the Roof." Aleichem wrote about the Russian-Jewish experience, including works in Yiddish at a time when there was no literature in the language. Santa Monica Playhouse, 1211 Fourth St. (310) 394-9779

### ENTERTAINMENT

#### Harvelle's

Established in 1931, Harvelle's is the oldest blues club on the west side. This is the kind of blues joint you'd expect to find in a dark Chicago alley; yet even if it's your first visit, it feels familiar. On Saturday night, Harvelle's features Jessie and the Raindogs, and on Sunday, the Toledo Show.  
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## MOVIE °GUIDE

#### LAEMMLE'S MONICA 4-PLEX

1332 2nd Street  
Mambo Italiano — 1:15, 6:05 p.m.  
Shattered Glass R — 12:15, 2:40, 3:40, 5:05, 6:05, 7:30, 8:30, 9:55 p.m.  
The Singing Detective R — 12, 2:35, 5:10, 7:45, 10:15 p.m.  
The Station Agent R — 1, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45, 10 p.m.  
Lola — special weekend showings, Sat. and Sun., 11 a.m.

#### LANDMARK NU-WILSHIRE

1314 Wilshire Blvd  
Elephant R — 2:30, 4:45, 7, 9:30 p.m.  
Pieces of April PG-13 — 2:45, 5, 7:30, 9:45 p.m.

#### LOEWS CINEPLEX BROADWAY CINEMAS

1441 Third Street Promenade  
Kill Bill Vol. 1 R — 12, 2:30, 5:05, 7:40, 10:20 p.m.  
Love Actually R — 11:30 a.m., 12:30, 2:45, 3:45, 6:15, 7, 9:30, 10:15 p.m.  
Mystic River R — 12:45 p.m., 3:50, 7:15, 10:30 p.m.

#### AMC SANTA MONICA 7

1310 Third Street Promenade  
Alien: The Director's Cut — Sat., 10:20 p.m.; Sun., 10:10 p.m.  
Brother Bear PG — 11:40 a.m., 2, 4:30, 7, 9:20 p.m.  
Elf PG — Sat., 11:50 a.m., 2:35, 5:15, 7:50, 9:50 p.m.; Sun., 11:50 a.m., 2:35, 5:15, 7:45, 9:50 p.m.  
In the Cut R — 1:20, 4, 7:05, 9:45 p.m.  
Intolerable Cruelty PG-13 — Sat., 12:20, 2:55, 5:25, 8 p.m.; Sun., 12:20, 2:55, 5:25, 7:50 p.m.  
Scary Movie 3 PG-13 — Sat., 12:10, 2:25, 4:45, 7:20, 10:25 p.m.; Sun., 12:10, 2:25, 4:45, 7:20, 10:15 p.m.  
School of Rock PG-13 — Sat., 11:30 a.m., 2:10, 5, 7:35, 10:10 p.m.; Sun., 11:30 a.m., 2:10, 5, 7:35, 10:05 p.m.  
The Texas Chainsaw Massacre R — 1:45, 4:05, 7:05, 9:30 p.m.

#### MANN CRITERION 6 THEATERS

1313 Third Street Promenade  
Good Bye PG — 10:45 a.m.  
The Human Stain — 11:30 a.m., 2:15, 4:50, 7:50, 10:40  
The Matrix Revolutions — Sat., 9:30, 10:15, 11 a.m., 12:30, 1:15, 2, 3:30, 4:15, 5, 6:30, 7:15, 8, 9:30, 10:15, 11 p.m., 12:20 a.m.; Sun., 9:30, 10:15, 11 a.m., 12:30, 1:15, 2, 3:30, 4:15, 5, 6:30, 7:15, 8, 9:30, 10:15, 11 p.m.  
Radio — 10:50 a.m., 1:20, 4, 7, 9:40 p.m.  
Runaway Jury — 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30 p.m.

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



# NATIONAL □ INTERNATIONAL



## Six die in U.S. Army helicopter crash near Tikrit

BY JIM GOMEZ

Associated Press Writer

**TIKRIT, Iraq** — An Army helicopter crashed Friday into a riverbank near Saddam Hussein's hometown of Tikrit, killing six U.S. soldiers, the military said. Two Americans also were killed in two days in the northern city of Mosul, raising concerns that the insurgency was spreading north.

It was not immediately clear whether the chopper was brought down by hostile fire or a mechanical failure, a spokeswoman said. An officer who asked not to be identified said it may have been hit by a rocket-propelled grenade.

"Six soldiers were on board and all of them were killed," said Maj. Josslyn Aberle, a spokeswoman for the 4th Infantry Division based in Tikrit. They were all from the 101st Airborne Division, she said.

Guerrillas attacked a convoy in the eastern part of Mosul, 250 miles north of

Baghdad, with rocket-propelled grenades and small-arms fire Friday morning. The military said one U.S. soldier died and six others were wounded in the clash.

Three others were injured later in the day when a roadside bomb exploded near the downtown Mosul Hotel, which is now used as a military barracks, the military said. A military statement released Friday said that a soldier died the day before near Mosul when a homemade bomb exploded.

The latest confirmed U.S. military fatalities bring to at least 31 the number of American troops killed action in the first week of November. Two American civilian contractors working for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and a Polish officer also died in attacks over the past seven days.

The U.S. military said that the number of daily attacks on coalition forces dropped to 29 last week from a spike of 37 the week before.

The spate of attacks in the past week in Mosul, Iraq's third-largest city, has raised concerns among U.S. military command-

ers that the insurgency is spreading into that region from its main stronghold in the so-called Sunni Triangle, to the west and north of Baghdad.

The city is close to the semiautonomous Kurdish areas that lie between it and the Turkish border.

In Baghdad, about 500 people marched Friday toward coalition headquarters to protest the arrest of 36 clerics over the past couple of months.

They chanted Islamic slogans including "America's army will be wiped out," and "America is the enemy of God." They also carried a large banner reading "Prisons ... will never terrify us."

Near Karbala, 70 miles south of Baghdad, the Polish brigade serving as part of the U.S.-led coalition held a memorial service for Maj. Hieronim Kupczyk who was killed in an ambush Thursday.

It was the first combat death for Poland, which has 2,400 soldiers in Iraq and is in charge of a large swath of south-

central Iraq where about 9,500 soldiers of several nations help maintain security.

The Pentagon announced that one of the soldiers wounded in Sunday's downing of an Army Chinook helicopter died Thursday at a medical facility in Germany, raising the death toll to 16. Twenty-six others were injured.

In al-Assad, a desert base 155 miles northwest of Baghdad, hundreds of soldiers, some wearing ceremonial spurs and black regimental hats, assembled late Thursday to remember their comrades killed in the shootdown, the deadliest single attack against U.S. forces since the Iraq war began March 20.

Army officials said the helicopter's crew apparently had a last-second warning of an approaching missile and managed to launch flares designed to draw the heat-seeking missile away. The defensive measure did not work and the missile slammed into the right side of the helicopter's rear engine, destroying it and triggering a fire.



## WORLD BRIEFLY

### Palestine leadership crisis intensifies

By The Associated Press

**JERUSALEM** — Israeli forces killed three Palestinians in operations in the Gaza Strip on Friday, residents said, while the Palestinian leadership crisis intensified, scuttling peace efforts and endangering a donors conference.

The leadership deadlock between Yasser Arafat and Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia is holding up renewal of high-level contacts with Israel, and it might derail a conference of international donors who have been supporting the cash-strapped Palestinian Authority.

At issue is the appointment of an interior minister who would consolidate the security forces — some of which are under the command of Arafat — and play a key role in possible action against violent groups.

Arafat has blocked Qureia's choice for the job, Gen. Nasser Yousef, in part because he does not want to relinquish control over the security services. Qureia's successor, Mahmoud Abbas, was pushed out by Arafat over the same issue.

Arafat and Qureia met Thursday, along with leaders of the ruling Fatah movement, but failed to resolve the dispute.

### State of emergency canceled in Sri Lanka

By The Associated Press

**COLOMBO, Sri Lanka** — Sri Lanka's president canceled a state of emergency decree Friday but prepared a new, milder measure to boost the authority of the armed forces in her power struggle with the prime minister that threatens peace talks with Tamil Tiger rebels.

President Chandrika Kumaratunga, who accuses Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe of appeasing the separatist insurgents to find a solution to the two-decade conflict, fired three of his top ministers and issued the emergency decree while he was in Washington earlier this week for talks.

Wickremesinghe got a rousing welcome from supporters Friday on his return from abroad and insisted he had not been beaten by the president, his longtime and deeply bitter rival.

Later Friday, Kumaratunga canceled her emergency decree two days after it was issued but was preparing an order giving additional but limited powers to the military, said Nevielle Nanayakkara, the official in charge of printing government decrees.

An official in the president's office, speaking on condition of anonymity, confirmed his account.

While no reason was given for lifting the emergency order, it appeared to be an attempt to decrease the level

of bitterness that the two leaders' political confrontation has reached this week.

### Trucker kills two

By The Associated Press

**WEST CHESTER, Ohio** — A trucker packing two handguns opened fire on employees of a company he once worked for, killing two men and wounding three others before fleeing to Indiana where he was arrested while eating at a truck stop.

Police said the man, who once worked out of the company's Atlanta office, did not appear to know his victims.

Tom West, 50, drove past security guards Thursday morning without stopping at the company's entry gate, strode into the office and opened fire — apparently without singling out any specific target, police Chief John Bruce said.

West fired at least 12 shots in the dispatch office of Watkins Motor Lines Inc., police said.

West was charged Thursday with two counts of aggravated murder and three counts of attempted murder, hours after Indiana State Police arrested him at a truck stop restaurant. He waived extradition, and police promptly brought him back to this northern Cincinnati suburb for a court appearance scheduled for Friday.

### Government to defend abortion ban

By The Associated Press

**NEW YORK** — The government promised to defend a new law banning certain late-term abortions, despite rulings by three federal judges who blocked its enforcement so legal challenges — which they concluded would likely succeed — can go forward.

Federal judges in New York and California blocked the law Thursday, a day after it was signed by President Bush.

Judge Richard Casey in Manhattan suspended the effect of the law for 10 days, saying he expected an association of abortion providers in the United States and Canada and seven doctors will succeed in their challenge. The National Abortion Federation says its members perform half of abortions nationwide.

U.S. District Judge Phyllis Hamilton in San Francisco ruled the law appears unconstitutional because it provides no exemptions for a woman's health, mirroring the reasons cited by the other judges and affecting doctors at 900 Planned Parenthood clinics nationwide.

The two rulings together cover a majority of the abortion providers in the United States.

On Wednesday, less than an hour after Bush signed the law, a federal judge in Nebraska made a similar ruling.

The Justice Department said in a statement that it "will continue to strongly defend the law prohibiting partial birth abortions using every resource necessary."

### Anthrax scare at D.C. post offices

By The Associated Press

**WASHINGTON** — Nearly a dozen area post offices remained closed Friday while authorities tried to determine whether anthrax was found at a Navy facility that handles mail for federal agencies.

There was no indication that any of 1,200 to 1,500 postal workers affected were exposed to anthrax, and Postal Service spokesman Azeazy Jaffer said Thursday night that none had been offered Cipro or any other antibiotic as a precaution.

Five workers at the Navy mail-sorting office were to be given antibiotics, two local television stations reported Thursday night.

The Postal Service closed 11 post offices Thursday while authorities ran tests to determine whether anthrax was detected at the Navy mail site.

Jaffer said authorities decided "out of an abundance of caution" to close the facilities and test them for any biohazard contamination.

Customers who are serviced by the post offices should expect minimal delays in mail delivery, the Postal Service said. Normal operations will resume as soon as possible, the agency said.

Equipment that routinely monitors the air at the Naval Automated Processing Facility in the District of Columbia indicated Wednesday the presence of "small amounts of biological pathogens, possibly anthrax," said Rachael Sunbarger, a Homeland Security spokeswoman.

### Decision could prompt cheaper meds

By The Associated Press

**TULSA, Okla.** — A judge's order shutting down a pharmacy chain that imported prescription drugs from Canada could add new impetus to federal efforts to provide cheaper alternatives for people struggling to afford their medicines.

U.S. District Judge Claire Eagan on Thursday granted a request by the Food and Drug Administration to shut down a Tulsa-based firm operating as Rx Depot and Rx of Canada, saying the company violates a federal law that allows only manufacturers to bring drugs into the country. Eagan said in her ruling that Congress is the best forum to address the high cost of prescription drugs.

The order requires the company to close its 85 storefronts nationwide immediately, said its lawyer, Fred Stoops.

The chain's founder, Carl Moore, said he planned to appeal the decision but would comply with the judge's order if another court does not block the decision.

"There's a drug crisis in this country due to the pricing and price gouging that goes on," Moore said. "I'm going to do my part to see drug prices lowered in this country."

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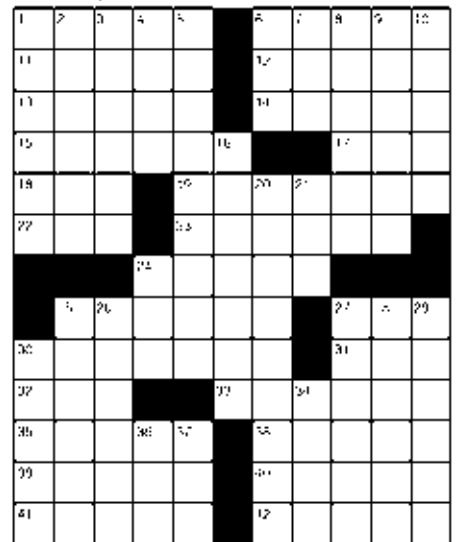
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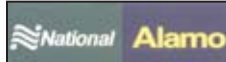
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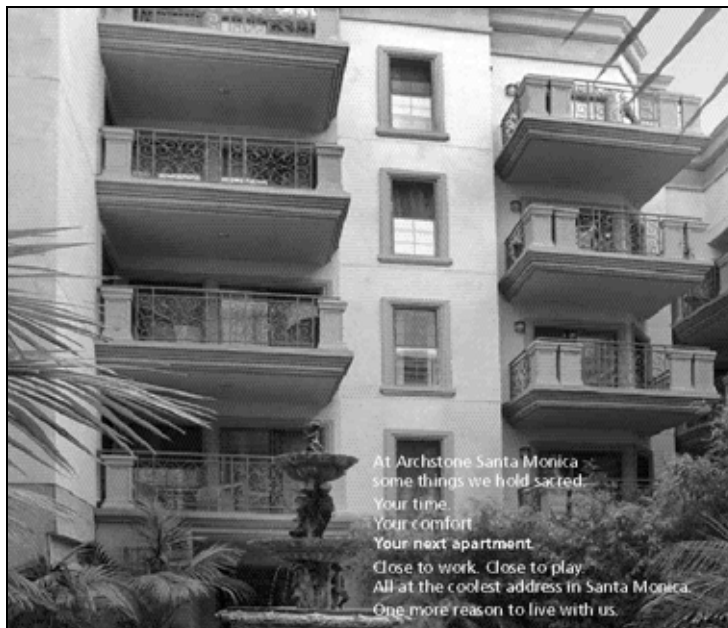
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## PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

# Ex-gov. 'The Body' Ventura 'exposed' in new book

By The Associated Press

■ **ST. PAUL, Minn.** — The man who managed the Minnesota governor's mansion when Jesse Ventura occupied it has written a book.

Dan Creed's book, "Governor Ventura: 'The Body' Exposed," is subtitled "The Man. The Mansion. The Meltdown."

He's declining to talk about details of the book until a news conference Wednesday in front of the residence.

But a miniature book cover adorned with a fluff of pink feather boa gives a hint about the contents: "This biographical tell-all is written by Dan Creed, the man who saw the inside of the Ventura household from his vantage point as manager ... Creed relates the stories — good and bad — that he witnessed every day at the mansion."

Creed has a whistle-blower lawsuit pending. It alleges he lost his job because he complained about suspected underage drinking and destruction of property.

He said the alleged drinking and vandalism happened during parties thrown at the mansion by Tyrel Ventura, Ventura's adult son. The mansion is the official residence of Minnesota's governor.

Creed and seven other residence staff members were laid off when Ventura shut down the residence last year during a dispute with the Legislature, which had cut \$175,000 from his security budget.

■ **SAN ANTONIO** — Queen Noor of Jordan believes women are key to peace-building efforts in the Middle East.

"Women are left to pick up the shattered pieces of society when a conflict is over," she told a crowd of about 2,000 people at Trinity University on Wednesday. "If peace is truly to take place in the Middle East, women must play a role."

Noor was in San Antonio as part of the university's 2003-04 Distinguished Lecture Series.

She said many women in the Middle East feel hopelessness because of hard-line traditions that stifle attitudes supported by a peace-loving mainstream majority, the San Antonio Express-News reported in a story in Thursday's editions. Such traditions, she said, tend to deny women a voice in their national future.

"Studies have shown that the positions of women are the best indicators of a country's development," she said. "Women help cross ethnic, religious and cultural divides towards peace."

The queen was born Lisa Najeeb Halaby in the New York in 1951 to a wealthy Pan American World Airways executive of Arabic descent. She is an Islamic convert and the widow of King Hussein of Jordan, having met the king when he visited her father in Jordan in 1976.

She has staunchly supported children's and women's rights, human rights and the environment in Jordan. Her 2003 memoir, "Leap of Faith," covers her American childhood, her courtship and the king's efforts at brokering peace in the Middle East.

■ **FAIRFIELD, Ohio** — Cincinnati Reds broadcaster Joe Nuxhall is undergoing treatment for cancer.

The 75-year-old said he has had four chemotherapy treatments for a lymphoma diagnosed two weeks ago.

"I'm upbeat," Nuxhall said. "Things have gone pretty good so far. We'll just wait and see."

Nuxhall was the youngest pitcher in the major leagues. He pitched two-thirds of an inning for the Reds in an 18-0 loss to the St. Louis Cardinals in 1944, when he was 15.

After graduating from Hamilton High School in 1947, Nuxhall signed with the Reds and made it back to the majors eight years later. He went 135-117 in 16 major league seasons, all but one of them with the Reds.

Nuxhall began broadcasting Reds games in 1967 and plans to retire after the 2004 season, the first time he will not work a full schedule.

He is committed to work 60 games with his partner of three decades, Hall of Fame broadcaster Marty Brennaman.

His likeness is cast in bronze at the entrance to the Reds' home, the Great American Ball Park on the Cincinnati riverfront.

■ **WARREN, Mich.** — Arrest warrants have been issued for Eminem's ex-wife after she failed to show up for two separate court hearings.

Kimberly Mathers, 28, hasn't been heard from in a week, and her whereabouts are unknown, the Detroit Free Press and The Detroit News reported Friday.

Lawyer Michael Smith said he last spoke to her on Oct. 30 and that "she was in great spirits."

"Everyone is concerned," Smith said, adding that Mathers hasn't disappeared for this long before. "Nobody knows where she is."

Eminem, whose legal name is Marshall Mathers III, doesn't know where she is either, said Harvey Hauer, who represented the rapper in his divorce case. They have a 7-year-old daughter, Hailie Jade.

On Thursday, after Mathers failed to show up for an arraignment on charges of running a drug house, 37th District Judge John Chmura issued a bench warrant. Those charges came from a Sept. 29 hotel party in Warren.

It was the second bench warrant issued for her arrest this week.

Mathers also was supposed to attend a hearing Tuesday for violating the conditions of her bond in a St. Clair Shores drug case.

Macomb County Circuit Judge Edward Servitto had issued a warrant when Mathers' lawyer couldn't reach his client after she missed the hearing. Servitto last month had ordered Mathers to wear a tether because she'd missed two earlier court dates since her June arrest in St. Clair Shores.

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