

Santa Monica Daily Press

A newspaper with issues

Landmarks initiative hits close to home

BY ANDREW H. FIXMER
Daily Press Staff Writer

While it took Marc Schrobilgen more than a decade to save enough money for a home in Santa Monica, it took a year-long bureaucratic stalemate to lose it all.

Schrobilgen, a 32-year-old music video producer, first bought a single-story 1940s "Spanish Revival" house at 224 18th Street with the intention of tearing it down and building the home of his dreams.

But when a neighbor nominated his house for landmark consideration by the city, his plans were delayed by more than 15 months, costing him an estimated \$120,000 in insurance, mortgage payments, interest, legal fees and consultants, Schrobilgen said.

Even though he eventually received the demolition permit from the city last month and tore the structure down, the high amount of unexpected losses will force Schrobilgen to sell his new home as

"This became a growth measure. They think if they can protect what's being knocked down they can control what's going up."

— MARC SCHROBILGEN
Santa Monica homeowner

soon as its built to pay back the expenses.

"Even after going through all of this, I'll never get to live there," he said.

Schrobilgen's story has sparked a political upheaval in neighborhoods mainly north of Montana Avenue, where residents have collected nearly 13,000 signatures to qualify for a special election on an initiative that would make the city's land-

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Marc Schrobilgen stands in front of a pit where his house at 224 18th St. used to stand. Because of costly bureaucratic delays, Schrobilgen may never move into his new home.

GOP's future may rest in hands of the 'Terminator'



Arnold Schwarzenegger

BY ERICA WERNER
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES — He has been a genetically engineered twin and a pregnant man, a barbarian and a spy, a kindergarten cop and a killer. Now some Republicans are casting Arnold Schwarzenegger as the next governor of California.

Fresh from the Election Day success of a \$550 million education measure that he sponsored, the actor has become perhaps

California's most promising GOP candidate — even though he is not yet running for anything.

"Arnold Schwarzenegger would do a tremendous amount to reinvigorate the party itself and the image of the party to most Californians," said Brian Todd of Bakersfield, a delegate to state party conventions.

The body-builder-turned-action-hero — who's production company is based in Santa Monica and who used to partly

own Shatzi on Main Street — deflects questions about his political ambitions.

But many Republicans expect — and hope — he will run for governor in four years.

The Austrian-born actor considered seeking the nomination against Democratic Gov. Gray Davis this past year. Supporters launched a "T2 in '02" movement, and T-shirts with the slogan were snapped up at the party convention in February. But Schwarzenegger decided not to run, citing his contract to film "Terminator 3," set for release next summer.

Instead, he drafted, funded and starred in TV commercials for Proposition 49, which dedicates as much as \$550 million annually to before- and after-school programs. The measure passed by a wide margin earlier this month.

America's most successful actor-turned-politician, Ronald Reagan, blazed the trail a generation ago. Before becoming governor of California and then president, Reagan made the transition into politics as president of

the Screen Actors' Guild and a spokesman for General Electric. Other celebrities who have switched to politics include former Carmel Mayor Clint Eastwood and Minnesota Gov. Jesse Ventura.

Schwarzenegger's name, wealth and potential to appeal to Democrats and moderates make him an attractive candidate in a state where Democrats outnumber Republicans 45 percent to 35 percent.

"It's pretty clear that right now Schwarzenegger is a strong early front-runner for the nomination," said GOP consultant Dan Schnur. "Proposition 49 was the first primary of the 2006 governor's race if Arnold Schwarzenegger wants it to be."

Schwarzenegger, 55, told The Associated Press: "To me it's a great honor to be considered for those kind of things. I think it's great people say, 'He's the ideal candidate' or 'He can win.' Obviously, it's much better if people say that than if they say the opposite. But I don't have a plan like that."

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Women shed clothes for peace

By The Associated Press

POINT REYES STATION

— Concerned that war against Iraq is imminent, 50 women took off their clothes in the cold rain and lay end-to-end in the grass to spell out P-E-A-C-E.

The unusual protest was organized in just a few days by artist Donna Sheehan, 72, who wanted to convey the desperation she said women in particular feel about the coming military action.

"I just thought, what can I do? What can we do? It's a desperate feeling. Well, this is what I did," Sheehan said Friday. "And every other woman who was there felt like they were doing something for peace."

Sheehan called her friends, they called their friends, and by Tuesday afternoon, they were ready to pose for local photographer Art Rogers in a baseball field in this small town just north of San Francisco.

As soon as they took off their

clothes, a cold rain began to fall.

"By the time we'd stripped, with a lot of squealing and giggling and whooping and hollering, it was really raining," she said. "But we had fun. It was very empowering."

All the women signed documents allowing their images to be sold, with proceeds going to the peace movement. The Point Reyes Light, the local weekly newspaper, published the picture on Thursday.

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★★-So-so ★-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Expenses get a bit heavy at the last minute. Now, who did this to whom? Assume greater responsibility for your portfolio. Better understand a friend who could be rather erratic at times. Think success. Tonight: Make long-term changes to your financial structure.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ The Full Moon and lunar eclipse in your sign herald a period of change. You know what you want — don't hem and haw anymore. A boss could find you to be unpredictable or vice versa. Understand the push and pull of this situation. Tonight: Smile away.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★ Your smiling ways fall flat when dealing with an associate or someone else in your day-to-day life. Keep communication as open as possible while you seek out solutions. Information heads your way that could toss quite a boomerang into the here and now. Tonight: Worry less.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ What you want will become a distinct possibility in the near future. Sometimes you put your long-term desires on the back burner when trying to deal with the present. STOP. You have one life to live. Start living it right now. Tonight: First decision: Who would you like to be with tonight?

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ You feel pulled as if you are taffy in the making. You might be able to put a halt to this process by detaching and not running into your problems. Changes brew, but you might not be seeing them yet. Trust that everything will work out. Tonight: Get your work done.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Hold on to your hat, as you will hear strange information. You might wonder about your limits and what can happen here. Be open to possibilities. You're in for a lot of excitement, and quite quickly at that. Tonight: Opt for an ultimately relaxing activity.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Others might not view situations as you do. Listen well to feedback that surrounds an emotional situation. You finally might have done it and pushed someone too far away. Everyone has their limits. Honor them before you get into trouble. Tonight: Do what you need to do to make peace.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ You know what you want. The real issue might be communicating just that. Stay centered, keeping in mind what could be possible. Lighten up about a difficult family member. Right now, no matter what you do, you cannot make this person happy. Tonight: Go along for the ride.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Some of you might opt to dig into work or a new health or exercise program. Discover ways to work out stress, which might be quite high. Verbalize more of what you need. Though you might not have an immediate response, others hear you. Tonight: Get some extra zzz's.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ If you find a personal relationship difficult, next month provides ways to move this tie in a new direction. If single, you could be delighted by what the next six months put on your platter. Surprises could happen even this week! Tonight: Accept a fun invitation.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Though you might not see it, you could be the source of your own problem. Be honest with yourself about a personal matter. You might be unhappy about a domestic matter, but you are unwilling to back off your position. Tonight: Talk to a dear friend.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You might be one of the few who see clearly at this point. Your perspective about someone you value right now is renewed. Today's lunar eclipse could have some unexpected repercussions. Hold on to your hat, so to speak! Tonight: Swap news with a buddy.

QUOTE of the DAY

**"To reduce stress, avoid excitement.
Spend more time with your spouse."**

— Robert Orben

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LOCAL



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Giving thanks by giving during the holidays

By Daily Press staff

St. Joseph Center has kicked off its holiday series of giving opportunities.

Every year Venice Beach-based St. Joseph Center turns the holiday season into a series of "giving" opportunities. Anyone can take part in the center's holiday events and parties by adopting a family, serving meals, donating food, clothing, gifts, decorations and party supplies, or simply by making monetary contributions.

The three-part "Adopt-a-Family" project matches donors with homeless and low-income families and individuals. Gifts are needed for the disadvantaged, such as backpacks or sweatshirts, or family gifts such as a set of new towels or a toaster. Age-appropriate gifts are needed for less fortunate children, or grocery store gift certificates for a holiday meal.

Low-income families and individuals will be ready for adoption by Nov. 25. St. Joseph's Center officials say that giving during the holiday season builds a bridge between the caring and the less fortunate.

St. Joseph Center provides 11 programs and services on seven sites in West LA, Santa Monica, and Venice, empowering low-income individuals and families toward self-sufficiency.

For more information, call 310-396-6468 ext. 325.

Concert to benefit Liberty Hill Foundation

By Daily Press staff

A Grammy-winning *a cappella* ensemble will give its only Los Angeles area concert to help benefit The Liberty Hill Foundation.

Sweet Honey In The Rock, known for its uplifting and electrifying performances, will give their only area concert this year on Dec. 7 at the Wilshire Ebell Theater at 8 p.m.

The band blends the performances of six extraordinary African-American vocalists, whose music has deep roots in the sacred music of the black church as well as jazz and blues.

The group's leader, Bernice Reagon, was awarded the MacArthur Foundation's "genius" award for her outstanding contribution to the nation's musical heritage. Last month, Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton commended Reagon on the floor of Congress.

The concert will benefit Santa Monica-based Liberty Hill Foundation, one of the leading social change foundations in the region.

"At a time when many people fear the nation is headed in the wrong direction, Sweet Honey reminds us that brave men and women throughout history have overcome tremendous odds in their effort to create a just world," said Liberty Hill executive director Torie Osborn. "Their music inspires us even in our darkest hours."

Liberty Hill Foundation was established in 1976 by a group of young people inspired by the 1960s movements for social justice. They launched a foundation with \$100,000 and a commitment to change, not charity.

Over the last 26 years, Liberty Hill Foundation has given away more than \$17.5 million to community organizations in Los Angeles County.

Tickets are \$35, \$65, \$125 and \$250. For sales, call (310) 453-3611 or purchase online at www.libertyhill.org/donor/d_programs_content7.html



surf report

Information compiled by Jesse Haley

We should see a trend of moderate surf with a west by northwest swell on the decline.

Breaks throughout the county look about waist-high today, mostly with some plus sets in the chest-high range.

Today we see the arrival of new swell out of the north-west.

The new swell is expected to improve, when best northwest exposures could see shoulder high waves.

Most of L.A. will miss the steep angled swell, but South Bay locations pick it up best.



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High-	7:34 p.m.	4.15'

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Surfrider	2-3'/Fair	1-3'/Fair	A
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The Q Line

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But there has been talk that the district may put another measure before the voters during a special election in March, and teacher layoffs, student bus fee hikes and classroom size increases, among

other things, may be avoided.

So Q-line wants to know:

"Should the voters bail out the school district and ensure the public education system won't suffer? Or should the school board find a way to tighten their belts during these lean economic times just like everyone?"

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OPINION

LETTERS

In the defeat of Measure JJ, we all lost

Editor:

We all gain when workers are paid decent wages and do not require public assistance, nor a second job to provide for their families. Besides basic decency, we all profit when families have the time, energy, and money to nurture and educate their children; these are all our children and our country's future.

I am aware how difficult it is to win campaigns over big moneyed interests; however, the state attorney must get involved when a campaign is defeated by fraud and lies.

In the last weekend before the election, voters were flooded with mail feigning to be "Democratic Voters Ballot Guides." These fake slate mailers confused voters by falsely insinuating that Congressman Henry Waxman and Assemblywoman Fran Pavley urged a "No" vote on Measure JJ.

Democracy cannot stand when our election process is corrupted. We must keep fighting to achieve basic fairness for the working poor. Santa Monica's hotels, that benefit from my tax dollars, must be made to pay living wages. AND we need to fight for an honest election process for the democracy in which we purport to believe.

Myrna Iny
Santa Monica

Congratulations on inheriting slate politics

Editor:

While this reader is being grateful for your insightful coverage over the past year, I truly hope that you are giving thanks for the greatest gift any local editor could ever receive, Santa Monicans for Renters Rights.

Let's face it, they and their cohorts at the HERE union sure make your job easier and the paper eminently more readable. Pathos, drama, conspiracy, messianic vision, high and low comedy - SMRR has it all but effective local government.

The one constant in their activities is a propensity for more whining and crying than you could hear in a first day of kindergarten school yard! Hijacked conventions, secret mailings and incessant mewling because their own carefully orchestrated, pre-ordained results somehow went astray sure make for entertaining reading.

It's just too bad that their lust for total domination of local thought precludes devo-

tion of full attention to actually solving the problems of local government. Still, they do keep you busy, so I guess that's something. Anyway, congratulations on your anniversary, and keep the editorial light shining. It's for certain that we could never expect unbiased information from the local powers that be.

Bob Abernethy
Santa Monica

Honor our veterans

Editor:

Speaking out for our much loved and much respected honorable veterans, I have three questions that our Green Party mayor needs to answer?

Why was there no Veterans Day Memorial Ceremony on Veterans Day at the Santa Monica Veterans Memorial? Why did he as mayor fail to either be at the Veterans Memorial or have someone from Santa Monica City Council be present to acknowledge and provide some respect? Why was there no flag present at the Veterans Memorial other than the one I carried?

The cost for the Veterans Memorial in Palisades Park was \$70,239. The Veterans Memorial features six marble columns that cast shadows on the ground markers at 11 seconds of 11th minute of the 11th hour of 11th day of the 11th month. I witness the shadows being cast and the heart breaking disappointment of an honorable retired Major ask why there wasn't a ceremony?

Last year, three drunks made a total mockery of the Veterans Memorial Ceremony in front of many families.

The people of Santa Monica and our honorable veterans deserve better. My anger towards the mayor was instigated by his disrespectful personal actions. I love my country and I am deeply hostile to the mayor and anyone that disrespects our country, our veterans, our flag, our police, our fire dept., and our other emergency workers that risk their lives 24 hours a day.

Never forget that the U.S.A. is our country and our home!

Never forget our honorable veterans!

Pro Se
Santa Monica

Insights for those who aren't 'current events-challenged'



TWISTED
By Dan Dunn

Researchers in Oregon have concluded that gay sheep that mate only with other rams have different brain structures from "straight" sheep.

Upon hearing the news, I heaved a sigh of relief, and thought, "Well, that clears THAT up." Now, at long last, I can get back to monitoring the contentious battle between pro-life and pro-choice chickens.

"We are not trying to explain human sexuality by this study," said Charles Roselli, a professor of physiology and pharmacology, who supervised the gay sheep analysis. This, of course, begs the obvious question: What in the hell WERE they trying to explain?

Perhaps they're hoping to eradicate anti-homosexual sentiment in the sheep community. Lord knows, rams who are,

shall we see, "light in the hooves" have suffered long enough.

Well rise up, all you effeminate, four-legged, woolly creatures, and say it loud, say it proud: "We're here, we're queer ... and ready to be sheared!"

I must say that this study has raised a number of "counting sheep" issues that, quite frankly, I'm not sure I'm prepared to deal with. Really, if I count gay sheep at night, does that make ME gay, or just curious? Aw, hell, I guess I'll count aborted chickens instead.

And next up for Oregon researchers: Studying the effects of long-term exposure to marijuana on sea lions.

In other news, Oscar-nominated actress Winona Ryder was found guilty of shoplifting charges after an extraordinary six-day trial.

Ryder walked out of the posh Saks Fifth Avenue store in Beverly Hills last December with some \$5,500 of designer tops, handbags, hairbows and socks stuffed in her shopping bags. She faces a possible prison term of up to three years.

Don't know exactly what sort of impact the prospect of doing hard time will have on the dangerously-cute star of "Heathers"

and "Reality Bites," but I can assure you this is the biggest thing to happen to the male "babes behind bars" fantasy since Vera Bennett joined the cast of "Prisoner: Cell Block H."

Surely some opportunistic producer has already pegged Ryder to star in a remake of the 1986 Wendy O. Williams classic, "Reform School Girls." (Wendy O. is unavailable due to a scheduling conflict that arose when she stuck a shotgun in her mouth and pulled the trigger).

I smell Oscar here, Winona ... or maybe it's just the stench of vinegar tits.

And finally, the French division of McDonald's has embarked on a highly unusual magazine advertising campaign telling customers that children should eat at the fast food restaurant no more than once a week. The ads go on to say there is no reason to "abuse fast food."

So what in the hell is going here? Are we supposed to believe that the world's most popular fast food chain is really looking out for our health?

I just don't buy it - this "high-minded" gesture. I mean, I read "Fast Food Nation" (and if you haven't, you should). This is an Evil Empire we're talking

about here. They've made billions and billions serving billions and billions a smorgasbord of unhealthy slop that has contributed mightily to statistics that show 60 percent of us are overweight and 25 percent are obese and face very real and very scary health problems.

OF COURSE they want us to abuse fast food, because our foolish gluttony enhances their bottom line. The fatter we get, the chunkier their coffers. It's simple economics, people.

All that said, I WANT McDonald's to be bad for us. I'm GLAD McDonald's is bad for us. Because the stuff that's bad for us makes the world a funner place. (And yes, I know 'funner' isn't a real word, just like I know a McDonald's 'Whaler' ain't made from real whales ... so back off, you tofu-eating grammarians!)

Besides, if high cholesterol and lard-clogged arteries don't kill us, the damn terrorists will. Plus, the way I see it, health nuts are going to feel stupid someday, lying in hospitals dying of nothing.

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LOCAL



Majority of demolitions took place north of Montana Ave.

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mark policies voluntary for owners of single family homes. The initiative would not apply to owners of condominiums or apartment complexes.

Future incidences like Schrobilgen's could be avoided if owners of single-family homes have a choice whether or not the city can bestow their property as a landmark or a structure of merit, initiative supporters say.

The city is currently investigating the initiative and staff members are expected to return at the Dec. 10 city council meeting with a recommendation on whether to adopt the initiative as an ordinance or call for a special March election.

However, opponents of the initiative say if its adopted, the city's power to protect its history and charm will be lost.

"What a lot of people are missing when it comes to this initiative is that it's not just about historic districts, but it's also about landmarks and whether a community should have landmarks," said Tom Cleys, president of the Santa Monica Conservancy. "As a community we have to decide if we want to save some of our best history and architecture or do we want to allow the market to do that for us."

Since the city's existing landmarks ordinance was enacted in the early 1970s, the law has stood virtually unchallenged until now, Cleys said. During that time, the landmarks commission, the public body that designates landmarks and nominates historic districts, has designated 16 homes and nominated two historic districts, which previous city councils then created.

The initiative's opponents say the only thing that has really changed since that time is the price of Santa Monica real estate.

Cleys, along with others, say the initiative is a tool for developers and real estate speculators who want to ensure the city cannot stand in the way of a profitable deal going through.

"There is a lot more people who have an economic interest in their properties," Cleys said. "And some people have convinced residents there is an economic problem with historic preservation, which just isn't true."

Initiative supporters say their movement is grassroots and sprung from within the neighborhoods. Campaign finance records show the group proposing the initiative, Homeowners for Voluntary Preservation, spent more than \$100,000 to gather enough signatures to potentially put the issue before the voters.

The group accuses the city and the Landmarks Commission of using the ordinance as a way to slow development.

"This became a growth measure," said Schrobilgen, who is actively campaigning for the initiative. "They think if they can protect what's being knocked down they can control what's going up."

WHERE THE DEMOLITION PERMITS ARE GRANTED

Demolition permits are regularly granted to homeowners through the city's planning department as long as the structure is less than 40 years old. City officials say the process is simple enough that most residents rarely need a lawyer's help to get them through the process.

However, demolition permits for homes built before 1962 must first be advertised for 60 days and then publicly

reviewed by the landmarks commission, which can either take no action and allow the demolition to go forward or pull the application and hold a public hearing to decide if the structure is preservation-worthy.

Under the current law, the landmarks commission can bestow landmark status on a home against its owner's wishes. Property owners can appeal a landmarks decision to the city council, which has final say on the matter.

The landmarks commission is guided through the hearing process by a historical survey of the neighborhood which identifies properties that have unique characteristics and stencils out entire blocks worthy of becoming historic districts.

During the past two years, the landmarks commission has reviewed 56 demolition permits for single family homes, and attempted to preserve one — Schrobilgen's 18th Street project.

More than 60 percent of the demolition permits granted, or 34 of them, were for single family homes located north of Montana Avenue — an area considered to have the city's wealthiest residents.

Meanwhile, in Santa Monica's oldest neighborhoods in Ocean Park — where both of the city's historic districts are located — there were six demolition applications, or 10 percent of the total proposed demolitions that went before the landmarks commission.

And in Sunset Park, an area where the tear downs are becoming more often, there were seven demolition applications that appeared before the landmarks commission, constituting 12.5 percent of the total permits that went before the commission.

"I think people north of Montana are probably more likely to tend toward property rights advocacy due to political beliefs and economic status," said Cleys, a Sunset Park homeowner. "The property values there are definitely some of the highest in the city."

PROPERTY RIGHTS ISSUE NATIONAL TREND

But property rights advocacy and even voluntary preservation measures are not unique to Santa Monica.

Indeed, there are similar movements up and down the East Coast, in the Denver metropolitan region, and across California, according to the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

The trend has been compounded by a national shift by homeowners toward buying homes in older neighborhoods close to large cities. However, many people still want the larger homes found in the suburbs and end up knocking down the smaller, older homes to build new ones with more space.

Those tear downs typically take place in areas with high socio-economic demographics, like the neighborhoods north of Montana Avenue, according to the Los Angeles County Conservancy.

"The people who are opposed to this do not live in run-down neighborhoods or in economically diverse neighborhoods," said Trudi Sandmeier, a preservation advocate with the L.A. Conservancy. "These are upper-income folks."

Sandmeier said Santa Monica has long been ahead of the curve when it came to preservation, mainly because it's one of the

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Santa Monica leads county in home preservation efforts

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oldest communities in Los Angeles County.

Santa Monica was one of the first to enact a landmarks ordinance and complete a historic analysis of its entire city, Sandmeier said.

"In many ways Santa Monica is a model city when it comes to thoughtfully preserving its historic resources," she said. "And while the city process and bureaucracy could be streamlined for owners, the fundamental practices of the city of Santa Monica are still very good."

FLIPPING LANDMARKS ORDINANCE ON ITS HEAD

Schrobligen, along with others, wholeheartedly disagrees with that sentiment. Supporters of the initiative believe the city's landmark policies need a fundamental shift and their initiative will do just that.

The initiative is not going to undue the city's preservation efforts, but instead force city officials to sell homeowners on the benefits of landmarking their homes or including them in a historic district, they say.

"My feeling is that the city has a landmark process that is exactly backwards," said Greg Poirer, an initiative supporter who lives north of Montana Avenue.

"Instead of going out and identifying houses that are important to them, they don't do anything until somebody applies for a demolition permit," he said. "The way it's set up it creates an adversarial relationship between the city and the

homeowner."

Poirer, a professional writer, believes the landmarks commission should pour over the historical survey and identify those properties it feels are vital for preservation, and approach those homeowners to convince them to landmark their homes.

"If our initiative passes, they will have to be proactive with it," he said. "They will have to approach the owners and convince them to sign up."

"This not an anti-landmarking ordinance," Poirer added. "I believe it will lead to more landmarking than we have now because more people will be convinced to get involved."

But Sandmeier said by mandating 100 percent of a neighborhood's residents agree before a historic district can be created or allowing homeowners to opt-out of preservation will lead to a tremendous loss of important properties.

Most historic districts, she said, are created with a majority of the homeowners' consent but rarely with complete agreement.

When asked about Schrobligen's plight, Sandmeier said there would always be those who would not be happy with what was best for the community.

"I do feel bad this gentleman is having this problem, but these are community resources," she said. "And just as you wouldn't want someone to tear down the house next to you and build a pig farm, you wouldn't want them to tear down a historic resource."

CALIFORNIA BRIEFS

Police uncover weapons stockpile

By The Associated Press

FONTANA — Police uncovered dozens of illegal weapons, 20,000 rounds of ammunition and a methamphetamine lab at a residence and at three self-storage garages early Sunday.

William Beauchamp, 29, and Andy Valadez, 23, both of Fontana, were arrested at the residence about 1 a.m. on drug and weapons charges.

Investigators found 38 weapons, 10 pounds of methamphetamine and the ammunition at the residence and storage facilities. Police said the lab was within 100 yards of South Tamarind Elementary School.

Unsupervised 10-month-old boy drowns

By The Associated Press

TUSTIN — A 10-month-old boy drowned during the weekend after getting inside a backyard fence and tumbling into his family's pool, Orange County authorities said.

Sheriff's Lt. Dave Wilson said Paul Peralta was found unconscious in the pool by his mother, a registered nurse. Efforts by the mother and paramedics to revive the child failed at the home in an unincorporated area of North Tustin. The infant was pronounced dead late Saturday at a Santa Ana hospital.

The boy had been in the back yard with two brothers, ages 8 and 9, while his mother rested inside from a migraine headache, Wilson said.

It was Orange County's sixth drowning of a child under 5 so far this year, the coroner's office said.

Family dispute turns deadly

By The Associated Press

ESCONDIDO — A 24-year-old man and his father were found fatally shot on a street in their gated community in what may have been a family dispute.

Antonio Ramos Jr. was found dead in the Rock Crest Glen neighborhood early Sunday, police said.

His 55-year-old father, whose name was not released, was found unconscious in the street and was rushed to a hospital, where he died.

Neighbors said there had been tension in the family in recent weeks.

STATE



Freedom of speech



Associated Press
A crowd surrounds former President Bill Clinton, center, after his speech at the Freedom Hall on the University of California Davis campus in Davis on Sunday.

Natural gas prices tampered with, ex-trade journalist says

BY JENNIFER COLEMAN
Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO — A former employee of a natural gas trade journal told California lawmakers Monday the daily lists of gas prices were manipulated to boost prices.

Michele Markey, formerly with the trade journal Gas Daily, said the natural gas indices relied on unchecked and self-reported information from natural gas companies.

Granted immunity for her testimony, Markey appeared at the Senate Select Committee to Investigate Price Manipulation of the Wholesale Energy Market, with her attorney, who recommended she take the Fifth Amendment if not granted immunity.

The committee is probing the cause of California's energy crisis. During 2000 and 2001, extremely high gas prices were blamed in part for a spike in electricity costs.

Gas Daily surveys gas traders and reports daily prices paid for natural gas at interstate and intrastate pipeline points, and other prices for gas in major markets. The indices, weighted averages of gas trades, are used for everything from calculating the cost of California's refund from energy providers, to the cost of gas delivered to consumers' homes.

The indices are also used in calculating the "soft cap" on wholesale electricity sold in the western markets. That cap was set by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to prevent the state from see-

ing the sky-high energy costs that led to blackouts in 2001, and caused three utilities to incur billions in debt.

The gas trades that form the basis for the indices are collected by surveyors for the publication. Any unusual trades are further investigated, but most trades are not checked, she said.

Additionally, Markey said, some gas trades are purposely exaggerated or prices are stretched.

The effect of the indices, said Larry Drivon, an attorney for the committee, is "if the index goes up, consumers in California pay more."

Markey said Gas Daily had received complaints about the indices, mostly from the utilities, and primarily toward the end of 2000 and early 2001. She said she pushed for an audit of the gas indices, but it was canceled when the publication changed owners.

"Enron Online was the party we were going to audit," Markey said.

Gas Daily does not archive gas trades that are reported to them after two weeks, she testified. Markey said e-mails and telephone messages used to record the trades are destroyed, leaving no record of which companies were reporting higher rates or volumes.

Markey provided the committee several examples of reports she considered suspicious. Among them, one company reported selling 7 million cubic feet of natural gas in one morning — enough to run California for a day. She described the report as improbable.

Arnold says he's 'very liberal'

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Republican state Sen. Tom McClintock would be viewed as a potential rival in 2006 if he wins the state controller's contest, which two weeks after Election Day remains too close to call. If he loses, Republicans will hold no statewide offices.

If Schwarzenegger runs, he could have the advantage of a Democratic field divided among four or five of the Democrats' statewide officeholders.

Another Democrat mentioned as a con-

tender has been actor-director Rob Reiner of "All in the Family" fame, raising the prospect of a Terminator vs. Meathead matchup. But Reiner associates say he has no plans to run.

There are obstacles between the Terminator and the Republican nomination. GOP primaries in California tend to favor conservative candidates, and Schwarzenegger describes himself as "very liberal" on social issues. He favors legalized abortion, some gun control measures and gay adoption. His wife, Kennedy cousin Maria Shriver, is a Democrat.

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STATE

SLA fugitive agrees to serve six years for 1975 murder

BY MIKE COHEN
Associated Press Writer

CAPE TOWN, South Africa — James Kilgore, a former fugitive member of the radical Symbionese Liberation Army, has agreed with Sacramento County authorities to plead guilty to second-degree murder for a killing committed in California in 1975, his lawyer said Monday.

"He will face a prison term of six years in relation to these charges," Mike Evans told reporters.

Kilgore, 55, was arrested two weeks ago living under an assumed name in a Cape Town suburb.

Authorities had been searching for him for more than a quarter century, hoping to arrest him on murder charges in the death of Myrna Opsahl, who was depositing a church collection when she was killed by a shotgun blast during the 1975 holdup of the Crocker National Bank in suburban Sacramento.

Kilgore's arrest came one day after four of his former comrades pleaded guilty to second-degree murder charges in exchange for shorter prison sentences.

Kilgore's deal with Sacramento County authorities was reached Nov. 7, the day before his arrest, Evans said.

"We're not going to comment on that. It's a pending case," said Lana Wyant, spokeswoman for the Sacramento County

district attorney's office.

Kilgore was briefly released from custody Friday after a judge ruled he could not be held any longer because the United States had not submitted a formal request for his continued detention, until an extradition order was finalized.

He was immediately re-arrested on immigration and fraud charges and a bail hearing was scheduled for Monday.

By Monday, the United States had submitted the proper papers to the court and his case was postponed until Dec. 6.

However, Evans said his client would likely already be back in the United States by then.

"The ball now in the Americans' court," he said. "They must get their act together, and they must get their documentation to us before (Dec. 6)."

Kilgore does not plan to oppose the extradition request.

"What he is looking for is certainty relating to the charges in the United States," Evans said. "Once he has that certainty, he will return ... he is quite willing to face the charges that have been brought against him."

Kilgore, married with two children, entered South Africa seven years ago under a false name and lived a quiet suburban life, working as a researcher at the University of Cape Town.

Several mayors seek answers to energy market problems

BY RON HARRIS
Associated Press Writer

SANTA CLARA — Mayors from several U.S. cities gathered Monday at a conference to hash out energy issues with a focus on the future of the tumultuous deregulated market.

The mayors from California, Colorado, Washington, Arkansas and Utah also got fresh information from federal officials about security concerns for power generating plants and transmission facilities in the wake of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Many of the mayors come from areas hard hit by the energy crisis that caused rolling blackouts and soaring rates last year in California. They're looking for answers as they grapple with growth issues and increased energy consumption.

The conference served as a primer for an initial understanding of current energy issues.

Lewis Billings, mayor of Provo, Utah, said his city has seen 3 percent annual growth in recent years and is looking for improved energy policies that would not require power suppliers to dramatically raise rates.

"We'll be really hurt if we're not prudent in the public policy that goes forward," Billings said.

Other mayors, such as conference host Judy Nadler of Santa Clara, were concerned that the transmission lines and infrastructure bringing power to the Bay Area are aging rapidly.

"The infrastructure is quite old. In many areas it's outdated. It's not environmentally friendly," Nadler told those in attendance.

Fairfield Mayor Karin MacMillan said she seeks to protect her constituents from

a repeat of the same poor planning and power buying contracts that fueled the rising rates and problems of the past.

She was also concerned that her county of Solano did not have its own hazardous materials team of experts available to respond in case nuclear waste being transported through her county was somehow disrupted.

Under current conditions, her city would have to wait on a Hazmat team from nearby Napa County to respond to such an emergency.

"I'm talking about nuclear. I'm talking about dirty bombs. I'm talking about anything," MacMillan said.

Jodi Hanson, deputy assistant secretary of national security at the Department of Energy, said despite environmental concerns about the disposal of its waste, nuclear energy is a prized source of power.

What the national energy plan needs to include, Hanson said, is an emphasis on security increases at power generating and transmission lines and a focus on public awareness programs and reusable sources of energy.

There's also much repair work needed for the Western regional power system, said Nora Mead Brownell, a commissioner with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

"The Western infrastructure, particularly in California, is still fragile and fraying around the edges," Brownell said. "We've had 10 years of underinvestment in transmission in this country because nobody knew what the rules were going to be."

Infighting among various camps may have taken the debate off track to a direction that does little for developing an economy for sustainable energy.

NATIONAL



Alabama Gov. Siegelman concedes, giving GOP another victory in South

BY PHILLIP RAWLS
Associated Press Writer

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Saying he didn't want to "hurt Alabama," Democratic Gov. Don Siegelman gave up his bid for a second term Monday and conceded the nation's last undecided governor's race to Republican Rep. Bob Riley.

The announcement cleared the way for Riley's inauguration Jan. 20, when he will become just the third Republican governor in Alabama since Reconstruction. It also gave the GOP a 26-24 advantage over Democrats nationally.

Siegelman, who announced his decision at the state Capitol, said he felt he could have won a recount, but it would have taken months of legal wrangling and "a prolonged election controversy would hurt Alabama."

Even had the Alabama Supreme Court allowed a recount, it would have been appealed to federal courts, Siegelman said.

"So for the good of the state of Alabama, for the good of our people, I am dropping my request for a recount," Siegelman said.

Siegelman called Riley to personally inform him of the decision.

The official tally showed Riley winning by 3,117 votes out of 1.3 million cast, votes, or 0.23 of a percentage point.

Siegelman had demanded a statewide recount, complaining about the accuracy of the optical scanners used to read ballots. Since Election Day, each man had acted as if he is Alabama's next governor.

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— DON SIEGELMAN
Alabama Governor

On election night, Siegelman initially led in unofficial returns and called on Riley to concede. But Riley jumped in front when officials in Baldwin County, a GOP stronghold, reduced Siegelman's total by nearly 7,000 votes, saying a computer glitch in their election system had overstated his returns.

Siegelman's supporters filed petitions in every Alabama county seeking a recount. The move was all but shut down by Republican Attorney General Bill Pryor, who said recount rules do not override a state law that keeps ballots sealed except in limited circumstances. The state

Smoothing out holiday travel



Joe Marquette/Associated Press

Homeland Security Director Tom Ridge, left, greets Transportation Secretary Norman Mineta at Washington's Reagan National Airport on Monday during a ceremony where the Transportation Security Administration launched a passenger education program to help move people efficiently through crowded airports during the holidays. Mineta said the effort to smooth holiday air travel is one of the agency's next priorities since it will meet the Nov. 19 deadline for a federal screening work force at commercial airports.

Supreme Court had been considering the legality of a recount when Siegelman made his decision.

In his announcement, Siegelman said "serious questions" had been raised about the vote returns in Baldwin County.

He said the GOP district attorney in the

county "threatened to put everyone in jail" who tried to conduct a recount. He also said Riley had "blocked a recount at every turn" and that 13 days after the vote, not a single ballot had been recounted.

But, said the governor, he decided not avoid "a long, divisive fight."

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The coalition was demanding the government provide the prisoners with lawyers, bring them before a U.S. court, acknowledge their identity and define the charges against the detainees from some 36 countries.

AP Business Writer

Women held 7.9 percent, or 191 of the 2,412 "corporate clout titles," which Catalyst defined as chief executive, chairman, vice chairman, president, chief operating

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INTERNATIONAL



U.N. weapons inspectors back in Baghdad on mission

BY BASSEM MROUE
Associated Press Writer

BAGHDAD, Iraq — U.N. arms inspectors returned to Iraq after a four-year hiatus Monday, calling on President Saddam Hussein's government to cooperate with their search for weapons of mass destruction in the interest of peace. But Washington said it already sees likely violations.

Chief U.N. inspector Hans Blix and about 30 inspectors flew into the Iraqi capital aboard a white cargo plane emblazoned with the black letters "U.N." as allied warplanes bombed Iraqi air defense systems in the northern no-fly zone. The U.S. military said the jets were fired on during routine patrols.

At the White House, spokesman Scott McClellan said Monday the Iraqi anti-aircraft fire "appears to be a violation" of the U.N. resolution that sent the inspectors back to Iraq.

It was unclear whether other countries on the Security Council would consider incidents in the no-fly zone serious enough to merit a response, because the council never explicitly authorized the patrols. Iraq considers such patrols a violation of its sovereignty and frequently shoots at them. Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld, traveling in Chile, said the United States is waiting for a pattern of Iraqi misdeeds before going back to the council.

The return of the inspectors is widely seen as Saddam's last chance to avoid a devastating war with the United States. President Bush has warned Saddam that failure to cooperate with the inspectors will bring on an American attack and that Washington will pursue a policy of "zero tolerance" toward Iraqi infractions.

Saddam's deputy, Izzat Ibrahim, told the official Iraqi News Agency that Iraq will work with inspectors to protect its people from America but will fight "if war is imposed on us."

Eventually more than 220 inspectors from 49 countries will be deployed, although how many at any one time would vary depending on what is required. At least 30 inspectors are American, the largest nationality represented, and at least are five women. At least six of the group are Arabs, and Mohamed ElBaradei, who oversees the International Atomic Energy Agency, is Egyptian.

ElBaradei and Blix, a Swede, sat down Monday night for a first official meeting with Gen. Hossam Mohammed Amin, who acted as an Iraqi liaison for past inspectors, and Iraqi presidential adviser Amir al-Saadi.

After the two-hour meeting, ElBaradei said the two sides had begun to discuss arrangements for the inspections and would continue Tuesday. "I think we are making progress," he said.

But the long history of confrontation between the Iraqis and previous U.N. inspectors — especially over sensitive sites such as presidential palaces, mosques and military bases — cast doubt on how smoothly the two sides will be able to cooperate this time.

Controversy swirled around Blix's mission from the moment he and his team landed at Saddam International Airport.

At a chaotic airport press conference, Iraqi and other Arab reporters demanded to know whether the inspectors expected friction with the United States and whether they would accept intelligence information from Washington. The inspectors said they did not expect trouble from the Americans and welcomed information from all over the world.

A front-page editorial in the ruling Baath Party newspaper Al-Thawra called the previous U.N. inspection program "an American organization to spy on Iraq," and said it hoped the new team would avoid that trap.

"The situation is tense at the moment, but there is a new opportunity and we are



Jamal Nasrallah/Associated Press

Hans Blix, U.N. Chief inspector, right, and Mohammed ElBaradei, head of the International Atomic Energy Agency, left, walk past portraits of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein in Baghdad, Monday. Blix, who is heading a 27-member advance delegation that arrived Monday, said his inspection team will conduct a professional and credible job in Iraq.

here to provide inspection that is credible," Blix said. "Inspection that is credible is the only thing that is in the interest of Iraq and in the interest of the world, and we will try to do so."

He said inspections could begin as early as Nov. 27. Blix then must report to the Security Council within 60 days about his progress.

"Total cooperation from Iraq is important to us," ElBaradei said. "We hope this is going to be the case." He promised that the inspections would be impartial and in-depth.

Under the new U.N. resolution, inspectors have the right to go anywhere and talk to anybody they want to determine whether Iraq still maintains banned weapons. In the past, weapons inspectors had to give advance notice of visits to sensitive sites including eight vast presidential palace complexes, losing the effect of surprise inspections.

The new resolution gives inspectors the explicit authority "to inspect any sites and buildings, including immediate, unimpeded, unconditional, and unrestricted access to presidential sites equal to that at all

other sites." Even mosques are not off limits, Blix said before leaving for Baghdad.

In the Bosnian capital Sarajevo, U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan also called on Iraq to ensure a smooth inspection program. "I urge President Saddam Hussein to comply fully for the sake of his people, for the sake of the region and for the sake of the world order," Annan said.

Now that the inspectors are back in Iraq, Saddam's government must file a detailed report of its banned weapons programs by Dec. 8, informing the United Nations either where the arms are located or providing convincing evidence that they no longer exist.

The inspectors must verify that Iraq is free of proscribed weapons before the Security Council will lift strict economic sanctions imposed after Saddam invaded Kuwait in 1990.

Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Yuri Fedotov was quoted Monday by Russia's Interfax news agency as saying Moscow would push for ending sanctions if Baghdad cooperated with the inspectors. Russia is a longtime ally of Iraq.

Undercover officer posing as pizza delivery man ends hostage stand-off in Spain

BY SARAH ANDREWS
Associated Press Writer

HOSPITALET DE LLOBREGAT, Spain — A teenager with a knife took his sister and 19 other children hostage at his former school and held them for hours Monday until a plainclothes officer overpowered him while delivering a pizza, officials said.

None of the students was hurt in the 3 1/2-hour ordeal at the Casal de l'Angel school in this gritty, industrial town just south of Barcelona. All the hostages were 11 or 12 years old.

Interior Minister Angel Acebes, speaking in the central city of Guadalajara, confirmed the arrest and said the hostage-taker was a former student of the school who was expelled last year.

Government officials said he was 16 or 17 and had demanded a \$1 million ransom. He said he acted because his family needed money, the officials said.

The Interior Ministry, disputing initial accounts, said there were 20 hostages altogether and that 16 were released about two hours into the ordeal. Four remained

until the end.

It was not immediately known if the boy's sister was among the 16 hostages he had freed.

While the youth held the last four, police asked if he was hungry, and he asked for pizza, the Interior Ministry said. A plainclothes policeman came back with a pizza and overpowered the youth when he opened the door to the classroom where he was holding the students, a ministry official said.

As a car left the schoolyard, apparently taking the assailant to a police station, a crowd swarmed around it and many people screamed insults.

One unidentified boy who was evacuated from the school before hostages were released said teachers rushed to his and other classrooms and took students out of the building through the cafeteria.

"They told us some man had slipped into the school," the boy told Spanish national radio. "I was scared."

A teacher who identified herself only as Nuria said the hostage-taker rang the doorbell at the school as if he were a parent there to pick up a student.

Explosion reported near U.S. military base in Japan

By The Associated Press

TOKYO — An explosion was reported Monday outside a U.S. Army base in Japan, the U.S. military said, and Japanese media reported a projectile launcher was found in the area. Two suspects were detained.

Police suspected it was an attack and that leftist radicals may have been involved, according to Japan's Kyodo news service. No injuries or damage were reported, Kyodo said.

Maj. Timothy Blair, a Pentagon spokesman, said he was told of an explosion about 800 feet from Camp Zama. The base, headquarters for the U.S. Army Japan and the 9th Theater Support Command, is located outside Tokyo.

Army spokesman Capt. Benjamin Kuykendall said two suspects were in custody, and that Japanese officials were

handling the inquiry because the blast occurred off the base. He said there were no reports of casualties.

Japanese police had no immediate comment.

According to Kyodo, several explosions were heard in a park near the base about 11 p.m. Police found the launcher and burn marks nearby, indicating that it had been fired, the news service said.

Leftist radicals in Japan are known for using similar projectile launchers in attacks on targets related to the U.S. military here or on targets related to the royal family.

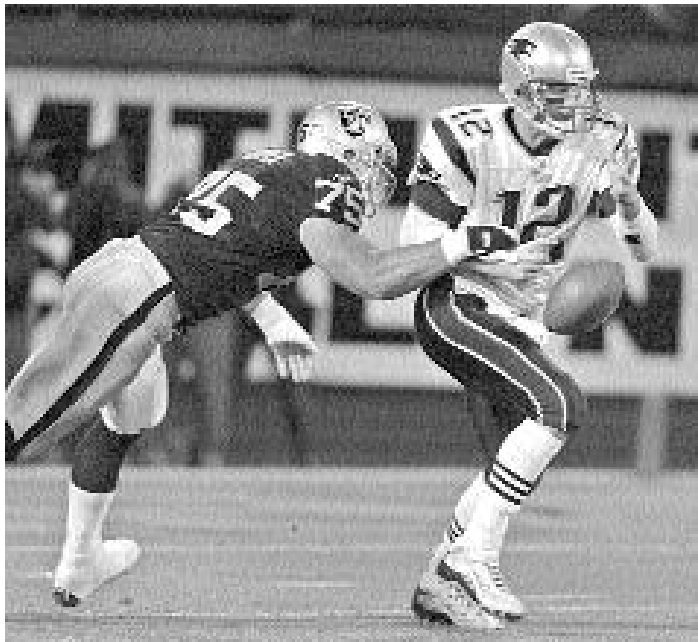
An explosion was reported in February near a baseball field at a high school in Kanazawa Ward of Yokohama, just south of Tokyo, near the U.S. Navy's Koshiba Fuel Terminal.

There are about 50,000 U.S. troops stationed in Japan under a mutual security pact.



SPORTS

Raiders' recovery



Dave Kennedy/Associated Press
New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady fumbles the ball in front of Oakland Raiders defensive end Chris Cooper in the second quarter, Sunday in Oakland. The Raiders recovered the fumble that set up a Raiders touchdown a few plays later.

Oakland Raiders beat New England with ball control

BY JANIE MCCAULEY
AP Sports Writer

ALAMEDA — For once, it was the Oakland Raiders who got the ball and kept hold of it as the clock slowly ticked away. "That was beautiful. Ohhhh, thank you," defensive tackle Sam Adams said Monday.

In the Raiders' emotional 27-20 victory over Super Bowl champion New England on Sunday night, Oakland held the ball for the first 9:42 of the third quarter and wound up in the end zone.

That kept Patriots quarterback Tom Brady from doing much of anything. He couldn't even lead his team to a touchdown the whole game, the first meeting between the teams since the Patriots beat the Raiders on the disputed "tuck rule" call in their snowy playoff game back in January.

Controlling the ball was an accomplishment in itself for the Raiders, who have won two straight after a four-game losing streak.

Only two weeks ago, the San Francisco 49ers had done the exact same thing to beat the Raiders on a field goal in overtime. Niners quarterback Jeff Garcia led his team to victory by maintaining possession for the final 30 plays, which spanned more than 15 minutes.

"That's what everybody has been doing to us all season, running out the clock," offensive lineman Frank Middleton said. "We wanted to return the favor."

The Raiders didn't hesitate to express their frustration after the loss to San Francisco, their fourth straight defeat, but were careful not to place blame on the defense.

Quarterback Rich Gannon has returned to his early-season form. After throwing for 352 yards and three touchdowns in a

34-10 win at Denver last Monday night, he patiently led the Raiders on Sunday as they did a better job of mixing in their running game, and used mostly short gains to move the ball.

"We knew we had to put some points on the board," receiver Jerry Rice said. "New England in the second half, they're so strong."

"We didn't go into the second half thinking we were going to run it off."

— BILL CALLAHAN
Raiders coach

And members of the defense sure were thrilled to get a chance to rest for nearly a quarter. Lately, it's been rare to see them on the sidelines for such a long stretch.

"It was great," safety Rod Woodson said. "It gives you an opportunity to watch and stay off the field. That always feels good. Playing San Francisco, we did it the opposite way, but we're playing well."

Coach Bill Callahan had scripted his first 10 plays for the second half as he always does, and the Raiders just kept moving down the field.

"We didn't go into the second half thinking we were going to run it off," Callahan said Monday. "It's positive. Anytime you look at the end of the series and you take 9 minutes, 42 seconds off the clock, it's very gratifying. Everybody in this league would concur with that. To start the second half and to leave that offense on the other side of the field on the bench, I think our defense appreciated that."

Rams butt heads with Bears in a 21-16 win

BY DAVE GOLDBERG
AP Football Writer

ST. LOUIS — Marc Bulger carried the St. Louis Rams closer in their improbable run toward the playoffs although Kurt Warner made a cameo appearance a week earlier than scheduled.

Bulger threw for 347 yards and two touchdowns Monday night as the Rams beat the Chicago Bears 21-16 to win their fifth straight after opening the season with five losses. That pulls them to within two games of San Francisco in the NFC West.

It wasn't easy, even against the battered Bears (2-8), who trailed by a point into the fourth quarter and cut it to 21-16 on Paul Edinger's 50-yard field goal with 3:42 left. But Bulger completed a clutch 10-yard pass on third-and-9 to Torrey Holt with 2:30 remaining that forced the Bears to use their last timeouts.

Isaac Bruce had six receptions for 141 yards and Adam Archuleta led a Rams defense that sacked Chris Chandler seven times. Chandler was playing with a sore neck in place of Jim Miller, who had a sore elbow.

Warner, who missed five games with a broken pinkie and is scheduled to return next week in Washington, made his first appearance since Sept. 29 in the second quarter, when Bulger was taken to the locker room for X-rays on an injured index finger on his throwing hand.

Warner was sacked by Keith Traylor and was 1-for-2 for 13 yards. Bulger, now 5-0 as a starter, returned after X-rays were negative.

With Marshall Faulk out with ankle

and foot injuries, the Rams had almost no running game. Lamar Gordon, Faulk's replacement, caught a 22-yard touchdown pass late in the first half, but St. Louis was limited to just 62 yards on the ground by Brian Urlacher and the Chicago defense.

The Rams scored on the first and last drives of the first half to take a 14-6 halftime lead.

The first drive was 65 yards on 10 plays and was capped on a 1-yard run on an inside reverse to tight end Ernie Conwell. It featured consecutive completions of 21 and 22 yards to Bruce from Bulger, who completed 21-of-35 passes.

The second covered 81 yards in four plays and just 46 seconds and the score came on the pass to Gordon.

In between the Bears got field goals of 37 and 48 yards from Edinger. They also stopped what looked like a scoring drive on the Rams' second possession when Roosevelt Colvin sacked Bulger, forcing a fumble that Alex Brown recovered at his own 15.

But the Bears came out with a 64 yard, 11-play drive to start the second half to cut it to 14-13 on Anthony Thomas' 13-yard touchdown run.

The Rams opened it back up by going 82 yards in 10 plays capped by Bulger's TD pass to Proehl with 9:01 left in the game.

The Bears had a final chance when they got the ball at their own 25 with 1:07 left and no timeouts. But Chandler was sacked by Damione Lewis and Chandler's desperation fourth-down pass was tipped away by Tommy Polley.

Muhammad Ali visits girl's school and boxing club on mission to Afghanistan

BY TODD PITMAN
Associated Press Writer

KABUL, Afghanistan

Schoolgirls showered Muhammad Ali with flower petals Monday during the former heavyweight champ's visit to a U.N.-sponsored school in Afghanistan's capital.

Ali, who made the trip to Kabul as a "U.N. Messenger of Peace," signed autographs and handed out volleyballs and jumping ropes.

Ronald A. DiNicola, who served as the boxing legend's personal attorney for 15 years, said Ali came because he wanted to help focus world attention on Afghanistan's massive humanitarian needs.

"He wants to keep the spotlight of international attention on what's going on here," DiNicola told The Associated Press. "Especially in light of other world events."

The 60-year-old former heavyweight champion, who suffers from Parkinson's disease, walked slowly and hardly spoke as he toured a girls' school in western Kabul.

His sense of humor was intact. As he positioned himself in a chair surrounded by dozens of Afghan girls under a tent, Ali smiled — and pretended to snore — when

a group of waiting photographers were slow to take his picture.

Girls were banned from going to school under the former Taliban government, which was ousted in a U.S.-led war last year.

Ali also made a trip to a mud-walled boxing club which had two framed photos of a younger Ali hanging on the wall. He handed out gifts of gloves and jump ropes.

After slowly shaking the hands of 20 young boxers, Ali seemed to regain his strength, taking a minute to pound a red and blue punching bag as a small crowd cheered him on.

He watched several young men spar in a makeshift boxing ring before donning a pair of red gloves and briefly boxing with two Afghans.

Ali, a devout Muslim, arrived in Kabul on Sunday and met President Hamid Karzai at the presidential palace. On Monday, he also visited to a women's bakery sponsored by the U.N. World Food Program. He is also visiting a boxing club, and leaves Tuesday.

"He loves to travel to this region. He feels very much at home here," DiNicola said.

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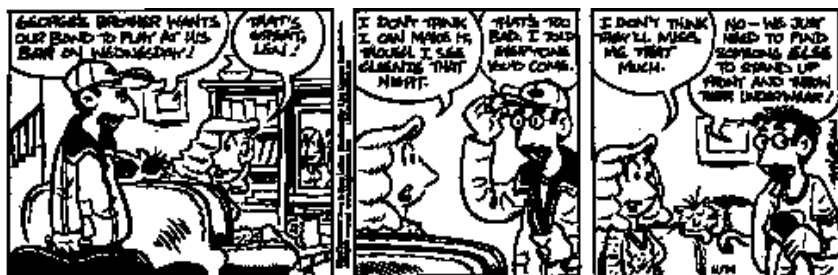
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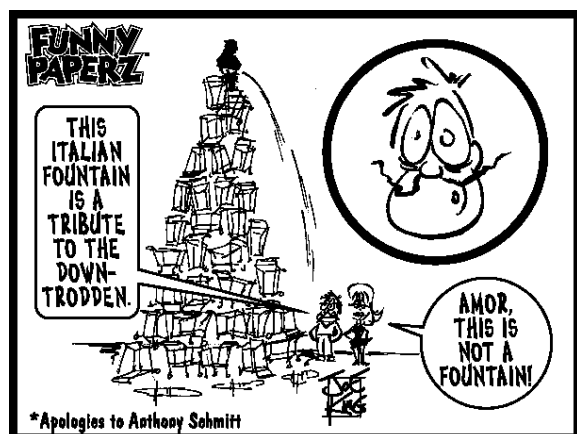
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD by Chuck Shepard

550 wounded in rock throwing ritual

News of the Weird reported on the annual Gotmaar festival in Pandhurna, India, in 1989, describing how, despite the village's increasing modernization, its work comes to a halt after the first full moon in September, with males dividing into two groups to gather rocks and throw them at each other, attempting to injure as many people as they can. (At sunset, they stop, nurse the wounded, and return to normal life.) Apparently, the festival continues with equal vigor, despite attempts in recent years to make it less violent. In September 2002, participants again rejected safety rules, and 550 were wounded, some seriously.





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1313 Third St.
The Ring (PG-13) 12:45, 4:00, 7:30, 10:40. My Big Fat Greek Wedding (PG) 11:20, 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 10:00. Punch-Drunk Love (R) 11:45, 2:30, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15. Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets (PG) 9:30, 10:30, 12:00, 1:00, 2:15, 3:30, 4:30, 6:15, 7:00, 8:00, 10:00, 10:30.

AMC Theatre SM 7
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Red Dragon (R) 4:20, 7:20, 8 Mile (R) 1:00, 3:15, 4:00, 6:15, 7:05, 9:15, 10:00. Santa Clause 2 (G) 1:10, 2:10, 5:00, 7:00, 7:45, 10:05. I Spy (PG-13) 1:45, 4:05, 4:45, 7:50, 9:25, 10:00. The Transporter (PG-13) 1:20, 10:05. Sweet Home Alabama (PG-13) 1:55, 4:30, 7:25, 9:55.

Landmark Nu-Wilshire
1314 Wilshire Blvd.
Bowling for Columbine (R) 1:30, 4:15, 7:30, 10:15. Far From Heaven (PG-13) 11:30, 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30.

Laemmle Monica
1332 2nd St.
Real Women Have Curves (PG-13) 1:00, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45, 10:00. Spirited Away (PG) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00. Bank Ben 1:45, 4:35, 7:30, 10:05. El Crimen del Padre Amaro (R) 1:30, 4:20, 7:15, 10:05.

Aero Theatre
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Secretary 5:00, 10:00. White Oleander 7:30.

Today

Community

Ongoing support groups for people 55 and older. Current openings in, So, What Are You Going to Do With the Rest of your Life? Tuesdays, 10:00 to 11:30am. Center for Healthy Aging, 2125 Arizona Avenue. Sliding scale fee. Not drop-in groups. Phone interview required. Call Information and Referral. (310)576-2550.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUPS AT SMC'S EMERITUS COLLEGE. Santa Monica College offers free bereavement support groups in the summer session through it's Emeritus College, a widely praised program designed for older adults. Two support groups will meet Tuesdays on an ongoing basis. One group will meet from noon to 1:50 p.m. and the other from 7 p.m. to 8:50 p.m. For information and registration, call Emeritus College at (310) 434-4306.

UCLA Healthcare will conduct its annual Flu-Shot Clinic from 3pm to 7pm. Community Room at Santa Monica Place shopping mall, Broadway and 4th Street in Santa Monica. \$10. No reservations. For information only, call (800)516-5323.

Crossroads Schools in Santa Monica invites local musicians (grades 3-7) to join orchestra rehearsals. Rehearsals are ongoing and are held each Tuesday of the school year, from 3:15 to 4:15. Students may join at anytime. Cost is free, students must bring their own instruments. 1714 21st Street, SM. For more information please call (310)829-7391

Purposeful Parenting - FREE Workshop! Successfully shaping the emotional life of your child without losing your temper or sanity. Ages 0-5. 6:30pm, Santa Monica Family YMCA, 1332 6th Street. Members and non-members are welcome. Child watch available. RSVP (310)358-3380

Music/ Entertainment

Unurban Coffee House presents **Stitch 'n' Bitch** every Tuesday evening. Chicks, yarn, coffee & chat. 7:30pm to 9:30pm. 3301 Pico Blvd. (310)315-0056

Wednesday

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Farmer's Market every Wednesday

and Saturday. 9am to 2pm, Arizona between Second and Fourth Streets. Come and enjoy one of the largest and best farmer's markets in California!

Dodd Art Gallery showing Dafne Nesti "Paintings" and Dodd Jolsapple "New Works". Nov. 17th through Dec. 16th, 5pm to 8pm, 1650 20th Street, Santa Monica. For more information please call (310) 828-5825.

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Puppetolio! presented by the Santa Monica Puppet & Magic Center. All ages, 3 and up. This musical revue features marionettes, ventriloquism, magic and more. Shows are always followed by a demonstration, Q & A,

and a tour of the Puppet workshop and Museum. Saturdays and Sundays at 1pm and 3pm. Wednesdays and Holidays at 1pm. Seats are \$6.50. 1255 2nd Street in Santa Monica. Reservations/Information (310)656-0483. www.puppetmagic.com

Santa Monica Strutters, a FREE program sponsored by UCLA Healthcare's 50-Plus Program! Walking programs for adults 50 or older looking for safe, low-impact exercise in a comfortable environment. The Santa Monica Strutters meet Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, from 8 a.m. To 10 a.m., at Santa Monica Place, Fourth St. and Broadway Ave. in Santa Monica.

Santa Monica Commission on Older Americans. Ken Edwards Center, 1527 4th Street - Room 104-105. 1:30 p.m. Everyone is invited! Share issues of concern regarding the programs, and services for Seniors in Santa Monica. For more information please call (310)458-8300

Save the Aero! West Side Story (1961) Shows at 6pm and 9pm. Food and wine will be provided by Buca di Beppo. Tickets are \$20, 1328 Montana Ave. (310)395-4990. www.aertheatre.com.

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BACK PAGE

Ice cream makers reduce 'brick' to less than half gallon

BY JOHN CURRAN
Associated Press Writer

EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP, N.J. — The half-gallon ice cream container — the sweet standard of grocery store freezers for decades — is starting to shrink.

While manufacturers over the years reduced the package size of everything from candy bars to dish detergent, the traditional ice cream "brick" remained what it was — the half gallon.

Now, pinched by rising ingredient costs and afraid to raise prices already above \$5, at least two ice cream makers have started silently phasing out the half gallon with a 1.75-quart carton, a half-pint smaller.

Dreyer's, which is based in Oakland, Calif., and sells the Dreyer's and Edy's brands, began introducing the smaller package in March. The new and old cartons can be found side-by-side during the transition, identical in shape and design — and price. But one has two quarts, the other 1 3/4 quarts.

"We have over 100 flavors and many of them — because people are preferring indulgent, chunky flavors — cost more to produce than regular flavors like vanilla," said Dreyer's spokeswoman Dori Bailey. "We'd like to keep the cost at a price that's more affordable for folks."

Schwan's, which sells primarily via a 7,000-vehicle fleet of home delivery trucks, made the switch in 2001.

Other major ice cream makers, including Good Humor-Breyer's and Turkey Hill, are sticking with the half gallon for now. About three quarters of all ice cream is sold by the half gallon, according to the International Ice Cream Association.

Some customers are noticing the change and don't appreciate it.

"Everybody's doing it," complained Dorothy McGrath, 73, as she shopped the ice cream aisle at a Super Fresh supermarket in Egg Harbor Township. "The same thing happened with laundry detergent. The brands I used to buy in 100-ounce bottles are now 80 ounces, only the price is the same. They're cheating the public, because they don't advertise it."

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Consumer

Manufacturers have heard such complaints, but sales haven't been significantly affected, they say.

"We've had a few people say, 'Wait a minute, there's less ice cream in this package,'" said John Nabholz, spokesman for Schwan's Sales Enterprises of Marshall, Minn. "But our research shows there's effectively the same yield. It's a more user-friendly package and it's more efficient."

The lidded containers eliminate the messy problem of

half-gallon bricks that frequently were opened at both ends, and reduce "knuckle muck," which is the ice cream that gets on your hands from the box flaps as you dig your spoon deep into the box, he said.

7-year-old reports drunk baby sitter

By The Associated Press

COVINGTON, La. — A baby sitter with five children in her car was arrested for drunken driving after she passed out at a rest stop and one of her charges, a 7-year-old girl, used a cell phone to call 911.

Linda Hebert, 40, of Picayune, Miss., was found slumped over the steering wheel Sunday and the car was still running, the St. Tammany Parish sheriff's office said. The children were unhurt.

Hebert's blood-alcohol level registered 0.27 on a breath test, well over the 0.10 limit, the report said. Deputies said they had to use pepper spray when Hebert became "combative," and she remained jailed Monday.

Two of the children, ages 5 and 9, were Hebert's. The others, 4, 6 and 7, were left in her care by a woman who expected Hebert to keep them in Picayune, more than 20 miles from the Interstate 12 rest stop near Covington where the car was found.

A passer-by at the rest stop let the 7-year-old call for help, authorities said.

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