

Santa Monica Daily Press

A newspaper with issues

Mayor guides council through thick and thin

Members to elect one of themselves new leader today

BY ANDREW H. FIXMER
Daily Press Staff Writer

Mike Feinstein has likely been one of Santa Monica's more colorful mayors, and not just because he's often seen rollerblading through town in tie-dye pants.

A vegan Green Party activist with a pony tail, 43-year-old Feinstein at times embodies Santa Monica's persona as a liberal beach town with progressive environmental and social policies.

Tonight Feinstein will most likely return to his role as a councilman when the city council appoints one of its own to serve as mayor for the next two years. The council traditionally rotates the mayor every two years.

And while Feinstein said it has been a privilege to serve as mayor, he also has said he's looking forward to not having the responsibility of chairing council meetings and dealing with the ceremonial functions that come along with the job.

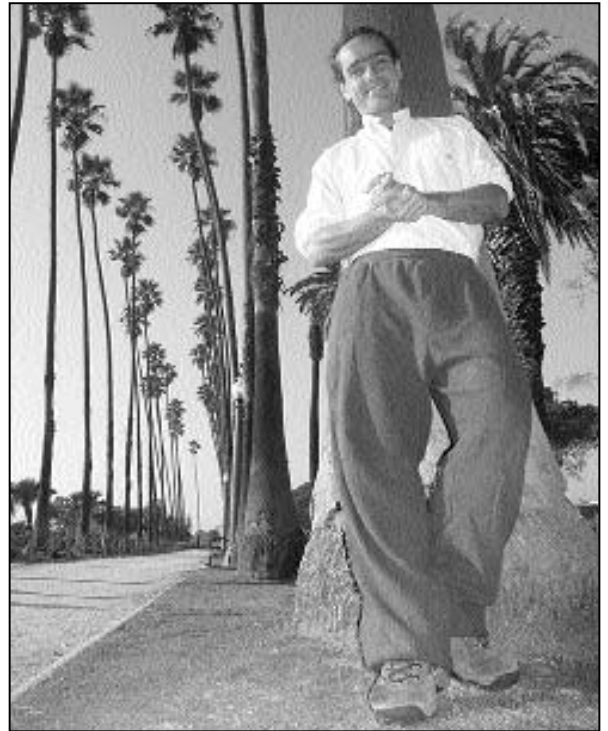
While the position carries equal power as a council member, some former mayors have abused the role in the past, observers say. Previous mayors have used their powers to prevent colleagues with different ideological views from speaking at council meetings, some say. They have publicly quarreled with council members on the dais, and allowed themselves to dominate discussions and debates.

"The first business of mayor is to ensure meetings are fair."

— MIKE FEINSTEIN
Santa Monica Mayor

Feinstein's colleagues say he has worked to find common ground between council members aligned with Santa Monicans for Renters Rights, a liberal group that has long dominated local politics, and those who represent business interests.

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Andrew H. Fixmer/Daily Press

Mike Feinstein leans against a giant palm tree in Palisades Park — his favorite spot in Santa Monica — last week as he reflects on his two year term as mayor. Today the council will pick a new mayor, and Feinstein will likely go back to being a councilman.

City may approve \$700K for animal shelter, pool

(Editor's note: This is part of an ongoing series that tracks the city's expenditures which appear on the upcoming Santa Monica City Council consent agenda. Consent agenda items are routinely passed by the city council with little or no discussion by elected officials or the public. However, many of the items have been part of public discussion in the past.)

BY CAROLYN SACKARIASON
Daily Press Staff Writer

Santa Monica animal shelter improvements and cost overruns for the municipal

pool account for about \$700,000 worth of expenditures that the city council is expected to approve tonight.

A project to renovate the city's 27-year-old animal shelter is expected to cost \$477,000. Because the number of stray animals has increased at the shelter and the building has deteriorated over the years, the conditions are causing public health concerns, city officials say.

As a result, the building is difficult to maintain and creates a haven for bacteria. To complicate matters, there are no public restrooms at the shelter. City officials say the site drainage at the shelter contains

effluent that currently flows to the adjacent alley and into Santa Monica Bay.

The projects include new kennels, a new ceiling, new lighting, a new drainage system and new public bathrooms.

The city has to dole out another \$172,595 for the \$7.6 million municipal pool on 16th Street because the original contractor, Vahdani Construction Co., defaulted on the subcontracting work.

The city was forced to find another contractor to finish the job, delaying the project for more than a year and costing the city nearly \$2 million more than what was expected.

Additional money for work that was

not originally budgeted for and the ensuing increase in the contractor's costs are expected to be approved by the city council tonight, with \$75,000 of it coming out of the basketball courts budget.

However, city officials say there is extra money in the basketball courts fund because the courts will be resurfaced in asphalt instead of concrete. Apparently, asphalt is easier on the knees and is more preferable to players. It also is less expensive than concrete.

Planning the new swimming pool facility began in 1998, which replaced the old one that was damaged in the 1994

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Ruling on Alaska Airlines crash may aid local attorney's case

NTSB expected to blame maintenance for 2000 crash

By staff and wire reports

Federal investigators' theory of what caused the Alaskan Airlines plane to

crash off of Point Mugu nearly three years ago reinforces the arguments of a Santa Monica attorney who is representing the families of four people who perished in the accident.

Kevin Boyle, an attorney in the law firm Greene, Broillet, Panish & Wheeler,

located at 100 Wilshire Boulevard, said he hopes the National Transportation Safety Board agrees with federal investigators who believe lack of grease on a tail component caused the January 2000 crash of Alaska Airlines Flight 261 off the Los Angeles coast, killing all 88 people aboard.

"Our position is that Boeing designed a faulty plane," he said. "We hope the NTSB is going to come out and say it was a design defect. It certainly would provide some vindication for the families."

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★★-So-so ★-Difficult

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Understand why associates might be pushing you in a certain direction. Consider the whole instead of the individual. Work as a team to get the job done. Use your lunch break to get extra shopping done. You discover that the holiday spirit is contagious. Tonight: Run errands.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ You might be asked to dip into your deep pockets for a holiday gift or two. Positive opportunities surround an emotional situation, if you handle a request well from someone close. Understand the thought behind an action or statement. Tonight: Your imagination works overtime. How fun!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Be sensitive to those in your immediate environment. An opportunity that could be classified as too good to be true comes forth. Gather associates and/or friends for a meeting. You'll like the end results. Tonight: Step on out.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ You're on top of the story, though you might not be sure what you want to do with present facts. Speak your mind but also plan on getting your share of others' opinions. Realize more of what you want by taking charge. Tonight: Work late.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Understand just how many possibilities surround your present life. Explore your options, though instinctively you might want to close the door. These openings could complicate your life. Get feedback from those in the know in your life. Tonight: Talk until the air is cleared.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Others' impressions do count, whether you like it or not. Know when to pull back and explain your perspective. Your positive outlook sways many. You need to take a stronger hand if you're going to have more of what you want. Tonight: Togetherness works.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Expand your perspective beyond what you hear and learn from those in your immediate circle. Your intuition works overtime, helping you deal with a family or real estate matter. Realize more of what will make you happy. Tonight: Focus on a loved one.

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SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ When asked to contribute, do so. Otherwise you might be best off playing with your different ideas on your own. Not everyone agrees, which will become quite clear. Schedule extra time with a loved one. Surprise this person with plans for tonight. Tonight: Put on your dancing shoes.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Deal with the basics. Others might not always be inclined to go along with some of your suggestions, yet your presentation might urge them to take action. If you can, bring any extra work home. Establish limits. Tonight: At home.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Consider options that surround a partner and someone else's funds. You might decide to finance some of your purchases or split the costs with others. A joint effort might be more fun anyway. Use your imagination when dealing with problems. Tonight: Meet a friend for eggnog.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Problem-solving quickly becomes your forte. Others seek you out for answers. How you deal with someone might be reflective of how you would like to be treated. Your popularity soars. Be thoughtful about a gift. Tonight: Treat yourself, too.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Be more aware of your professional image. How you see someone else could change because of his or her presentation. Consider more carefully options that surround a work-related celebration or gift. Open up. Tonight: Just be yourself.

CORRECTION: In the Dec. 7 edition, in a story regarding note passing among city council members, Santa Monica resident Chuck Allord said the doors to the city council chambers were left unlocked when he retrieved council members' notes from the garbage.

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LOCAL

Two fires break out over weekend, man hospitalized

By Daily Press staff

Two separate fires broke out in apartments on Sunday, causing an estimated \$250,000 in damage and sending one man to the hospital for smoke inhalation.

The cause of the first fire is believed to be from a cigarette while the other was an unattended candle.

In the first incident, a resident at 2800 Neilson Way was sent to the hospital after his apartment caught fire at about 12:30 a.m. on Dec. 9.

The Santa Monica Fire Department responded to the scene at 12:33 a.m. The resident managed to escape the burning apartment, and the blaze was extinguished in 13 minutes. Twenty-one firefighters responded to the scene. The unit had heavy smoke and water damage, as well as some of the surrounding units.

Officials estimate the damage at about \$50,000. Fire department officials remind people to be careful with smoking materials. They warn to never smoke in bed or go to sleep smoking, and wet the contents of ashtrays before dumping butts and

ashes into a wastebasket.

The second fire, which broke out about 9 p.m. on Sunday was much larger, causing \$200,000 in damage to units in the four-story apartment complex on 3100 block of Fourth Street.

Because the complex is situated on the border between Santa Monica and Venice, both the Los Angeles City Fire Department and the Santa Monica Fire Department received 911 calls. Both departments dispatched engines to the location, and L.A. City Fire units put out the blaze with assistance from Santa Monica firefighters.

The apartment where the fire originated was partially gutted, and there was damage to the units directly above and below the area where the fire started. There were no injuries.

Fire officials remind people to use candles with care. They say to always place candles in non-tip candleholders before lighting them, and keep candles well away from combustibles such as curtains and decorations.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Scholarly gifts at college

By Daily Press staff

Santa Monica College's 25th Annual Holiday Student Art Sale, featuring a wide range of works in various media, will be held from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Dec. 10-11 in SMC's Pete and Susan Barrett Art Gallery, located at the college's Madison campus, located at 11th Street and Santa Monica Boulevard.

The sale will include ceramics, blown glass, prints, paintings and drawings. Free parking is available. For information, call (310) 434-4230 or 434-3434.

'Wheeling' in new computers for library

By Daily Press staff

While the main library is closed, a temporary computer technology center for kids will be set up.

The Santa Monica Public Library Youth Services Department received a grant of \$25,000 from Verizon, to be used for the creation of a portable computer technology center for teenagers and children while the Main Library is rebuilt and public access computers will be at a premium.

The money will go toward the purchase of laptop computers and specialized software, as well as toward hiring instructors to teach several multi-week classes on topics such as SAT preparation and Web site development.

The portable technology center will serve as a resource for online tutoring; Internet research; word processing; training in the use of the library catalog and databases, and the creation of a Web site designed by and for Santa Monica teenagers, according to young adult librarian Catherine Ronan, who authored the grant proposal.

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surf report

Information compiled by Jesse Haley

Sunday, we got our first signs of the new northwest swell, and it should fill in for better surf today at exposed breaks.

It won't be as big as it was over the weekend, but then the west swell that was hitting so perfectly at L.A.'s breaks is now on the decline.

Northern spots promise waist- to chest-high surf on average.

South Bay spots come out better, of course, showing in the chest to shoulder range on most sets.

Today a mix of west and southwest swell is predicted. Expect surf to pick up one to two feet as that fills in.

Venice and Porto are cranking, with overhead surf everywhere, but unfortunately the waves remain dangerously close out.



Today's Tides:

High-	2:26 a.m.	3.68'
Low-	6:38 a.m.	3.05'
High-	12:15 p.m.	4.66'
Low-	8:09 p.m.	0.16'

Location	Tuesday	Wednesday	Water Quality
County Line	3-4'/Fair	3-5'/Fair	A
Zuma	3-4'/Fair	3-5'/Fair	A
Surfrider	2-3'/Fair	2-3'/Fair	C
Topanga	3-4'/Good	2-3'/Fair	C
Breakwater	4-6'/Poor	4-5'/Fair	B
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The Q-Line

The Santa Monica City Council was recently investigated by the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office for violating the state's open meeting laws. The district attorney's office sent a strong warning to council members telling them to stop passing notes during public meetings.

It appears that city council members have been engaged in a longtime practice of passing notes to each other without the benefit of the public knowing what they are communicating about.

While council members say the content of the notes are trivial, the district

attorney's office says the practice is against the law. But some council members say they will continue to pass notes despite the warning from the DA's office.

This week, Q-Line wants to know:

"Do you think elected officials passing notes to each other creates a level of distrust with the public? Why or why not?"

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OPINION

LETTERS

Knowledge needed in landmarks issue

Editor:

Aside from missing most of the points in Barbara Schnitzler's excellent guest commentary regarding landmarks (SMDP, Dec. 6) Mr. Poirier has his facts regarding the Oscar Neimeyer house completely wrong. The owner of that important house never applied for a demolition permit. The Landmarks Commission has taken a proactive approach as Mr. Poirier argues it should.

Through education, both the owner and the public now have an increased awareness of its importance. As a result the house will likely remain and remain because of a higher level of both monetary and artistic value.

The homeowners "voluntary zoning initiative" would preclude the opportunity to save many homes of exceptional value.

Roger Genser
Santa Monica

(editor's note: Roger Genser serves on the Landmarks Commission.)

Fight against fluoride

Editor:

I, and many others, have been closely following the drama of the impending fluoridation of Santa Monica's public water. In volumes of reports and scientific data it's been reported that since 1990, 140 cities in the following 26 states have rejected or removed fluoride from their water supplies: CO, WA, HI, VT, MA, AZ, OR, UT, SC, AR, KS, ME, WI, NJ, MO, OH, NC, FL, NB, PA, AK, OK, MD, NV, NY (one NY location is Western Nassau County who removed fluoride in 1996 after 23 years of fluoridation), and 16 cities in California. Redding and Watsonville citizens just this past month voted to not fluoridate. Eleven cities in Canada have removed fluoride from their public water. One city, Kauloops, B.C. quit fluoridation in October 2001 after being fluoridated for 40 years! So as I see it, something is terribly wrong with this whole picture.

The fluoride pushers continue to want to dump this chemical waste by-product into our waters while hundreds of cities are rejecting or quitting fluoride! Have all these citizens in these locations uncovered the real truth about fluoride? That the fluoridation program has massively failed to achieve one of its key objectives, i.e. to lower dental decay.

Fluoride is out of control! Besides public water, it is found in fruit juices, carbonated beverages, infant formulas, commercial toothpastes and of course, you can have your medical doctor write you a prescription so you can purposely ingest more fluoride. But be aware, just like all prescription drugs it must be monitored for side effects like any other drug. With public water fluoridation there is absolutely no way of controlling how much fluoride individuals consume. Remember, we would be showering and bathing in water containing added industrial fluoride.

I don't want a prescription drug added to my city water, do you? And with all the information on cities rejecting and removing fluoride from public water we should all be concerned and questioning our City Council for its decision to fluoridate our water. Those who voted to fluoridate are Pam O'Connor, Bob Holbrook, Herb Katz and Richard Bloom. Contact them and ask them if they know why so many cities are rejecting and removing fluoride from public water supplies. We must not let this fluoridation action proceed in our city.

For those of you who are not aware of this impending action and have not done your

homework there are books to be read and countless Web sites to visit and educate yourself. A couple of sites are www.fluoridealert.org and www.earthisland.org. Let's get educated, not fluoridated.

Joyce Martino
Santa Monica

Private property, what a concept!

Dear Editor:

I have to empathize with Landmark's Commissioner Barbara Schnitzler's bewilderment that many people still believe that the Landmarks Commission must approve interior changes to historic homes.

Even though the current municipal code doesn't make any exclusions for interiors, it "regulates and controls the alteration, restoration, construction, removal, relocation or demolition, in whole or in part, of or to a Structure of Merit, a Landmark or Landmark Parcel, or of or to a building or structure within a Historic District."

I can tell you first hand that the Landmarks Commission could care less about the interior of your homes.

A year and a half ago my home had serious foundation, dry rot and termite problems, outdated and hazardous plumbing and electrical issues, and environmentally unsafe toxic mold and asbestos implications. Yet, when I filed for a demo permit, the Landmarks Commission stepped in at the 11th hour and without batting an eye designated my home as a Structure of Merit. Their findings were based on the criteria that it contributed to a potential historic district — a potential historic district that was listed on the inventory in 1986 but for 15 years had stood stagnant.

Oh but the caring doesn't stop there. After pleading that this would financially devastate me, they still wanted me to salvage my crumbling, dilapidated old home without any commissioner even stepping foot in it. It was alarming to me that the Landmarks Commission had the authority to make life altering decisions on the most important and substantial investment of my life just by driving by the front of it and liking what they saw.

After all, isn't my house private property, don't we live in America, and shouldn't I have a voice in what happens to it? Fifteen months and \$120,000 in expenses later, I was graciously granted a demo permit after my neighbors came to my rescue and vehemently opposed a district.

The Homeowners for Voluntary Preservation initiative, that would allow homeowners to give their consent before the city can come in and designate their homes, has been so popular that the Landmarks Commission has hastily drafted a confusing, at best, counter ordinance to thwart the hard work and conviction of the homeowners of Santa Monica. Unfortunately, the Landmark Commission does not think that the good people of Santa Monica can be trusted with such a responsibility.

Although the proposed ordinance has some good incentives and deals with problems under the current ordinance, it is still half-baked. The commission needs to understand that once voluntary preservation is in place and they compliment it with their outreach programs, incentives and education, they will accomplish what they want, which is a heightened preservation awareness and community involvement. Unfortunately for me, I was made aware of preservation because of my mandatory involvement.

Marc Schrobilgen
Santa Monica

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LOCAL



Feinstein answers critics

MAYOR, from page 1

Feinstein is a member of SMRR, but he can relate with Councilmen Herb Katz and Bob Holbrook, who are considered foes of the local renters group.

He has said he would rather an ordinance or a motion pass unanimously than a split vote. And the majority of the time his strategy of making compromises has worked. Most of the items the council votes on are passed unanimously.

Council members say Feinstein runs a tight meeting and ensures everyone has a chance to speak before calling a vote. He usually calls on himself to speak last, and rarely interrupts his colleagues.

"I think he has done an excellent job," said Katz, a political opponent of Feinstein. "He was always considerate and gave everyone a chance to be heard and he never tried to control a debate."

"If he was up for it, I'd ask him to be mayor again," he added.

A mayor must remove his or her personal and political views when guiding a meeting, Feinstein said. Without that, the meetings and the deliberations become one-sided.

"The first business of mayor is to ensure meetings are fair," he said. "I said that in my first speech as mayor and I strive for it every time we're up there. And the fact that our meetings are so open and friendly is a reflection of that."

"I really feel it is important to separate my personal political views from how I chaired meetings," Feinstein said. "It harms the proceedings if the chair cannot be impartial."

Councilwoman Pam O'Connor nominated Feinstein to serve as mayor. She said it takes a subtle hand to keep a council meeting in order, and Feinstein has shown he can keep the mood of the meetings light while making sure the council stays on track, she said.

"The challenge as always is that we have serious business up there and we work with the community," she said. "He kept that in perspective and had a light touch."

"When you are running the meetings you need to know when to keep it on track, and make sure things don't get out of control or too serious," added O'Connor, who also has served as mayor.

The mayor has also served as the bull's eye for critics and detractors who lampoon the council for whatever ills they perceive infect Santa Monica. Many have taken to the microphone to blast the mayor and attack him personally.

But while Feinstein is dragged through the mud by his critics during the meeting, he remains calm and he never interrupts or answers their attacks and diatribes.

"Clearly there are people who act in bad taste and don't conduct themselves with the dignity of the proceedings or with the community in mind," Feinstein said. "However, people have died fighting for a nation with our free speech rights, and if we have to suffer the on-going excesses of individuals, that's a small price to pay."

"Personally, you can't help but feel hurt by unfactual personal attacks," he added, "but that's one of the unpleasant parts about being a public official and the privilege of being one of this community's decision makers far outweighs any temporary discomfort I may feel."

From adding fluoride to the city's drinking water to newly enacted ordinances curbing public feeding to the

homeless to the proposed living wage ordinance, Feinstein has been at the forefront of many contentious issues.

He also has guided the process of a \$95 million downtown parking redesign project, a \$120 million civic center redesign plan, a \$50 million new main library proposal, and an ambitious task force that may help redesign downtown.

Feinstein has also faced criticism.

Holbrook and Katz have threatened to sue the city if the council cannot finish its business by 11 p.m. They say by not finishing at a reasonable hour, the council is infringing on the public's right to participate in the meetings.

"I can't accept people complaining about the lateness of the hour if they refuse to come in earlier. Other cities our size, where being an elected official is not a full-time job, start their meetings much earlier than we do."

— MIKE FEINSTEIN
Santa Monica Mayor

Some have argued Feinstein's insistence on only two council meetings a month has overloaded agendas and dragged a handful of meetings out to 2 a.m.

But Feinstein counters that he has tried to start council meetings earlier but council members refuse because they can't get off of work early.

"I can't accept people complaining about the lateness of the hour if they refuse to come in earlier," he said. "Other cities our size, where being an elected official is not a full-time job, start their meetings much earlier than we do."

Feinstein said it's necessary to limit the council to two meetings a month to ensure the public and council members have more time to study the issues.

Business officials accuse Feinstein of ignoring their frustrations over vagrants dominating the Promenade. A petition signed by business owners and managers on the Promenade had been circulating City Hall for months before council members Richard Bloom and O'Connor — who was running for re-election this fall — added the item to a council agenda.

At that meeting, Feinstein criticized the two for playing politics at the expense of the poor. He said the council should've waited to address the issue until the city released its annual social services report, which was a month and a half later.

In the end, the council adopted two ordinances that will go into effect Jan. 1 which are aimed at curbing food programs for the homeless in downtown city parks and forbidding people from sleeping in their doorways. Feinstein supported the doorway ordinance.

"I stand by what I said then," Feinstein said. "We should have waited, it was inappropriate to move ahead like that without all the facts and all the information about what was going on out there."

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LOCAL

Investigators: Tail rudder jammed after take-off

RULING, from page 1

A draft report will be considered today by the NTSB that blames insufficient lubrication for excessive wear and eventual failure of the MD-80's jackscrew, which helps move the plane's stabilizer and sets the angle of flight.

The Federal Aviation Administration has been criticized for inadequate oversight of airlines' maintenance programs. Initial investigation of the Alaska Airlines crash indicated problems with the company's maintenance program had been overlooked by the agency.

Following the crash, the FAA reviewed the maintenance programs of nine major airlines and reported in February that the carriers had made improvements.

The Transportation Department's inspector general, though, reported in April that the FAA's inspectors were inadequately trained and the agency needs to do a better job identifying safety problems.

Crash investigators concluded the jackscrew mechanism jammed soon after the jet took off from Puerto

Vallarta, Mexico, headed to San Francisco and Seattle. The pilots were planning to make an emergency landing in Los Angeles when the stabilizer broke off, causing the plane to roll over and plunge into the Pacific Ocean near Point Mugu.

The Seattle-based airline has said the failure of the jackscrew mechanism resulted from extreme wear caused by a kind of grease recommended by Boeing Co. The airline also blamed the design, saying the threads on the nut of the jackscrew assembly failed.

Boeing, which bought the plane's manufacturer, McDonnell Douglas, in 1997, said it was lack of grease that led to the failure. The jet that crashed went "an extended period without adequate lubrication," Boeing has said.

In addition to the NTSB inquiry, Alaska and Boeing face dozens of wrongful-death suits that are scheduled for trial in April. Many of the suits have been settled out of court.

Boyle, who represents families of victims who lived in

Washington, Alaska and Mexico, said he intends to seek full vindication for his clients.

"We are planning to take this all the way to trial," he said. Boyle plans to depose several Boeing representatives this week in Santa Monica.

Liz Verdier, a Boeing spokeswoman, said the company will wait for the final report before commenting.

A telephone call to Alaska Airlines seeking comment was not immediately returned.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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Verizon literacy spokesperson and "Wheel of Fortune" hostess Vanna White visited the library to personally present the check. She also took the opportunity to read a story, "The Adventures of Capitol Kitty," to a room full of third-grade students from John Muir Elementary School. The book's author, First Lady of California Sharon Davis, was in attendance as well.

Three of the students, Kyra Sweeney, Kinda Jarmakani, and Christina Battaglia, were chosen to appear on "Wheel of Fortune," taped the previous day.

Spinning toward self-sufficiency

By Daily Press staff

Six instructors and close to 40 clients went spinning recently at "Revolution," a fitness studio in Santa Monica, to help raise more than \$1,565 for St. Joseph Center, which helps homeless and low-income people become self-sufficient.

"We believe that the holiday season is a time for giving to others," said Stephanie Fargo, owner of Revolution.

"The people here continue to demonstrate their enthusiasm for life and for giving opportunities to the less fortunate," added Julie DeRose, St. Joseph Center's Director of Homeless Services, who also spins at Revolution.

St. Joseph Center provides emergency services, childcare, counseling, and training for more than 7,300 homeless and low-income men, women and children each year with 11 programs and services on seven sites in Venice, Santa Monica, and West Los Angeles.

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FEMA to pay for new sewers in city

EXPENDITURES, from page 1

Northridge earthquake.

The city also plans to chip in \$90,000 of its own money towards two sewer projects damaged in the earthquake. Federal Emergency Management Agency funds will pay for \$14.6 million for both projects.

The FEMA-funded \$4.2 million sewer main replacement in the area bounded by Pico Place south to Dewey Street, and Barnard Way to Walgrove Avenue, will cost the city \$17,320 in remaining construction costs. The project includes the removal of the existing sewer mains on Ocean Park Boulevard, Marine and Hill Streets. It is unknown when the project will begin.

The larger sewer main project, which FEMA will pay \$10.4 million for, will require an additional \$73,211 for construction costs. The project includes replacing the existing sewer mains at Lincoln Boulevard, between Pico Boulevard and the southern city limits; Ozone Street, between Lincoln Boulevard and Sixth Street, Ocean Park Boulevard between 25th Street and 34th Street; Fifth Street between Bay Street and Ocean Park Boulevard; Seventh Street and Beverly Avenue, between Kensington Street and Ocean Park Boulevard.

Both city expenditures for the sewer projects will be taken out of the wastewater fund.

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STATE



CALIFORNIA BRIEFS

Red light cameras fail to raise money

By The Associated Press

VENTURA — The city's red-light traffic cameras, billed as big moneymakers for the city and the company that owns them, have failed to meet expectations.

The city hoped to bring in \$5.7 million in fines during the first five years, but officials now estimate they will be lucky to collect \$475,000 because they are nabbing fewer red-light runners than expected.

After they were first installed in May 2001, officials said they expected an average of 20 violations a day at each intersection with cameras during the program's first year. The 16 cameras actually caught an average of less than one a day.

The city was then forced to renegotiate a five-year contract with the cameras' owner, Scottsdale, Ariz.-based RedFlex Traffic Systems. Under the revised contract, the city will pocket 15 percent of the fines collected, while the remaining 85 percent will go to RedFlex.

The City Council was expected to approve the new agreement this week.

The original agreement stated that Ventura would keep 76 percent of the fines collected after the first 18 months of the contract, provided it also pay RedFlex \$2,500 per camera per month, or \$480,000 annually.

"That turned out to be too great of a financial risk for the city," said Aaron Rosenberg, vice president of sales and marketing for RedFlex.

"On the one hand we're extremely happy that our residents are obeying the law," police Lt. Gary McCaskill said.

Cockfighting convict found with roosters at work

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Roosters at work may be a violation of Jorge Solano's probation.

Solano, convicted in June of cockfighting charges, allegedly kept up to 100 roosters at Zacher's Automotive Recyclers in Harbor City, where he worked.

Animal control officers raided the business last week and three roosters were confiscated because they appear to be hurt, said Jackie David, a spokeswoman for the city Department of Animal Control. The rest of the birds were left at the property.

Joe Zacher, the owner of the recycling business, said the roosters belonged to Solano, who lives at the site. Solano said the birds belonged to Zacher.

Deputy City Attorney Johnna Stone said the discovery of the roosters could violate Solano's probation. Solano was convicted in June of possession of fighting birds and cockfighting equipment.

A judge placed him on three years probation and ordered him not to go near any roosters, Stone said. Solano is due in Superior Court in San Pedro on Wednesday for a probation hearing, and could learn then if prosecutors will seek to send him to jail on a violation.

The birds were discovered when state and federal agents raided the recycling business following complaints that the owner allowed toxic fluids to seep into the ground and flow into a nearby flood-control channel.

Judge upholds Ahmanson vote

By The Associated Press

VENTURA — In a setback for foes of the proposed 3,050-home Ahmanson Ranch development, a judge ruled county planning commissioners were within the law when they went on private field trips to the site.

Superior Court Judge Henry J. Walsh's decision shot down another attempt by the city of Calabasas and other opponents to delay the Washington Mutual Bank project. Foes said the visits violated open meeting laws.

Calabasas attorney Katherine Stone said planning commissioners should have alerted the public before they visited Ahmanson Ranch to examine Washington Mutual's plans to protect the endangered red-legged frog and spineflower. The commissioners voted 3-2 last month to endorse a new supplemental Ahmanson environmental study and the Board of Supervisors consider that recommendation on Tuesday.

Board approval would allow the long-delayed project to begin next year.

All-day rush on Ventura Freeway

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — There's no rush hour on U.S. 101 in the San Fernando Valley — it's actually a seven-hour commuter crawl.

A California Department of Transportation study shows the 5.4-mile segment of the Ventura Freeway between the San Diego Freeway and the Hollywood Freeway flows at 35 mph — or less — throughout much of the day.

The eastbound lanes are now congested seven hours a day, two hours more than in 1995, while westbound traffic was jammed for seven hours, up from six hours just seven years ago.

"There used to be rush hour. Now there's these multihour commute periods," said the Auto Club's Stephen Finnegan, who is participating in a Caltrans study of the 101 corridor.

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STATE

California passengers glad United flights aren't canceled

BY RON HARRIS
Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — Some passengers in California were just glad their flights weren't canceled as news of United Airlines' impending bankruptcy filing spread.

Suzan Bond, of Chicago, checked in for a flight home late Sunday at the United counter at San Francisco International Airport. She had been keeping tabs of United's troubles through news accounts and said bankruptcy would hasten her search for a new, more dependable carrier.

"I think they're unstable, and I don't want to take a chance," she said. She feared that future United flight schedules would be canceled or altered due to scaled back service that United might offer after filing for bankruptcy.

United Airlines filed for federal bankruptcy court protection early Monday after more than two years of growing losses and a rejection last week of a plea for a federal loan guarantee.

Dave and Pam Henson, who were at the Los Angeles International Airport en route to their home in Fresno after spending a week in Mexico said they had been watching the news since they recently booked their flight. They were glad their flight wasn't canceled and hoped the bankruptcy wouldn't have long-term repercussions because United is the main carrier at the Fresno Airport.

"Bankruptcy might not really be that bad a thing for them," Dave Henson said. "Once they don't have to pay all their bills and can focus on paying their people they could do better."

United frequent flier Kimberly Owen, at Los Angeles International Airport, said she wants to continue to give her business to the carrier, and expressed faith in its future.

"I think people should not be afraid," she said. "Because it's a huge company, it's not going to go under. It would be bad for the country."

Several employees outside the United terminal in Los Angeles said they were told not to speak to reporters, but nevertheless said they hadn't been told about the upcoming filing and had been receiving information on the



Ben Margot/Associated Press

United Airlines planes sit idle by a hangar on Monday at San Francisco International airport in San Francisco. UAL, the nation's No. 2 air carrier, filed for bankruptcy protection.

company's financial status through the news.

"It's poor management from prior CEOs," said one employee, who like others said he had been told not to

speak publicly about United's troubles.

More than a quarter of United's employees are based in California. United accounts for half the passenger traffic at San Francisco International Airport, and it provides service from small city airports to major hubs in San Francisco and Los Angeles.

Those smaller airports are worried they'll lose that essential service if the company cuts less-profitable routes. So far, there is no plan to do so, and the Elk Grove Village, Ill.-based company has said it will keep flying all routes.

At San Francisco International, the company employs almost 14,000 people. United employs more than 6,200 people, at Los Angeles International where it's the largest passenger carrier and supplies 8 percent of the airport's annual revenue with \$39 million in landing fees and rentals.

The Chicago-bound Bond seemed miffed that United has fallen so far.

"It just makes me sad that it's not going to provide the jobs and the good service. I used to love United. It had amazing service, and I don't believe that it does anymore," Bond said. "I probably won't fly on United again."

United bankruptcy may affect Disney

By The Associated Press

BURBANK — Among the potential far-flung victims of United Airlines' bankruptcy filing is The Walt Disney Co.

Disney may have to write down a \$114 million investment it made in airplane leases to United, the company said last week in a regulatory filing.

The company said it invested \$289 million between 1992 and 1994 to buy 11 aircraft, which it then leased to Delta Airlines, Federal Express and United.

If United defaults on its lease payments or terminates the leases in bankruptcy, Disney would be faced with writing off its investment, which would cost the company as much as 4 cents per share, according to Michael Gallant, an analyst with CIBC World Markets.

In a report issued late last week, Gallant said Disney told him it intends to take a write-down in its first quarter as a result of United's bankruptcy filing, but is not sure how much of the \$114 million it will write down. In its filing, Disney said United is current on lease payments.

Disney has earned around \$50 million per year from the leases, Gallant estimated.

Disney is not the only company with aircraft lease investments that will be affected by United's Chapter 11 filing.

Monday, Electronic Data Systems Corp., a Texas computer systems company, said its earnings would be reduced by aircraft leases with United.

EDS said writing down the value of the leases, struck in 1991, would cut its fourth-quarter and full-year earnings by 5 cents per share.

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STATE



Seismic sleuths measure exotic booms world round

BY ANDREW BRIDGES
AP Science Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — For every large boom in the world — the collapse of the World Trade Center, explosions aboard the Russian submarine Kursk or the rumble of trucks used by smugglers to ferry goods between Chile and Argentina — there's a good chance earthquake instruments are there to record it.

Seismic stations have been set up around the globe in recent decades, initially to monitor earthquakes, later the underground testing of nuclear weapons and, now, just about anything and everything imaginable that is even the slightest bit Earth shaking.

Since the instruments are sensitive, everywhere and always on, there is very little they miss, scientists said, from the impact of airplane crashes to mine collapses to the detonation of depth charges deployed by the Russians to keep away the peeping eyes of U.S. submarines cruising the Barents Sea after the Kursk sank in August 2000.

"It's really like shouting in a room: someone is going to hear it," said Terry Wallace of the University of Arizona, Tucson. Scientists discussed the latest research in what they call forensic seismology on Monday at the fall meeting of the American Geophysical Union.

When the testing of nuclear weapons went underground in the 1950s, scientists realized that instruments designed to record earthquake activity were also picking up the seismic signals produced by the mammoth blasts. Soon, both the Americans and Soviets began deploying arrays of seismometers around the globe to keep tabs on each other's testing programs.

Since then, the increasing sensitivity of

the devices has allowed scientists to tease out smaller and smaller booms, explosions and impacts from the data they record.

"We're just beginning to try to eke out every wiggle in the seismic signal," Wallace said.

During the Sept. 11 attacks, seismometers recorded the impact as the jets slammed into the World Trade Center and the subsequent collapse of the two towers and other, surrounding buildings. The collapse of the north and south towers registered as magnitude-2.3 and 2.1 earthquakes, respectively, said Won-Young Kim, of the Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory of Columbia University. The seismic data gave the best indication of the precise time when the impacts occurred, he added.

Other notable crashes, including Pan Am 747 which was brought down by a terrorist bomb over Lockerbie, Scotland, in 1988, and a Swissair MD-11 lost off the coast of Halifax, Canada, after an onboard fire a decade later, showed up in seismic recordings, said David McCormack of the Geological Survey of Canada.

In the case of the Swissair flight, the seismic data allowed accident investigators to pinpoint the time of the crash, which the jet's black box did not record after the plane lost power, McCormack said.

Since seismometers are increasingly equipped with clocks with millisecond accuracy, the data allow scientists to reconstruct detailed timelines of disasters, said Keith Koper, of St. Louis University.

In the case of the August 2000 explosion of a natural gas pipeline near Carlsbad, N.M., very accurate seismic recordings of the event played a minor role in the lawsuits brought against the pipeline operator by family members of the 12 people killed in the accident, Koper said.

Rave crackdown results in nightclub raid, drug arrests

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — A seven-month probe that led to the seizure of more than 10,000 Ecstasy pills culminated in a raid early Sunday at a popular Hollywood nightclub where authorities allege designer drugs were openly sold at rave parties.

Five people were arrested on drug charges during the raid of Circus Disco, capping an undercover investigation by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency and the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

During that time, alcohol control investigators bought Ecstasy, cocaine, marijuana and ketamine from 25 people. In six cases, the drug sales were either made or facilitated by nightclub employees, the state's alcohol control department said in a statement.

The pills that were seized over the course of the investigation had an estimated street value of more than \$200,000, officials said.

Earlier this year, club owner Eugene LaPietra spearheaded an unsuccessful ballot measure to have Hollywood secede from the city of Los Angeles. On Sunday, LaPietra accused Mayor James Hahn, who campaigned against the measure, of orchestrating the raid as "political payback" for LaPietra's activism.

"I find it very suspect that 30 days after the election, this would happen to an operator who has never had any problems," he told KABC-TV, adding that his staff has cooperated with past drug investigations.

Investigators said they targeted Circus Disco following the September 2001 death of a 27-year-old man who collapsed on the dance floor and began having convulsions after taking Ecstasy he allegedly obtained at the nightclub.

The man's parents have filed a wrongful death lawsuit against LaPietra.

State officials said they had consulted one of the nation's leading experts on Ecstasy and raves. After visiting Circus Disco, the expert, Trinkia D. Porrata, said the club was clearly hosting raves based on factors ranging from the sale of caffeinated "power" drinks that supposedly enhance Ecstasy's hallucination-inducing effects to the loud music and the presence of a "cooling off" area staffed by emergency medical technicians.

Although the club remained open Sunday night, the state Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control plans to accuse Circus Disco of violating the terms of its liquor license for allowing "the conspicuous and blatant use of drugs," the agency said in a statement. The action could result in the club having its license to sell liquor suspended.

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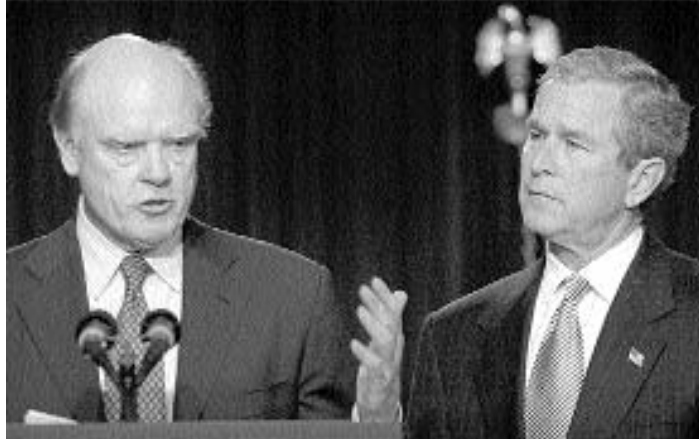
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President Bush, right, listens to CSX Corp. Chairman John W. Snow, left, a former Ford administration official from Virginia, after announcing that he will nominate Snow to replace Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill, at the Presidential Hall in the Eisenhower Executive Office Building at White House on Monday in Washington. Snow's selection is just two days after the president fired Paul O'Neill and White House economic adviser Larry Lindsey as part of a shake-up designed to control political damage from the ailing economy.

Four former owners of Psychic Friends Network settle SEC charges

BY DAVID B. CARUSO
Associated Press Writer

PHILADELPHIA — Four former executives of a defunct company that once owned Dionne Warwick's Psychic Friends Network have settled financial fraud charges with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The SEC said officers of Regal Communications inflated the company's worth to defraud investors in the early 1990s, when Regal bought the infomercial firm that ran the Psychic Friends phone service and two other companies owned by television personality Joan Rivers.

As part of the settlement filed Friday, Regal's former chief financial officer, Bruce Edmondson, and former chief executive, Arthur Toll, were barred from serving as officers of any public company. Regal's former in-house lawyer, Elliot Fisher, was barred from representing companies before the SEC.

The SEC also ordered the executives to pay back "ill-gotten gains," amounting to about \$2.2 million, which the government said the men got from selling Regal stock.

Dionne Warwick lent her name to the phone service, in which people paid to

talk on the telephone with people claiming to be psychics, and pitched it in television infomercials.

In all, the executives shuffled nearly \$23 million from Regal's checking accounts into the accounts of other companies they controlled, then back to Regal, in an attempt to create the illusion of a large revenue stream, prosecutors said.

The SEC filed its complaint in 1998, but delayed action pending the outcome of a criminal probe.

The executives were not required to admit wrongdoing as part of the SEC settlement, but Toll pleaded guilty to securities fraud, mail fraud and other charges in 1999 and was sentenced to 48 months in prison.

Edmondson pleaded guilty to similar charges and was sentenced to 36 months. Fisher pleaded guilty to conspiracy and sentenced to six months in jail. Former Regal board member Gerald Levinson pleaded guilty to filing a false income tax return and was sentenced to probation.

Attorneys for the four men did not return phone messages Monday.

Regal, which was based in Fort Washington, Pa., declared bankruptcy in 1994.

Man trapped for almost a week in freezing car survives

BY JENNIFER BUNDY
Associated Press Writer

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — A man trapped for nearly a week in his car after it plunged into a ravine survived in the freezing cold by burning paper, melting snow for water and eating packets of fast-food sauce, rescuers say.

Robert Ward, 32, suffered a broken hip in the crash and could not get out of the car. He was found Sunday by his friend Terry Likens, captain of the fire department where Ward is a volunteer emergency medical technician.

"I don't think he would have made it through the night," Likens said. "He told us when we found him, he said he was getting ready to go to sleep for the last time. He had just about given up."

Ward was in serious condition after surgery Sunday at a hospital in Huntington. Both of his feet were frostbitten.

Ward was five miles from the coal mine where he works as a security guard and two miles from the nearest home when his car went off the road Dec. 2. It plunged 150 feet and hit a tree, destroying the headlights and horn.

The area's first major snowfall hit a few days later and temperatures remained below freezing for several days. To stay warm, Ward ripped the lining from the car's roof and used it as a blanket, Likens said.

He also burned paper, including pages from his EMT manual, and melted snow to drink. His only food was what he could get out of an old peanut butter jar and fast-food sauce packets.

"It's a bachelor vehicle. It catches a little bit of everything," Likens said.

Searchers from two volunteer fire departments, law enforcement agencies, state natural resource and forestry workers and coal mine employees scoured the area. A coal company donated a helicopter for the search.

As Likens and a companion searched the ravine Sunday with binoculars, Ward heard their car and voices and started hollering.

"He asked us to pinch him so he knew he wasn't dreaming," Likens said. "He said he had a lot of weird dreams while he was down there. He dreamed two or three times when people would come by and didn't get him out."

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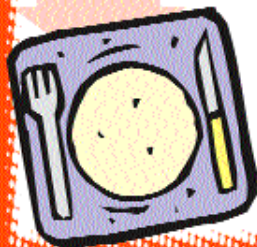
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INTERNATIONAL



Arms declaration shows Iraq's intentions, holdings

BY DAFNA LINZER

Associated Press Writer

UNITED NATIONS — Iraq's mammoth arms declaration covers its nuclear program up until the 1991 Persian Gulf War, the names of companies and foreign governments that assisted its former chemical weapons program and details of Baghdad's efforts to build biological weapons.

The details from the report were listed in the declaration's nine-page table of contents, which was made public Monday and quickly distributed by a U.S. official.

Washington has obtained the U.N. Security Council's copy of the complete 12,000-page declaration, which has not been made public, and plans to share it only with Russia, Britain, France and China.

In exchange for getting their own copies, the five Security Council powers will provide weapons inspectors with experts and intelligence data that could help hasten a determination of whether Saddam Hussein is trying to rearm, diplomats told The Associated Press. Other council members will only get an edited copy with sensitive material censored, an arrangement that has angered some members.

The table of contents is broken down into four sections: nuclear, chemical, biological and ballistic missile programs.

Some 2,100 pages are devoted to Iraq's current nuclear program and the program it maintained until the Gulf War — as well as information on sites and companies involved in both.

Lt. Gen. Amer al-Saadi, a senior adviser to Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, said Sunday that Iraq's pre-1991 nuclear program may have been close to building an atomic bomb, but he said Baghdad no longer has such ambitions.

In the declaration, Iraq asserts that it no longer has weapons of mass destruction or the means to deliver them.

The chemical declaration is several thousand pages and begins with a chronology of Iraq's "former chemical weapons program." Sections dealing with the chemical program include: Research and development activities, the production of chemical agents, relations with companies and a terminated radiation bomb project.

The biological declaration is much



Ben Margot/Associated Press

United Airlines planes sit idle by a hangar on Monday at San Francisco International airport in San Francisco. UAL, the nation's No. 2 air carrier, filed for bankruptcy protection.

shorter than the previous two and includes information on military institutions connected with the former biological weapons program, activities at the foot-and-mouth facility and a list of supporting documents.

The ballistic missile declaration is the briefest of the four sections and totals some 1,200 pages on the chronology of Iraq's ballistic missile program. Under U.N. Security Council resolutions, Iraq is banned from missiles with a range greater than 94 miles.

The complete report arrived at U.N. headquarters in New York on Sunday. One copy is in the hands of weapons inspectors who have been combing through it for details and tips. The other copy was taken to Washington on Monday by U.S. officials who planned to duplicate the material and distribute it to Moscow, London, Paris and Beijing.

The deal for the distribution, reached late Sunday, outraged Syria and Mexico, because it reversed an agreement among council members Friday that would have let inspectors remove sensitive material from the 12,000 page document before showing the report to any council members.

Hans Blix, the chief U.N. weapons inspector, had pushed for the Friday agreement in the hopes of keeping some of the dossier's material, including possible recipes for bomb-making material, from getting into the wrong hands.

The United States had initially accepted the argument Friday but then changed its mind over the weekend, holding consultations between capitals.

Eventually U.S. officials instructed Colombian Ambassador Alfonso Valdiveoso, the current Security Council president, to hand over the complete copy of the declaration, which to the astonishment of many in the U.N. halls, he did.

The 10 non-permanent members, including Syria, Mexico and others, will see only a censored version of the document once weapons inspectors have gone through the report and removed sensitive material — including possible instructions on bomb-making.

Meanwhile, U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan said it would take some time to review the declaration and he called on Washington and others to be patient with the inspectors.

"The inspectors will have to review them, analyze them and report to the council, and I think that's going to take a while."

In Washington, White House press secretary Ari Fleischer withheld judgment on the massive documentation and said the United States wants to study the material "thoroughly, completely and fully and thoughtfully."

The International Atomic Energy Agency said only an exhaustive analysis, backed up by ongoing arms inspections in Iraq, can determine if the document is truthful, spokeswoman Melissa Fleming said.

In Iraq, U.N. arms inspectors made a return visit Monday to Iraq's huge al-Tuwaitha nuclear complex, where scientists in the 1980s worked to produce the fissionable material for nuclear bombs.

The real test will be the document's transparency, which could determine whether Iraq will face another war with the United States and its allies over U.S. insistence that Iraq has banned weapons.

Under the terms of Security Council Resolution 1441, passed on Nov. 8, false statements or omissions in the declaration, coupled with a failure by Iraq to comply with inspections, "shall constitute a further material breach of Iraq's obligations."

Such a breach could be enough for Washington to argue that military action is the only way to force Iraq to comply.

Under successive resolutions, passed since the Gulf War ousted Saddam's troops from neighboring Kuwait, the Security Council has demanded that Iraq disarm and comply with a weapons inspections regime. Only after inspectors declare Iraq in compliance can 12 years of crippling sanctions, imposed after the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait, be suspended.

Iraq's declaration, in Arabic and English with an 80-page summary, was contained in at least a dozen bound volumes accompanied by computer disks.

The declaration covers the 1990s U.N. weapons inspection regime in Iraq, when many arms and much production equipment were destroyed, and details "dual-use" industries that can serve both civilian and military purposes.

Inspectors said they expect much of the declaration to include repetitious material that was submitted years ago.

Indonesia, Acehnese rebels sign pact to end 26-year war

BY SLOBODAN LEKIC

Associated Press Writer

GENEVA — The Indonesian government signed a peace deal with rebels from Aceh province Monday, taking a major step toward ending a 26-year conflict that threatened to destabilize the world's most populous Muslim nation.

The deal with the insurgents in Aceh, a region the size of Maryland that is rich in oil and timber, grants its 4.1 million people autonomy but not independence. It sets a cease-fire and calls for the eventual disarmament of the rebels.

"There's still a great deal of work to be done before we reap the harvest of peace," said Wiryo Sastro Handoyo, the top Indonesian government negotiator.

Rebel spokesman Isander Al-Faseh said the rebels would

withdraw their forces and halt all attacks against government troops. But he accused the special forces of bringing in reinforcements for a possible operation in the north of the province.

"This may be the work of hardline elements within the Indonesian military who do not want this peace deal to succeed," Al-Faseh said.

President Bush called the peace deal a "courageous effort" and said the United States will help provide humanitarian and reconstruction assistance for Aceh.

"Today's agreement demonstrates that Indonesia's efforts to fight terror and maintain a united Indonesian nation are fully compatible with principled efforts to address legitimate political grievances," Bush said in a statement issued in Washington.

About 12,000 people have

died in the Aceh fighting over the last 10 years, but the conflict on the northern tip of Sumatra has been dubbed "The Forgotten War" because it never attracted much international attention.

The accord is a victory for President Megawati Sukarnoputri, who has also resolved two smaller sectarian conflicts in Sulawesi and the Maluku archipelago in the last year.

Many feared the fighting would lead to the disintegration of the ethnically and religiously diverse nation of 210 million people. There have also been rising concerns of terrorism in Indonesia after bombings in Bali killed about 190 people.

Insurgents have been fighting on-and-off for independence in Aceh since 1870, when Dutch colonialists occupied the region. The latest rebellion in the area

began in 1976.

The Geneva-based Henry Dunant Center helped negotiate the accord. All involved warned that sticking to the agreement would not be easy.

"We all know that it won't be perfect, that there will be problems on the ground," said Anthony Zinni, the retired U.S. general who helped mediate the talks. "But the mechanisms that have been put in place will be able to handle them."

Zaini Abdullah, who signed for the leadership of the Free Aceh Movement, said: "The achievement today is the direct result of the struggle and sacrifices of our people. We hope the peace process will be an opportunity for them to express themselves in a peaceful and safe manner."

The accord sets out a plan for legislative elections in Aceh by

2004.

U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan congratulated the two sides and said he was ready to help in the transition to democracy, his spokesman Fred Eckhard said.

The agreement gives Aceh control over much of the revenues from its timber and natural gas industries. If the deal proves successful, it could also be implemented in other secessionist trouble spots in Indonesia.

The plan calls for a joint security committee consisting of all parties to the peace agreement.

Andy Andrea, a spokesman for the Henry Dunant Center, said the rebels would store their weapons in specifically designated areas, which would be regularly checked by the team of 150 independent monitors. The monitors would then report to the government.



SPORTS

Miami Dolphins dominate Chicago Bears, 27-9

BY STEVEN WINE

AP Sports Writer

MIAMI — Ricky Williams put on a show Monday night that Roone Arledge would have loved.

Williams ran for 216 yards, including a career-best 63-yard touchdown run, and the Miami Dolphins moved into a tie for the AFC East lead by beating the Chicago Bears 27-9.

It was the first game on "Monday Night Football" since the death Thursday of Arledge, who created the show in 1970.

Williams became just the third running back to reach the 200-yard milestone in consecutive games, and the first since Earl Campbell in 1980. He carried 31 times, scored twice and overtook Kansas City's Priest Holmes for the NFL rushing lead with 1,500 yards.

With Jay Fiedler throwing a TD pass in his return from a broken right thumb, Miami (8-5) tied New England atop the AFC East and moved one game ahead of the New York Jets.

Injury-plagued Chicago (3-10) lost for the 10th time in 11 games since a 2-0 start.

Miami's domination was worthy of the

'72 Dolphins, who were honored at half-time for achieving the NFL's only perfect season. The '02 Dolphins outgained Chicago 430 yards to 195 and forced four turnovers.

Fiedler went 15-for-29 for 196 yards in his first start since being hurt Oct. 13. Miami improved to 6-1 with Fiedler starting.

Williams, who ran for a team-record 228 yards last week in a loss at Buffalo, managed an impressive encore. He had 119 yards by halftime for his fourth 100-yard game in a row, and his eighth this season.

Williams scored on a 15-yard run in the second quarter, then sealed the victory in the third quarter with the 63-yard run for a 21-3 lead.

The rain may have contributed to two fumbles the Dolphins lost inside the Chicago 15-yard line in the first half, but they still led 14-0 at halftime thanks to advantages of 17-2 in first downs and 293-37 in yards.

For the Bears, the game ranked with the worst in a dismal season. Coach Dick Jauron started sore-armed Jim Miller at quarterback, tried Henry Burris in spot

relief and turned to Chris Chandler in the second half, but none could get Chicago into the end zone until the final minute.

And injuries continued to mount. Miller departed on a cart midway through the third period with a sprained left knee,

and guard Chris Villarrial sat out the second half with back spasms.

Paul Edinger kicked a 52-yard field goal for the Bears in the third quarter and Burris threw a 6-yard touchdown pass to Marty Booker.

American finishes sixth



Nathan Bilow/Associated Press

U.S. ski racer Bode Miller, of Franconia, N.H. crashes past a gate on his way to a sixth place finish in the World Cup Super-G race in Beaver Creek, Colo., on Sunday.

UCLA fires Bruins coach

BY JOHN NADEL

AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES — Bob Toledo was fired by UCLA on Monday because first-year athletic director Dan Guerrero felt the program wasn't heading in the right direction and wouldn't turn around unless a coaching change was made.

"We need to raise the bar, we need to start winning Pac-10 championships again," Guerrero said at a campus news conference. "The issue was clearly one I had to make in the best interests of the program. The tough thing was this was Bob Toledo, he's a good man."

The Bruins are 7-5 this season, including a 52-21 loss to No. 5 Southern California on Nov. 23 and a 48-27 loss to No. 7 Washington State on Saturday.

Toledo won't coach UCLA in the Dec. 25 Las Vegas Bowl, where the Bruins will play New Mexico. Ed Kezirian, assistant director of academic services, will serve as interim head coach.

Toledo wasn't available for comment, but issued a statement that read in part: "I came to UCLA with class and dignity and I will leave with class and dignity. I have nothing but great things to say about UCLA."

Toledo coached UCLA to a school-record 20-game winning streak in 1997-98, but the Bruins have gone 24-24 since and have lost four straight to rival Southern California — the last two by a combined 58 points.

The 56-year-old Toledo guided UCLA to a 49-32 record in seven seasons, the third-most wins for a football coach in school history. He succeeded Terry Donahue, who retired in 1995 after coaching the Bruins for 20 seasons and is now general manager of the San Francisco 49ers.

Toledo is the first football coach fired by UCLA since Bill Barnes was let go after the 1964 season.

Guerrero said Toledo was "ready for this decision" when the two met early Monday.

Guerrero, who succeeded Peter Dalis as athletic director last July, said the move wasn't based on one game or one season.

"I made the decision yesterday, but it

was a cumulative process that got me there," Guerrero said. "I felt we needed a clean slate. I felt it was not a healthy environment, I certainly didn't think we had a program clicking on all cylinders. There would have been difficulties going into next year with all the issues."

Kezirian, a Bruins assistant from 1982-92, said he will handle the administrative end with other members of the coaching staff handling the decision-making process.

"It's a sad day for UCLA football," Kezirian said.

Toledo had a rollover six-year contract. The buyout consists of one year of the full package of \$578,000 and five years at the base salary of \$153,000, the school said.

Guerrero said a national search for a successor would begin immediately. He said he hadn't contacted anyone, but several potential candidates had already expressed interest.

Guerrero said he was looking for someone who knows about West Coast and Pac-10 football, preferably someone who has been successful as a head coach. But he wouldn't rule out hiring an offensive or defensive coordinator.

He also said he wanted somebody who "knows something about rivalries and the importance of those kinds of things in a city like Los Angeles."

UCLA, with only 14 seniors on the team, was picked to finish sixth in the Pac-10 in a preseason media poll. The team tied for fourth with a 4-4 record despite losing fifth-year senior quarterback Cory Paus to a broken right ankle in October, leaving a pair of true freshmen to share the position.

"It's a weird day," said Paus, who hopes to play in the Las Vegas Bowl. "It's a shame this had to happen. It's unfortunate for the families of coach Toledo and his assistants."

Toledo was the Bruins' offensive coordinator in 1994-95 before succeeding Donahue. He held the same position at Oregon from 1983-88 and at Texas A&M from 1989-93.

UCLA won its last 10 games in 1997 and was on the verge of playing in the national championship game the following year, winning its first 10 games before

losing at Miami 49-45. The Bruins then lost 38-31 to Wisconsin in the Rose Bowl.

UCLA was 4-7 in 1999 and 6-6 in 2000 including a 21-20 loss to Wisconsin in the Sun Bowl.

Umpires ask court for rehire

BY MARC LEVY

Associated Press Writer

PHILADELPHIA — With 10 umpires, including Richie Garcia and Eric Gregg, still out of work since their failed mass resignation three years ago, lawyers argued their fates Monday before a federal appeals court.

Umpires have asked the court to order baseball to rehire the 10, and baseball has asked the court whether it must give back pay to five umpires already brought back in a partial settlement.

Last December, a federal judge ordered baseball to rehire nine of the 22 umpires who lost their jobs in September 1999 following a failed mass resignation, and the judge ordered new arbitration hearings for three others.

In a partial settlement last February, baseball rehired five umpires and allowed four to retire with back pay. Three more umpires were brought back in August.

The lawyers were allotted twice the standard time to argue before a three-judge panel of the 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

"In my 32 years of practicing law, I've never had a case that has left me more confused," said Chief Judge Edward R. Becker, who heard the case along with Judges Jane R. Roth and D. Brooks Smith.

Richie Phillips' Major League Umpires Association called for the mass resignation in July 1999 as a bargaining tactic. The move backfired when baseball accepted the resignations and hired new umpires to replace them that September. Phillips' union

The Bruins won their first six games in 2001 to rise to No. 4 in the rankings, but then lost four straight, capped by a 27-0 defeat against USC, before beating Arizona State to finish the season 7-4.

was then replaced by a new union led by umpires who opposed the mass resignations.

MLUA lawyer Pat Campbell argued the resignations had not become effective when baseball began hiring replacements and said the 22 umpires should have been given hiring priority over the replacement umpires based on considerations for merit and skill.

Neil Abramson, a lawyer for the commissioner's office, argued the original arbitrator did not have the authority to consider the case because the umpires had resigned and were no longer covered by their labor contract.

In May 2001, arbitrator Alan Symonette ordered baseball to rehire Drew Coble, Gary Darling, Bill Hohn, Greg Kosc, Larry Poncino, Frank Pulli, Terry Tata, Larry Vanover and Joe West.

That decision was largely upheld last Dec. 14 by U.S. District Judge Havey Bartle III, who also ordered new arbitration hearings for Paul Nauert, Bruce Dreckman and Sam Holbrook.

In the first partial settlement, Darling, Hohn, Poncino, Vanover and West were rehired, with the issue of their back pay left for the courts to decide. Coble, Kosc, Pulli and Tata were allowed to retire with back pay.

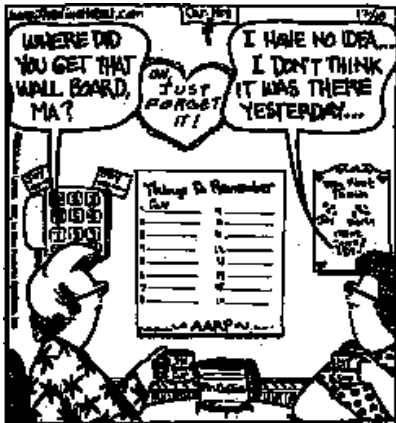
Nauert, Dreckman and Holbrook were rehired in the second partial settlement, and gave up their back pay.

Still trying to regain their jobs are Bob Davidson, Tom Hallion, Jim Evans, Dale Ford, Garcia, Gregg, Ed Hickox, Mark Johnson, Ken Kaiser and Larry McCoy.

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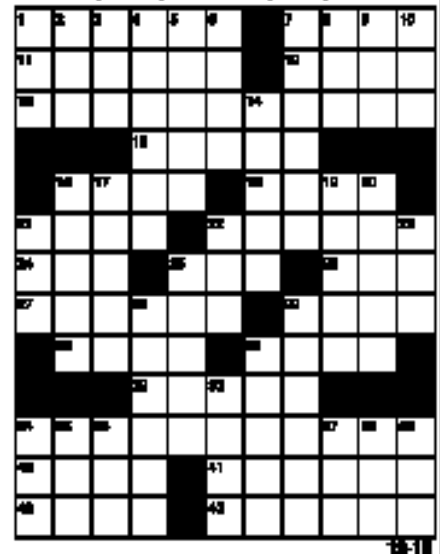
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD by Chuck Shepard

Man files voter registration deadline lawsuit

• James Anibella filed a federal lawsuit in October challenging the constitutionality of the Colorado law that sets a voter registration deadline of 29 days before an election, a deadline that Anibella admitted he knew about but was too busy to bother with; Anibella characterizes the 29-day deadline as merely "some snafu in the law."

• After Bryan Furrow, 17, was charged in Manchester, Conn., in August with masturbating in front of 10 children (and sexually touching five of them), his mother, Lenora Furrow, told reporters that Bryan had simply "made a wrong judgment call."





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SANTA MONICA SCENE °CALENDAR EDITION

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2002

TODAY'S EVENTS

Toddler Time, 10 a.m. Barnes & Noble at the Promenade and Wilshire. (310)260-9110.

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.

Harvelle's Blues Club present Sports Happy Hour, 5pm to 8pm. 100 inch movie screen with high definition LCD projector, JBL surround sound, drink specials, \$3.00 Happy Hour Buffet. 1432 4th Street. Between Broadway and Santa Monica Blvd. (310)395-1676

Conversations with God study group in Santa Monica every Monday night 7-8:30 pm, sequentially exploring and implementing the concepts of the "with God" books authored by Neale Donald Walsch. Meets in an ocean front condominium, donation \$5. For further information call Grant at (310) 399-8982.

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.

Senior Suppers - Discounted meals for people AGE 55 or older are served daily, from 3:30 p.m. To 7 p.m., in the cafeteria at Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center, 1250 16th Street in Santa Monica. \$3.69 Info only: (310)319-4837.

Unurban Coffee House presents Hot Topics Night hosted by Ali every Monday evening. Signup is at 8pm. Open panel discussion and open forum. 3301 Pico Blvd. (310)315-0056

WEDNESDAY'S EVENTS

Sleigh on down to the **Ocean Park Library** to hear some wonderful holiday stories and see a very funny puppet show! For ages 3 and up. This program is free, but you will need to pick up tickets. 3:30pm to 4:15pm and from 4:30pm to 5:15pm. For more info call the Ocean Park Library, 2601 Main Street, Santa Monica (310) 392-3804.

Santa Monica College Emeritus College Band invites adult musicians who play a band instrument to join the band. Rehearsals are held each Tuesday evening in the Band room at Lincoln Middle School, 14th and California Streets from 7pm to 9:15pm, Concerts are given during the year. For more information call (310)474-5271.

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

The Santa Monica Bay Area Chapter of the California Retired Teacher's Association will meet at the United Methodist Church, 1008 Eleventh Street, Santa Monica. Social hour begins at 11:30am. Lunch served at 12 noon. The cost is \$7.50. Reservations are appreciated by calling Marilyn Hedges to make a reservation (310)450-8167

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

MOVIE °GUIDE

LOEWS CINIPLEX BROADWAY CINEMA

1441 Third St. at Broadway
The Emperor's Club (PG-13) 11:00, 1:40, 4:20, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40. **Empire** (R) 11:20, 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 10:00. **Solaris** (2002) (PG-13) 10:40, 11:40, 1:20, 2:20, 4:00, 5:00, 6:40, 7:40, 9:20, 10:20.

MANN CRITERION

1313 Third St.
The Ring (PG-13) 12:45, 3:45, 7:05, 10:00.
Punch-Drunk Love (R) 11:45, 2:15, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15. **Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets** (PG) 12:00, 3:30, 7:00, 10:45. **Extreme Ops** (NR) 12:15, 10:05. **Friday After Next** (R) 2:45, 5:00, 7:45, 10:30. **Adaptation** (R) 11:00, 12:30, 2:00, 4:00, 5:00, 7:15, 8:00, 10:15, 11:00.

AMC THEATRE SM 7

1310 3rd Street
Santa Clause 2 (G) 1:35, 4:00, 7:00, 9:30. **8 Mile** (R) 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:05. **Analyze That** (R) 1:55, 3:10, 4:30, 5:30, 7:05, 7:55, 9:40. **Treasure Planet** (PG) 1:05, 3:05, 5:10, 7:25, 9:35. **Die Another Day** (PG-13) 1:25, 4:20, 7:20, 10:10. **Adam Sandler's Eight Crazy Nights** (PG-13) 2:30, 5:00, 7:00, 9:00. **Wes Craven Presents: THEY** (PG-13) 1:00, 10:15.

LANDMARK NU-WILSHIRE

1314 Wilshire Blvd.
Bowling for Columbine (R) 1:30, 4:15, 7:30, 10:15. **Far From Heaven** (PG-13) 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. **Rabbit-Proof Fence** (PG) 12:15, 2:40, 5:05, 7:30, 9:55. **The Quiet American** (R) 1:45, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40. **El Crimen del Padre Amaro** (R) 1:30, 4:20, 7:15, 10:05.

AERO THEATRE

1328 Montana Ave.
Bloody Sunday 5:00 **Secretary** 7:30, 10:00



BACK PAGE



\$10K found under couch cushion

By The Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — Talk about dropping some change between the couch cushions.

North Shore firefighters found \$10,000 stashed in a piece of furniture they picked up from a curbside and used for a training exercise, authorities said.

Fire Chief David Berousek said the fire during the exercise consumed the fabric on the furniture, but the money was discovered undamaged. He said he had no explanation for how the cash survived the flames.

"That's a good question," he said.

The money was turned over to Brown Deer police after the Nov. 29 training exercise. It will become the property of the village of Brown Deer if it is not claimed, said police Capt. Charles Wenten.

"These guys have such good hearts. The first thing they said is, some great charity will reap a huge reward," Berousek said. "Their hearts are in the right spot, but we have to go by the statutes."

Police do not want the style of the furniture revealed so there are no false claims to the money, Wenten said.

Birthday party held at local dump

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — When 6-year-old Michael Wong-Sasso grows up, he wants to be a trash collector. So naturally, he wanted to have his birthday party at

the local dump.

About 40 children and their parents gathered Saturday at the Sunshine Canyon Landfill to celebrate Michael's seventh birthday.

"I like the big trucks," he said. "I like putting trash where it belongs. I like making the world cleaner."

For safety and sanitary reasons, the party was held in a small valley on the landfill's outskirts, away from bulldozers and strange smells. The partygoers were surrounded by scores of potted trees, which are used to landscape the landfill.

The children fashioned flour-dough animals with the help of recycled materials such as cardboard and colored paper and frolicked on a big pile of "clean" dirt, playing with toy backhoes and earthmovers.

"We don't know where this interest in trash came from," said Michael's mother Sophia Wong. "He's been this way since he was 2."

Having a party at a dump is "definitely different," said Scott Krause, who brought his 6-year-old son, Trevor.

"It's not like you're saying, 'Oh no, not another birthday at the landfill,'" Krause said. "I mean, how many times can you go to Chuck E. Cheese's?"

Convicts give to police charity drive

By The Associated Press

MADISON, Wis. — The Madison Police Department got some help from an unexpected source after asking listeners of a local radio station to donate teddy bears for children.

Some inmates at the Fox Lake Correctional Institution heard Officer Larry Kamholz's request on WNCV and decided to help.

The inmates donated \$626 of their wages and bought the police department 2,000 surplus teddy bears with the help of Middleton toy marketer US JHI Corp. Officers gave the teddy bears to children to console them at crime or accident scenes.

"We're used to thinking of bad people in jail," Kamholz said. "But just because they committed a crime, it doesn't necessarily mean they're a bad person. They can change their lives and make themselves better and give back to the community."

Other listeners donated more than 1,000 teddy bears to the police department within a few weeks of Kamholz's request.

Bigfoot legend revealed to be prank

By The Associated Press

CENTRALIA, Wash. — When the late Ray Wallace strapped big, wooden feet to his boots in 1958, it wasn't intended as a prank to revive the legend of Bigfoot, a former logger said.

They were supposed to scare thieves away, 71-year-old John Auman said Friday.

Wallace left the giant footprints around construction equipment parked in the woods to scare away vandals who had been targeting the vehicles, Auman said.

"If your rig was parked overnight, you might as well figure it would have no tires in the morning," Auman said. "That's why all this started."

The tactic worked — but then the tale took on a life of its own.

Auman said Wallace's innovative crime-control efforts brought tourists to the dying California town of Eureka.

"Ray should get a medal," he said.

Some credit the fake footprints with reviving the legend of a Bigfoot — a giant hairy ape-man wandering the woods of the Pacific Northwest. Local residents were skeptical, but after media accounts drew national attention, Wallace — concerned he'd get in trouble with the sheriff — kept his role to himself.

"I talked with Ray about it one time," Auman said. "And we laughed about it. He didn't say he done it, but I knew he did."

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