

NEWS BRIEFING

A LOOK AT THIS MORNING'S HEADLINES

Death threats made to federal labor office by McVeigh supporter



VACAVILLE, Calif. (AP) — A federal labor office received a death threat hours before a bomb exploded in a federal employee's truck, injuring him and his wife.

The U.S. Department of Labor's mine and safety office received a threat Friday morning from a man who said: "You guys are all dead. Timothy McVeigh lives on," the office district manager Fred Hansen told the Reporter in Vacaville on Sunday.

The FBI was investigating a bomb that was planted in the Chevy pickup truck of Sacramento resident Gene Ainslie, who works at the mine office.

National security is Clinton's top agenda in Japan



WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton traveled to Japan three years ago as a tough-talking trade warrior.

He returns to Asia this week in a markedly different role: America's reassuring commander-in-chief.

"The president will confront some of the oldest and newest challenges to the security of our nation, from the last unresolved problem of the Cold War — stability on the Korean peninsula — to one of the most urgent new threats we face — nuclear smuggling," Secretary of State Warren Christopher said.

Israeli, guerrilla conflict heightens in aerial barrage



BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Israeli aircraft bombed guerrilla strongholds in Beirut and southern Lebanon on Sunday, doubling the tide of refugees to 400,000 and provoking guerrilla pledges to turn northern Israel into a "fiery hell."

Undaunted by Israel's four-day-old aerial barrage, Hezbollah guerrillas barraged northern Israel with rockets that came crashing down every 20 minutes for seven hours. One person was wounded and an empty school and other property were damaged.

Three Lebanese civilians were killed and seven were wounded in Sunday's raids.

Author offers alternative interpretations

READING: Kathy Acker describes mainstream American culture as stagnant

By Jean M. Bond

Higher Education Reporter

Post modern author Kathy Acker said she is not so much a writer as a thief at a reading of her new novel, *Pussy, King of the Pirates* at the University Friday night.

"I don't write books, I rip off books," she said, after reading from her new novel. "You've just heard *Treasure Island*, in case you didn't recognize it. I took all the violence out," she added.

Acker said her latest novel is a pirate story for girls. It revolves around two girls on a treasure hunt in a world devoid of men. The characters make up a crew of "filthy girl pirates," including a pirate captain named Pussy who sees through her dreams and a masturbating first mate who has rats living in her hair.

Acker has written a number of other books, including *Don Quixote*, *Great Expectations*, and *Literal Madness*.

After the reading, Acker answered questions about her views on literature, feminism and cul-

ture. She spoke against the literary trend of realism, commenting on differences between it and her own genre of post modernism.

"I can't stand how realists think they own this world, or how they think they own culture," Acker said. "Realism is a con, [and] the con is that language mirrors the world."

Realist literature attempts to present an accurate representation of the world, while post modern literature uses disjointed plots, dream-like event sequences and imaginative language to present reality as an illusion.

"Any decent literature that's interesting is going to have something real in it," she said. "But that's not the same as realism."

Acker said mainstream American culture, which is based in realism, lacks creativity and is stagnant.

"Our culture is not only deprived of imagination, it's deprived of culture," Acker said. "Local [underground] stuff is what seems really interesting, but no one pays any attention to it."

After reading from her novel and answering questions, Acker signed copies of her books.

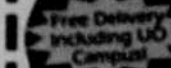
The reading was sponsored by *two girls review*, a locally published literary journal. About 150 people attended.

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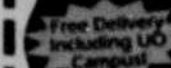
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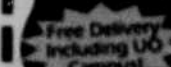
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Raft Trip Initiator's Clinic:

Thursday night will cover the OP philosophy, liability, trip planning, and procedures. Saturday we'll spend a fun day on the river and go over equipment, the OP barn, vehicles, safety and more. Attendance at both sessions is required to initiate an OP raft trip—it's easy, cheap and fun so do not miss out. Thurs., April 18, 7-30pm Outdoor program room and Sat., April 20, 9am OP Barn.

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