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A LOOK AT THIS MORNING'S HEADLINES

Court says law allows widespread Northwest old-growth logging



SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A federal appeals court on Wednesday upheld the timber industry's

claim that a new law allows logging of thousands of acres of old-growth timber in the Pacific Northwest without environmental restrictions.

The law, signed by President Clinton last July, is known as the "salvage rider," but all the trees affected by the ruling are healthy. They had been sold to timber companies from 1989 through 1995, but logging was upheld by the U.S. Forest Service.

The law required the government to allow logging of the previously sold timber without further review under environmental laws, such as those protecting endangered species and without allowing lawsuits under those laws.

The Clinton administration acknowledged that the new law covered 410 million board-feet of green timber in Oregon and Washington, but disputed the industry's claim to more than 60 sales containing another 246 million board-feet on Forest Service and U.S. Bureau of Land Management land in those states.

The disputed timber is enough to fill 49,000 logging trucks, said the Sierra Club Legal Defense Fund.

U.S. District Judge Michael Hogan agreed with the industry's view of the law and allowed logging to begin last October. Hogan's ruling was upheld Wednesday in a 3-0 decision of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

The disputed area involves 10,000 to 12,000 acres, said Chris West, vice president of the industry-sponsored Northwest Forestry Association. He said up to one-third of the trees have been cut and removed so far, and the rest will be logged this summer. The salvage rider expires in September.

This was "litigation we had to bring because the Clinton administration failed to follow the law," West said.

Kidder found dazed, disheveled; is sent to psychiatric ward



GLENDALE, Calif. (AP) — *Superman* actress Margot Kidder was in a psychiatric ward

Wednesday after being found dirty, dazed and fearful in a stranger's back yard, claiming she had been stalked and assaulted.

Police said they found no evidence of foul play and took the 47-year-old actress to Olive View Medical Center in Sylmar for observation.

Tests showed no sign of drugs or alcohol in her system.

Only last May, Kidder's *Superman* co-star, Christopher Reeve, was paralyzed from the neck down in a horse-riding accident.

Reeve issued a statement offering to help: "She is a dear friend who has always been there for me, and I would do anything to help her," he said.

The whiskey-voiced actress, who played Lois Lane in four *Superman* movies and battled health and financial problems in recent years, had been missing for three days when she was found crouching in the bushes by homeowners in a quiet neighborhood.

Kidder appeared "frightened and paranoid" and seemed to have cut her hair to alter her appearance, Sgt. Rick Young said. When asked who was following her, she wouldn't say, Young said.

"We do not feel there has been a crime at this time," Young said. "She claimed that she was followed and assaulted, but we found no evidence of that."

Kidder lost a dental plate during her three-day disappearance, leading to initial reports that her front teeth had been knocked out. She was scratched and bruised, but police said that was apparently from hiding in the bushes.

Kidder had been living in Livingston, Mont. and was in Los Angeles on business, Young said.

Exploding bombs shake London bridge after group's warning



LONDON (AP) — Two loud blasts occurred at the Hammer-smith Bridge area of west London

Wednesday night after telephoned warnings from the Irish Republican Army.

The blasts came shortly after 11 p.m. (6 p.m. EST), more than half an hour after the warning calls to The Associated Press office.

The bridge had been cleared and blocked off and a search was under way when the blasts occurred. There were no indications of injuries.

A local resident said police had warned there would be "a couple of controlled explosions," and added he believed that is what the blasts were.

Shortly before the report of the blasts, police said they had found two unidentified boxes on a footpath beneath the south side of the bridge and sent in sniffer dogs.

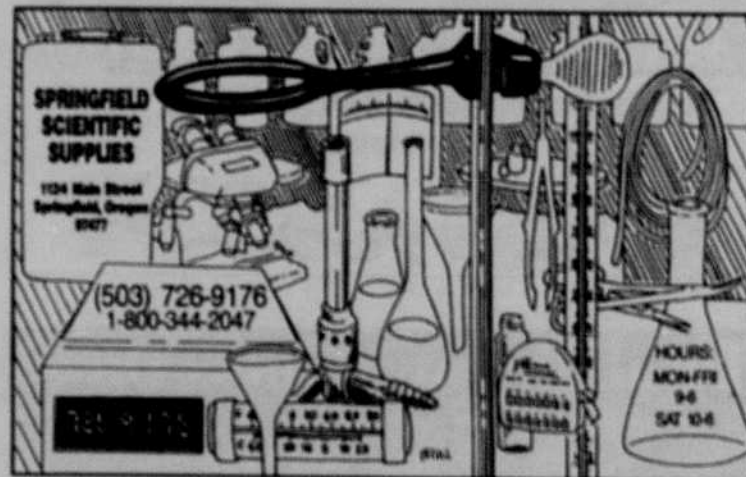
Huge traffic jams formed on the approaches to the area as police searched.

The IRA has waged a 25-year campaign of violence against British rule in Northern Ireland. A cease-fire that began in September 1994 was broken in February with a bombing in east London's Docklands business district that killed two newspaper vendors.

The IRA said it ended the cease-fire due to what it said was British intransigence in attempts to bring peace to the British-ruled province.

There have been four bomb explosions — in which three people died and dozens were injured — since then.

All the attacks have been in London, apparently because the IRA does not want to provoke pro-British Protestant militias in Northern Ireland into retaliating, which would lead to wholesale bloodshed.



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Project interns help voters get 'smart'

■ **VOTE:** The organization researches candidates and current issues

By Dawn Paugh
Community Reporter

'Tis the season to be voting, and student interns can educate voters prior to elections with the help of Project Vote Smart.

Project Vote Smart, which employs 25 interns per term, is a national nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that researches candidates, elected officials, issues, positions, tracks voting records and campaign finance donations. They provide information on how special interest groups rate candidates and how candidates stand on current issues.

This year, the organization at Oregon State University needs 20 more interns to gather information in preparation for this inaugural year.

Students learn how the political system works and how to affect the democracy, said Berri Sellers, Project Vote Smart intern director.

"It's basically providing information to cities across the nation; providing the truth about elections by a free, nonpartisan organization," Sellers said. "We're here to help citizens."

"This is a grassroots organization, which means it is primarily run by volunteers and interns. We basically couldn't exist without their help."

Interns work two to four-hour shifts and are responsible for learning new ways to research using databases, reading the *New York Times* and *Congressional Quarterly* and keeping abreast of current issues. Students are also responsible for making World Wide Web searches to find new political sites.

The information gathered by the interns is used, in part, for a hotline. At this time of the year, two interns work the hotline, but from August through and October, Sellers said she may have as many as 40 interns on the hotline.

Summer intern applications will be accepted through July 15, and fall applications will be accepted through the summer. Usually political science and journalism majors are the most common and most interested interns, Sellers said. But the positions are not limited to those departments.

The time requirement is a minimum of three hours a week per credit hour through the University, and interns may work a maximum of 36 hours a week.

People who are interested in being an intern or a volunteer for the summer or fall can contact the Career Planning and Placement Service, political science department or the school of journalism and communication.

For more information, call (541) 737-3760 or e-mail at berri@vote-smart.org.