

Working to Resolve Conflicts

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variety of diverse backgrounds, with 20.1 percent African American, 9.3 Hispanic, 65 Caucasian and 2 percent Asian/Native American or other. The organization is recruiting new volunteers this fall.

In celebration of Mediation Month, the agency is participating in two major conferences, the Peacemakers Summit for middle and high school students on Nov. 18 at the Oregon Convention Center and the Oregon Mediation Association's Fall Conference Weekend at the Greenwood Inn in Beaverton on Nov. 7 and 8.

The summit is for students, faculty, peer mediators and "all school personnel interested in making peace and lasting change, and resolving conflicts nonviolently," said Bell.

Organizers expect about 800 participants from all over the state.

Resolutions Northwest is also participating in an Office of Neighborhood Involvement Neighborhood Summit from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 15 at the Portland Conference Center, 300 N.E. Multnomah St.

For more information or to volunteer, visit www.resolutionsnorthwest.org or call 503-823-3486.

Wal-Mart Illegal Workers

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no criminal record were released with instructions to appear before immigration judges.

Many of the workers said they were Eastern European and a few were of other ethnicities, Courtney said.

Top Wal-Mart officials learned of the sweep when store managers began calling headquarters for guidance in dealing with the raids.

The arrests were made at stores in Alabama, Arkansas, Arizona, Connecticut, Delaware, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Maryland, Michigan, North Carolina, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and West Virginia.

Davis Shows Schwarzenegger 'the Ropes'

Leaders work together during changing of the guard

(AP)—California Gov.-elect Arnold Schwarzenegger met with the man he'll be replacing and both said they had started a "great relationship" and would work closely before Schwarzenegger becomes governor next month.

The Republican actor said there were no hard feelings between himself and Democratic Gov. Gray Davis lingering from the state's historic recall election.

"He kept his promise," Schwarzenegger said. "Every day we are working with his office, and they

have been really fantastic to work with. So, I think we can continue on having a great relationship here and a working relationship.

Schwarzenegger also was meeting with each of the statewide office holders — including recall election opponent Lt. Gov. Cruz Bustamante. He paid personal visits to top Democrats and Republicans in the Legislature, describing the talks as "relationship building" sessions.

After a brief meeting in the governor's Cabinet room, Davis said his main advice to Schwarzenegger was something his wife had told him: "Just enjoy every moment. This is the best job you'll ever have. Even on the bad days, enjoy it."

Davis said it was "not fun" to lose the recall election, but promised to "do my very best to help Gov.-elect Schwarzenegger be a success, because I love this state."

He said that once he leaves office, he will try to find ways to champion some of the same causes he championed in Sacramento, though he did not elaborate.

No date has been announced for Schwarzenegger to be sworn in, but he is widely expected to take office shortly after Nov. 15, the last day for the secretary of state to certify results of the Oct. 7 election in which Davis was ousted and Schwarzenegger was chosen as his successor.



California Gov. Gray Davis and incoming Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger have buried their differences to make a smooth transition in power. (AP photo)



A helicopter drops water over a fire off of state highway 118 in Simi Valley, Calif. (AP photo)

Deadly Fires Destroy Hundreds of Homes

(AP)—Wildfires driven by hot Santa Ana wind flashed into gigantic waves of flame that devoured entire neighborhoods, choking the sky over Southern California with smoke and ash and killing at least 15 people in California's deadliest conflagrations in more than a decade. An estimated 30,000 homes were endangered and more than 1,550 already had been destroyed.

From the Mexican border to the suburbs north of Los Angeles, large sections of the region were under siege by six major fires and several smaller ones. The death toll was the state's worst since the 1991 fire in the Oakland hills of Alameda County

that killed 25 and destroyed more than 3,200 homes and apartments. All of the fatalities happened since Saturday.

Airline travel was disrupted, major highways were blocked and some schools were closed. Monday night's pro football game between the Chargers and Dolphins was shifted from San Diego to Arizona.

At least one of the fires was believed to be a result of arson.

Gov. Gray Davis asked President Bush to declare Los Angeles, San Bernardino, San Diego and Ventura counties disaster areas to qualify them for federal aid. Bush pledged Tuesday to help "in any way we can."

The blazes triggered a harrowing flight to safety for thousands of residents, many of whom had little time to collect cherished possessions before escaping, along with hospital patients and prison inmates.

The Santa Ana wind season usually stretches from September through February, with October often the strongest. The rainy season could start any time but heavier rainfall is not likely until January.

The blazes had charred more than 330,000 acres, or 500 square miles — almost half the size of the state of Rhode Island — of dense, dry brush and trees. More than 7,000 firefighters battled the spreading flames.

San Francisco Mayor Outraged by Coup

Furious Willie Brown cuts trip short to protect his office

(AP) — An outraged Mayor Willie Brown decided to cut short a trip to Asia to contend with a coup by a city supervisor who made two key appointments in the 14 hours he acted as mayor.

"It's like a father having to return home to deal with unruly children," Brown's spokesman, P.J. Johnston, said of the mayor's efforts to book a flight back to San Francisco before his scheduled return.

As mayor-for-the-day, Supervisor Chris Daly secretly appointed and swore in two environmentalists to the city's Public Utilities Commission, then announced the appointments on official letterhead he had drawn up for the occasion.

Less than 20 minutes later, a Brown aide told Daly, 28, that his mayoral powers had been revoked. A Brown ally, Supervisor Bevan Duffy, stepped in and immediately tried to undo Daly's appointments by naming two commission members supported by Brown.

But city attorneys said it looks like Daly's power play will be successful unless Brown can persuade at least eight of

San Francisco's 11 supervisors to reject Daly's appointees: Adam Werbach, former president of the national Sierra Club, and Robin Chiang, whose architecture firm has worked on numerous public transit projects.

Daly deflected questions about why he chose to slip in his picks for the commission while Brown was gone, but he insisted the appointments were good ones.

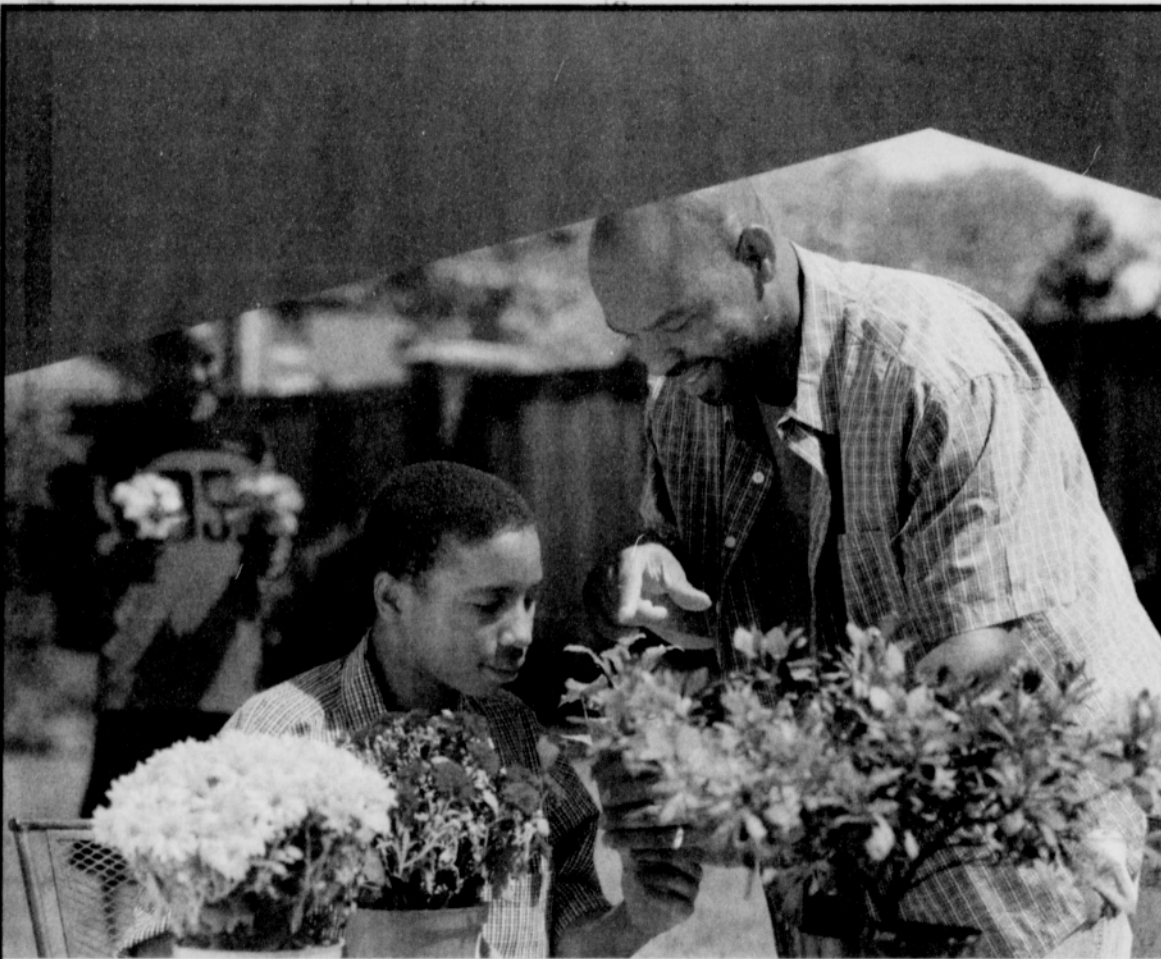
"That's the way it went down and sometimes it works like that," he said. "The good news is that when the dust settles we have two incredibly qualified, intelligent and competent commissioners sitting on



Mayor Willie Brown

the PUC."

Mayor Brown was said to be particularly livid because the mayor-for-the-day honors had been intended as an olive branch to Daly, with whom Brown has never gotten along.



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Bryant Gets Rousing Welcome

(AP) — Kobe Bryant, welcomed by a thunderous roar when he was introduced, played in a game for the first time since being charged in July with sexual assault. Bryant played 32 minutes as he joined Shaquille O'Neal and new Los Angeles Lakers teammates Karl Malone and Gary Payton in a loss to the Los Angeles Clippers on Thursday night. Working his way back from knee surgery, Bryant, who started the game, finished with 15 points.



Kobe Bryant

Father, Daughter Sentenced for Slave Reparations Fraud

A tax preparer was sentenced to 13 years in prison and his daughter received just over three years for defrauding the IRS by claiming \$500,000 in slavery reparations. Robert L. Foster, 51, and Crystal Foster, 25, also were ordered by a federal judge to repay the Internal Revenue Service about half of the income tax refund, which Crystal Foster received in October 2001. Robert Foster prepared his daughter's tax forms and was convicted with his daughter in July of fraud.

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According to federal prosecutors, Foster prepared returns for several people claiming more than \$3.6 million in reparations, most for about \$500,000 each. In an interview at the Northern Neck Regional Jail in Va. before his sentencing, Robert Foster maintained he did the right thing. "Black people are not treated as humans, but as things by the U.S. government," he said. "We were used as resources to enrich this country and we get no inheritance from the wealth we brought."

Congress Easing Cuba Travel Ban

(AP) — Congress is taking steps to open Cuba to American travelers, a move that goes against both White House efforts to enforce the travel ban and the four-decade-old U.S. policy of isolating the communist country. "Today's vote is a clear and undeniable sign that the end is near for the Cuba travel ban," said Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., after a 59-36 Senate vote to bar the use of government money to enforce current travel restrictions. The House last month also voted to ease travel restrictions as part of its version of a \$90 billion bill to fund Transportation and Treasury department programs in the budget year that started Oct. 1. The White House, which recently moved to step up enforcement of the travel ban, has threatened a presidential veto of the spending bill — which contains money for highway, law enforcement and anti-terrorism programs — if it contains the Cuba language. House and Senate leaders must still meet to iron out differences between their two bills, and in the past have used this opportunity to strip out provisions included by either chamber to ease Cuba sanctions. Tourism officials have estimated that as many as 1 million Americans might visit Cuba in the first year after the lifting of the embargo.



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