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Highs in the 70s  
Lows in the 50s  
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WORLD  
Plan of attack

Iran has drawn up plans to bomb Israel if the Jewish state should attack, the deputy air force commander said Wednesday, adding to tensions already heated up by an Israeli airstrike on Syria and Western calls for more U.N. sanctions against Tehran.

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NATION  
Simpson freed

As O.J. Simpson made his \$125,000 bail Wednesday on charges including kidnapping and armed robbery, legal experts were questioning: Could a former football star who beat a double-murder rap really do hard time for a crime that sounds like a bad movie?

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LOCAL  
Strawberry patch project approved

The Rancho Cucamonga City Council approved the controversial strawberry patch project slated for the farm on Foothill Boulevard and Grove Avenue. The council voted 3-1 with Councilman Dennis Michael abstaining. Councilman Rex Gutierrez dissented.

Read more at www.dailybulletin.com.

LOCAL  
Norco bans pot dispensaries

The Norco City Council voted to ban medical marijuana dispensaries on Wednesday night.

Read more at www.dailybulletin.com

LOCAL  
Meeting for future Explorers

People between 14 and 21 who want to become Ontario Police Department Explorers can attend an orientation meeting at 6 p.m. today at the Police Department, 2500 S. Archibald Ave.

The program will help people develop life and leadership skills, police said. For more information, call (909) 395-2001.

BUSINESS  
New heights

Oil prices closed at a record high again Wednesday, but that didn't stop stocks from climbing as the Dow Jones Industrial Average closed a little more than 1 percent below its all-time high.

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Cold storm coming our way from Canada

By Andrew Silva  
Staff Writer

Snow in summer? That's a real possibility Friday night in the local mountains as an unusual September storm blows through the area.

Temperatures could be as much as 20 degrees below average today through Saturday thanks to a rare low-pressure system that slid down the West Coast from Canada.

"Usually when you get rain this time of year, it's a tropical system, not cold air from Canada," said Steve Vanderburg, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in San Diego.

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Butler II Fire

The blaze is expected to be fully contained today; residents are returning home as fire crews leave.

A wind advisory is in effect through 11 a.m. Friday as the system is expected to push gusts out of the west and southwest up to 35 mph in the mountains and deserts.

By late Friday, the chance of rain is at more than 60 percent with showers likely into Saturday morning.

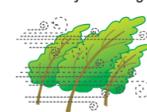
Rain totals could be as high as 1.5 inches to 2.5 inches on slopes that face southwest, posing a major threat in areas burned by the Butler II fire near Big Bear Lake.

What the weather has in store

**Temperatures (Today and Friday)**  
Valley highs in the 60s, overnight lows in the upper 40s and lower 50s.

Mountain highs in the 40s and lower 50s, overnight lows in the 20s and lower 30s.

**Winds**  
Gusting up to 35 mph in mountains and deserts through late Friday morning.



**Precipitation**  
Chance of rain 60 percent late Friday into Saturday morning.

Chance of snow above 6,000 feet Friday night.

"This is where we live, where our children go to school, where we worship. We know our customers better than anyone else. ... You never hunt a grizzly bear in its own woods."

JACK BROWN | Stater Bros. Markets chairman and CEO

He knows the territory



Gabriel Luis Acosta/Staff Photographer

Stater Bros. Markets Chairman and CEO Jack Brown smiles at the new Stater Bros. Markets corporate headquarters in San Bernardino last week. Under Brown's leadership, Stater Bros. has continued to thrive as an independent regional company competing against big national grocery chains.

Jack Brown makes Stater Bros. stand out

By Michael Rappaport  
Staff Writer

SAN BERNARDINO — Stater Bros. Markets Chairman and CEO Jack Brown loves musicals.

One of Brown's favorites is that classic of small-town Americana, "The Music Man," and one of his favorite songs is the back-and-forth between traveling salesmen that opens the play.

"Ya can talk, talk, talk, talk, bicker, bicker,

bicker; ya can talk all ya want but it's different than it was."

"No it ain't, no it ain't, but you gotta know the territory."

If 50 years in the grocery business has taught the local grocery icon anything, it's that it ain't any different than it was.

You've still gotta know the territory.

"I know Southern California," Brown said from his new corner office at the Stater Bros. Markets corporate headquarters at San

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Stater Bros. to put up a fight

Tesco plans move into Stater Bros. territory.

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Watch a video featuring Jack Brown in a Web extra SixQuestions.

Hotel Casa 425 in Claremont opens doors

Upscale establishment is in city's Village Expansion

By Will Bigham  
Staff Writer

CLAREMONT — The upscale Hotel Casa 425 in the city's Village Expansion will welcome its first guests today.

The 28-room hotel is one of the major components of an ambitious redevelopment effort west of Indian Hill Boulevard, which has brought a five-screen movie theater, office space, restaurants, shops and dozens of condos.

Hotel Casa 425 is possibly the development's swankiest element, with single-room rates starting at \$175.

Operators of the hotel believe it is the first "boutique" hotel in the

Inland Empire.

"We have a mission-meets-modern style," said Tara Naughtin, general manager of the hotel. "We're very cozy and inviting on the outside, and fresh and contemporary on the inside."

The interior of the rooms resemble something out of an upscale living magazine, with Tempur-Pedic mattresses and chic furniture.

Every room includes a flat-panel TV and wireless Internet access. Tubs situated in the center of each room open up to the bedroom space.

The three-story hotel's dominant feature is its large interior

courtyard.

All rooms in the hotel open up to face the courtyard, and its outdoor fire pits and fountains are designed to make it the central meeting point of the hotel.

The hotel also features a lounge with a full bar and appetizer menu that will be open to the public.

The hotel's central location within the Village Expansion is ideal. It sits adjacent to the new Laemmle theater, across the street from the Packing House, and is connected to a development-wide courtyard that remains under construction.

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Marc Campos/Staff Photographer

Hotel Casa 425 in the Village Expansion in Claremont will open for business today.



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