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CALIFORNIA WILDFIRES RAGE ON

Crews all but concede defeat

BY GILLIAN FLACCUS
The Associated Press

Flames too big, too fast for firefighters

SAN DIEGO - Faced with unrelenting winds whipping wildfires into a frenzy across Southern California, firefighters all but conceded defeat Tuesday to an unstoppable force that has chased an estimated 1 million people away.

Unless the shrieking Santa Ana winds subside, and that's not expected for at least another day, fire crews say they can do little more than try to wait it out and react - tamping out spot fires and chasing ribbons of airborne embers to keep new fires

from flaring.

"If it's this big and blowing with as much wind as it's got, it'll go all the way to the ocean before it stops," said San Diego Fire Capt. Kirk Humphries. "We can save some stuff but we can't

stop it."

Tentacles of unpredictable, shifting flame have burned across nearly 600 square miles, killing one person, destroying more than 1,300 homes and prompting one of the biggest evacuations in California history, from north of Los Angeles, through San Diego to the Mexican border.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger said **WILDFIRES, PAGE 3A**



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HISTORIAN: Local historian Marcus Phillips crosses a stream near Hot Springs in this 1996 file photo.

HS historian Phillips dies at age of 92

BY DON THOMASON
The Sentinel-Record

Hot Springs lost a renowned historian and folklorist, especially in the realm of local American Indian lore, Tuesday with the death of Marcus Phillips.

Born March 19, 1915, Phillips was the son of a pioneer family that had lived in the Hot Springs area for more than 160 years, and was known by hundreds of people as the foremost local authority on folk and Native American lore, co-authoring the Indian Folklore Atlas with Sandra Long in 1994.

Phillips finished high school at Hot Springs after attending Mountain Valley and Lowery schools, then attended John's **PHILLIPS, PAGE 4A**

Two local PD officers give notice

BY STEVEN MROSS
The Sentinel-Record

Two Hot Springs police officers have resigned from the department in connection with an alleged incident that occurred shortly after a high-speed pursuit ended in Garland County on Sept. 26.

Officer First Class Scott Lampinen and officer Josh Heckel both submitted their resignations which were accepted and made effective Oct. 12, according to HSPD Cpl. McCrary Means.

"Due to an ongoing investigation, no other information can be released at this time," he said.

"After the investigation is completed there will be another release."

The pursuit in question began in Hot Spring County shortly after 9 p.m. when an armed suspect, who was reportedly being sought in connection with a shooting in Malvern, was being pursued by Hot Spring County sheriff's deputies and Arkansas State Police on Highway 270 east.

The pursuit, which reached speeds in excess of 100 mph, left Highway 270 as the suspect turned onto Catherine Heights Road and proceeded to Shady Heights Road, to Carpenter Dam Road, and finally to Shady Grove Road, where Garland County sheriff's deputies were able to disable the vehicle's tires with spike strips.

The pursuit finally ended in the 1000 block of Shady Grove Road when the suspect's vehicle left the roadway and collided with a tree.

Several officers from both sheriff's departments, the ASP and Hot Springs police converged on the pickup and the suspect was taken into custody. Lampinen and Heckel were both present at the scene.

The incident took place after the pursuit was ended and the suspect was in custody. The suspect, who reportedly declined any medical treatment for his injuries from the wreck, was turned over to Hot Spring County authorities and taken back to Malvern.

RED RIBBON WEEK



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GETTING THE MESSAGE

Students at St. John's Catholic School heard representatives from the Garland County Sheriff's Department, the Arkansas State Police and the Arkansas Game & Fish Commission talk Monday about the dangers of illegal drug use as part of this year's Red Ribbon Week campaign. Students in each class also performed an anti-drug cheer. Each October, Arkansas schools participate in the nationwide drug awareness program.

Weyerhaeuser donates 18 acres of land to city of Mountain Pine

BY JAMES JENNINGS
The Sentinel-Record

Weyerhaeuser Co. shut the doors of its Mountain Pine facility nearly a year ago, but the company is still making an impact in the small town.

On Monday, Weyerhaeuser officials handed over the deed to more than 18 acres of land to Mountain Pine Mayor Frank Babb Jr.

"We are grateful for the donation of this property," Babb said. "Weyerhaeuser has been more than willing to work with the city of Mountain Pine, and we appreciate it."

The land is adjacent to the town's water treatment facility.

In an interview this summer, when the company and city were in negotiations over the land, Babb said that acquiring the land would allow the city to expand its water treatment facility.

"We would have the ability to double our water treatment capacity," Babb said at the time.

Weyerhaeuser officials said it was important to do what they could to help the city that housed the plant since 1969, when the facility was purchased from Dierks Forest Industries.

"The donation is a gesture of goodwill to the community where Weyerhaeuser operated for many years," Kathy Stacey, Weyerhaeuser **LAND, PAGE 4A**

HS Buddy Walk set to boost awareness of Down syndrome

BY MARA KUHN
The Sentinel-Record

As Down Syndrome Awareness Month draws to a close, Hot Springs area residents still have the chance to increase their awareness of the disorder, and to support the National Down Syndrome Society.

The Hot Springs Buddy Walk will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at Family Park, with registration starting at 9 a.m.

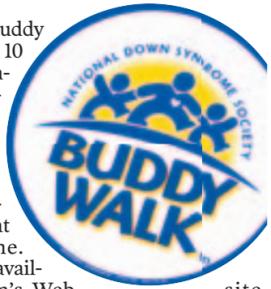
Part of the NDSS, the Buddy Walk Program is the premier advocacy event for Down syndrome. More information is available at the program's Web site, <http://buddywalk.org>.

"It's called a walk, but it's more of fun, getting out doing things together," said Leslie Faulkner, Hot Springs area Buddy Walk coordinator. "You don't have to walk, just come ... play with us."

Along with the walk, carnival-type games, inflatables and other fun activities will be held. Dogs from a pet therapy group, which will be new this year, will also be on hand for children to enjoy. Pamphlets and other Down syndrome educational literature will also be provided.

Down syndrome facts and myths will be set up along the walk, or path, Faulkner said.

This will mark the fourth year the Buddy Walk has been held in the Hot Springs area, having been held in Mountain Pine and Benton in previous



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DIRECTOR: Malinda Herr-Chambliss, executive director, works Tuesday during the Hot Springs Documentary Film Festival.

HS DOCUMENTARY FILM FESTIVAL

Attendance up at annual Hot Springs film festival

BY LESLIE FISHER
The Sentinel-Record

Despite Tuesday's rainy weather, crowds flocked to the Malco Theater for the 16th annual Hot Springs Documentary Film Festival.

"Today is the first day we've really had a whole lot of rain," said Malinda Herr-Chambliss, executive director of the Hot Springs Documentary Film In-

stitute. "But someone said, 'Gosh, what a great day to be in a theater.'"

The weather, she said, had not affected the turnout. In fact, this is a record year for attendance.

"We track all of our numbers and we're exceeding where we were last year in attendance," she said.

"It's going very well."

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Weather
PARTLY SUNNY.
HIGHS AROUND 60.
LOWS IN THE MID-40S.

SUNRISE: 7:25 A.M.
SUNSET: 6:27 P.M.

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Chance of precipitation: 40%

THURSDAY:
HIGH 56° LOW 46°
FRIDAY:
HIGH 64° LOW 49°

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