

Warped

by Scott McCullar

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Winning \$10,000 ticket lost

United Press International
LYNNWOOD, Wash. — An unemployed man sifted through a mountain of garbage in his driveway Saturday hoping to find a winning \$10,000 Washington state lottery ticket he accidentally threw away.

Don Temple, 33, eagerly greeted a dumpster full of garbage Friday when a garbage collection firm graciously brought it to his home, but after hours of dirty work he still hadn't found the lucky ticket.

He planned to continue his task through the weekend.

Thinking he was a loser Temple had dropped the ticket into an ashtray at the Fred Meyer store where he purchased it on a premonition last Sunday.

Temple's card showed two \$5,000s and a clover leaf. Under the rules of the state's second lottery game, two figures plus a four-leaf clover is a "double," meaning Temple was a \$10,000 winner.

Experts try to learn from Vietnam War

United Press International
LOS ANGELES — The largest gathering of Vietnam War experts ever assembled begins a conference Sunday on what lessons can be learned from America's 25-year involvement in the bitter Southeast Asian conflict.

"We're sure this is the biggest conference on the war ever held," said Ed Cray, a spokesman for the University of Southern California, sponsor of "Lessons from a War: Vietnam Reconsidered."

Late additions to the conference include a former vice president of South Vietnam, a naval officer held in a North Vietnamese POW camp for eight years, and the Army general who investigated the My Lai massacre, Cray said.

More than 85 journalists, U.S. and South Vietnamese policy makers, veterans, former

spies, Army generals, filmmakers and anti-war protesters are scheduled to take part in the four-day conference.

Harrison Salisbury, a former correspondent for The New York Times and one of 12 Pulitzer Prize-winning reporters taking part in the conference, chaired the panel that helped plan the meeting at USC.

"The idea of having a conference has been talked over among correspondents for several years," Salisbury said. "Many people have had a feeling that there were a lot of lessons which could be learned, that should be learned, but which were probably going down the drain because nobody sat down and began to analyze what had gone wrong and what had gone right."

The conference covers nearly every facet of the war — including its origins, the impact of

print and broadcast journalism and the war's effects on veterans, Americans, Vietnamese and the armed forces.

The anti-war protest movement and the role of the CIA will also be discussed.

Nguyen Ngoc Dung, deputy permanent representative of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam to the United Nations, announced last week that the State Department had denied her permission to attend the conference, but said she would participate through a satellite hookup arranged by California Public Radio.

Jack Langguth, an associate professor of journalism at USC who covered the war for The New York Times, said he began planning the conference last year when his students, who were children when U.S. troops pulled out of Vietnam, expressed curiosity about the war.

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Administration wants insanity plea reforms

United Press International
NEW ORLEANS — A top Justice Department official said Friday that the administration is ready to bargain to gain reforms in the insanity defense. Under the present defense, John Hinckley Jr. was acquitted for trying to assassinate President Ronald Reagan.

Deputy Attorney General Edward Schmults said the administration hopes "to fashion a modification of the insanity defense that will enlist a broad base of support — and ensure speedy reform in the Congress."

Speaking before an American Bar Association meeting in New Orleans, Schmults said there is public concern about the abuse of the insanity defense.

He said in an interview later, "There are a lot of cases, and Hinckley is one, that show we ought to take a look at the insanity defense issue. Cases such as Hinckley's call attention to the need for change."

Last fall, the Reagan administration sent to Congress a proposal to overhaul the insanity defense and nearly eliminate its use.

The proposed reform, which did not pass Congress, would

not permit a criminal defendant to escape punishment if "he knew he was shooting at a hu-

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