

**FIRE**

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"I was scared," she said. "The fire was so big and the wind was blowing in the direction of my building. I was scared it was going to happen again." The residents of the two-bedroom apartments were moved temporarily to other apartments at Travis House and Kensington Place. Anspach said none of the residents had renter's insurance. The estimated damage will be determined later in the week. Red Cross provided emergency necessities such as food, clothing and toiletries for residents whose apartments burned. Beds also were put in temporary apartments.

**INSTRUCTOR**

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Simpson is one of 11 instructors charged with sexual misconduct at Aberdeen Proving Ground, about 30 miles northeast of Baltimore. The scandal led to an investigation into sexual misconduct at U.S. military bases worldwide. Simpson, who is married, is charged with raping eight women under his command, five of whom he has now acknowledged as sexual partners. The encounters he pleaded guilty to occurred between March 1995, two months after Simpson arrived at Aberdeen, and September 1996. The court-martial judge, Col. Paul Johnston, asked Simpson who initiated the sexual encounters. In two cases, Simpson said, the women did. In four cases, he said, both he and the women agreed to sex. In five cases, he said he could not remember or did not give a clear answer. He said he used condoms with at least two of the women. In most cases, he said, he could not recall whether he used a condom.

**FLOODS**

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A highway-model snow blower was used as a pump, sucking water off the streets and spraying it in a 100-foot-high arc over the levee back into the river. In northwestern Minnesota, rising water from the Wild Rice and Marsh rivers forced the evacuation of about 1,000 residents of Ada, a town of 1,700. "We're absolutely overwhelmed," Mayor Russ Onstad said from one of the town's few working phones. "We're getting water from north, south and west." President Clinton signed a nationwide disaster declaration Monday because of South Dakota's blizzard and the flooding. There was no immediate word on declarations for other states in the region. Thousands remained without power. Floods across the Midwest in 1993 were blamed for 48 deaths and \$10 billion in damage in nine states. Temperatures dropped to zero Monday at Dickinson, N.D., and Bemidji, Minn., recorded a wind chill of 37 below zero. Outside Wahpeton, N.D., along the Red River, Tom Kubela's wheat and bean fields were entombed in ice that was 15 feet deep in spots. "It's kind of neat looking," he said. "There's ridges in it. They look like little snowbanks. There was 50 mph winds making whitecaps in the yard. They froze in midair." Kubela's farm is just 100 yards away from the Bois de Sioux River, a tributary to the Red River. His family has lived there for 110 years, and this is the worst weather anyone can remember. "You expect it, but when you get a major flood, and throw in a blizzard, and a deep freeze afterwards, nothing like this has ever happened here," he said. "Across the river in Breckenridge, Minn., Jason Matteson drove his ice-covered four-wheel all-terrain vehicle looking for an open store to buy diapers for his 2-year-old son. Matteson said he's been using towels since Saturday. "I'm in dire need," he said. "The boy's not slowing down."

# Poll to survey parents about ratings system

**Lawmakers and children's advocacy groups have criticized the voluntary TV ratings for being too vague.**

LAS VEGAS (AP) — The TV industry will ask parents whether major changes should be made to the 3-month-old ratings system, Jack Valenti, the executive who oversaw its creation, said Monday. Ranging from "TV-G" for all audiences to "TV-MA," mature audiences only, the voluntary ratings have been under a barrage of criticism from lawmakers and children's advocacy groups for not providing parents with enough detailed information about shows' sexual, violent and language content. Valenti, who also is president of the Motion Picture Association of America, made his remarks in an interview at the National Association of Broadcasters convention here. Public Opinion Strategies and pollster Peter Hart will jointly interview more than 1,000 randomly selected parents beginning next month. But Valenti would not say what results would trigger major changes to the six-tier, age-based ratings that

went into effect Jan. 1. "Is it 51 percent or 64 percent? I don't know," he said. "There's no line in the sand." Other studies say parents want more detailed ratings than the movie-like ones now in use. Later, in remarks to the convention, Valenti said: "I have said publicly that we are going to be very flexible with these guidelines. We'll make some changes here and there. But I want everybody to know we are not going to make any large revisions in these guidelines unless and until real parents with real kids tell us they want those changes to be made." Broadcasters applauded Valenti's comments. In addition to the polls, Valenti said, the TV industry would be talking to the nation's roughly 1,600 TV stations to get parental feedback on the ratings' effectiveness. Despite critics' complaints about the ratings, Valenti said in the interview, "I'm confident that what we're doing is right and useful... It's very easy to criticize." Valenti also told broadcasters that TV ratings are not designed for Congress or advocacy groups, but for parents, who will be the final arbiters. Congress, he said, should not interfere.

**DEES**

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When asked his opinion of the Hopwood decision, Dees said he does not believe in affirmative action personally, but preferential employment is sometimes necessary to ensure equality.

"As we balance the playing field, some people are going to lose out," he said. In addition to fighting hate in court, Dees said, the Southern Poverty Law Center helps educators teach tolerance in the classroom. The center distributes education kits to over 55,000 schools in the country and publishes a magazine to help

teachers learn to avoid prejudice. Dees advised the audience to carry on their own battles against discrimination. "I wish I had the answer I could give you [to] how we can all get along," he said. "We have to learn to really love one another. That's probably the answer, if there is a single answer."

# Officials still unable to locate Simpson's items

LOS ANGELES (AP) — O.J. Simpson has told a judge that he does not have his Heisman trophy, his Chevy Suburban and dozens of other items sought by the plaintiffs in his civil lawsuit, but he did not say where they are. In papers filed Friday and made public Monday, Simpson offered explanations of why most of the 108 items were not in his Brentwood home when Los Angeles County sheriff's deputies arrived to seize them March 28. Simpson said some items are

being held in trust for his children, Sydney and Justin; some were given to his ex-wife Marguerite as part of their divorce in 1978 and other things went to Nicole Brown Simpson as part of their 1992 divorce. Simpson, who says he is broke, agreed to turn over to the court stock certificates for his companies, O.J. Simpson Enterprises and Orenthal Productions and Pigskins Inc. He declined to turn over his memberships to two ritzy country clubs because he said they are non-transferable.

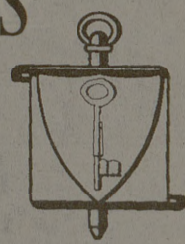
**PIAZZA**

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Piazza said homosexuals have been orphaned because their history has not been recorded in its entirety. This uniqueness has created a God-like strength among gay and lesbian Christians, he said. "We are isolated, unique and alone," Piazza said. He said sexuality should be celebrated and enjoyed and many churches refuse to deal honestly with it. "As Christians, we must reclaim sexuality from the heathens," Piazza said. His lecture was sponsored by the Rainbow Christians, Friends Congregational Church, Just Peace Institute, Gay Lesbian and Bisexual Aggies, and Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays.

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.49	F	SI1	\$1736 <sup>00</sup>
.49	J	SI2	\$1155 <sup>00</sup>
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.84	J/K	VS1	\$2520 <sup>00</sup>
.77	K	I1	\$1500 <sup>00</sup>
.71	H	VVS2	\$2985 <sup>00</sup> LAB CERT
.52	H	VVS2	\$2075 <sup>00</sup> LAB CERT
.44	J	VVS2	\$1056 <sup>00</sup>
.40	G	SI1	\$880 <sup>00</sup>
.34	G	VVS2	\$995 <sup>00</sup>
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