

News in Brief

Police arrest man after grandmother falls from balcony

NEW YORK (AP) — A man was arrested Monday after allegedly pushing his 78-year-old grandmother to her death from the 21st-floor balcony of an apartment building, police said.

Authorities said the 24-year-old man, whose name was not immediately released, subsequently tried to jump from the balcony but was caught in a police net that was stretched from the floors above and below and hauled back into the building.

Police Commissioner Bernard Kerik said that the man's grandmother had already fallen to her death by the time police arrived.

Firefighters battle blazes in Florida

POLK CITY, Fla. (AP) — Firefighters continued Monday to battle a wildfire that has burned 10,500 acres and closed a 10-mile stretch of interstate highway in a dried out swampy region of central Florida.

The wind-driven fire in the Green

Swamp had grown from 2,000 acres Saturday night and had jumped Interstate 4, a heavily traveled route connecting Tampa, Orlando and Daytona Beach.

The section of highway remained closed Monday because of heavy smoke and fallen trees. It was unclear when it would reopen.

The blaze has forced the evacuation of about 30 homes. No injuries

were reported and no houses were damaged, officials said.

Clinton's brother arrested for DWI

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Roger Clinton, the younger half-brother of former President Clinton, was arrested for investigation of drunken driving, police said Sunday.

Clinton, 44, was arrested Saturday after a police officer cited him driving erratically through a residential area in Los Angeles, said Officer Paul Wood.

The former president's half-brother was arrested less than a month ago, wiping out Roger Clinton's previous record resulting from a guilty plea to a charge of conspiracy to sell a single gram of cocaine.

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